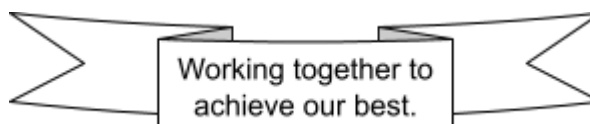




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** John Ashley

**Governors:** Annette Anderson, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Kerry Mercer, Stuart Hobbs, Grant Chaney, Amaritpal Uppal and Sarah Walker.

Dear parents/carers,

### Children In Need 2023 - [The Firs Lower School. Fundraising for Children In Need 2023](#)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November will be Children in Need day and we would like everyone, pupils, parents and staff, to wear something spotty. Anything goes from full on Pudsey dress up, spots on t-shirts, face painting to hair decorations and spotty socks, the spottier the better to mark the occasion!



This will be a fundraising non uniform day, with donations collected via the ParentPay link above, or buckets on the school gate on the day.

### Red Nose Day – Unlock a Smile Competition

This November Red Nose Day have set a challenge to get involved in their 'Unlock a Smile' campaign with Amazon pickup to raise a smile in local areas.



Could you design something eye-catching to brighten up someone's day? Would you like to see your artwork enlarged and exhibited in your own neighbourhood? If so, get involved and make someone else smile with your creativity. Be imaginative, bold and as bonkers as you like. We want you to raise a smile and spread some joy!

Simply start drawing your ideas on a piece of plain white A4 paper and get creative with a colourful, imaginative and original design.

A winning design from each age category will appear on an Amazon Locker with winning artists receiving a goody bag full of Red Nose Day treats, **and their school will receive £1000 in Amazon Gift Cards.** You have until midnight on 24 November 2023 to submit entries to the competition. Good luck and make us smile!

Please see attached letter for further details.

### PTFA Craft Fair – 25<sup>th</sup> November



It's official! The PTFA Christmas Activity Fair will take place on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 3-5pm.

The PTFA has managed to cram in 6 brilliant craft activities, as well as a cafe, grotto, raffle and some exciting surprises for the children.

Please use the link below to book your space by the end of 17<sup>th</sup> November, and if you'd like a grotto slot, just email [firslowerpta@gmail.com](mailto:firslowerpta@gmail.com).

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

<https://forms.gle/ge22WXiK8hjmz8Ra7>

## School Council

The new School Council met last week and were very excited to attend their first meeting and receive their new badges.

We talked about how meetings work, what the Council does and appointed the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer posts.

The children began to share some ideas they already have about what they want the Council to work on and they will be sharing these ideas and collecting ideas from their class when we hold Class Council meetings over the next couple of weeks.

## Kids' Club, Safety and Security

Can all parents accessing Kids' Club and our Saplings Pre-school provision please ensure that both gates are shut firmly and securely as you enter the premises as well as on leaving the premises.

We also require all parents to 'buzz' in, unless there is a member of staff on the gate. Please do not enter the premises unless a member of staff has answered the intercom and released the gate for you.



Thank you for your support in keeping our school premises safe and secure for our Firs children.

## Open Evening

We held our Open Evening for starting school in September 24 YR on Tuesday evening.

It was a really successful evening and I want to say thank you to all the staff for their time and their hard work in preparing for the event. Thanks also to Sarah Walker and Grant Chaney, who joined us to represent the Governors.



I would also like to thank our Kitchen Manger Hannah Howlett, the kitchen team and our PTFA Chair – Bryony Forsyth and Secretary, Pardeep Uppal, who worked together to produce some fantastic snacks and drinks that helped the evening to go with a swing!



Speaking at the beginning of the evening, I talked about how proud I am of all our children at The Firs and the fantastic behaviour and maturity shown by our Firs Ambassadors and School Councillors served to demonstrate just how impressive our children are.



They were so articulate and confident as they led the tours of the school! Thank you to all of them, for their contribution to the evening.

### Fun Run

The PTFA were amazed by the fantastic response to the Fun Run before half term and we want to complete it by allowing the Y1 and Y2 children to complete their sessions that had to be postponed.

We will be holding these sessions in the afternoon on Tuesday 14th November. See rota below:

Time	Year Group
1:40 - 2:25	Year 2
2:30 - 3:15	Year 1

As last time, parents are very welcome to come along and cheer on your child and the PTFA will be providing refreshments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan 14 Carphillan".