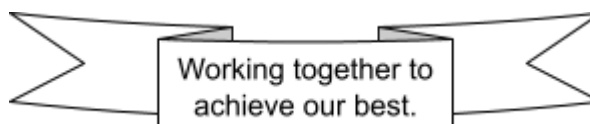




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Dear parents/carers,

It's PTFA Movie Night at The Firs Lower! - 26th January 2024

Thank you Zonita Community Cinema for hosting this event for us.



Please book by Monday 22nd January using the following google form: <https://forms.gle/vEUthmvNsjcN9arH9>

YR, 1 and 2 will be watching 'Room on the Broom' 15:30 – 16:30 and Y3 and Y4 will be watching 'Chicken Run' 16:45 – 18:30. The cost is £3.00 per child which includes hotdog and popcorn.

This will also be a non uniform day in support of the PTFA

All children that attend will have their name put into a draw, with a chance of winning a prize at the end!

Email firslowerpta@gmail.com with any questions or if you are unable to fill out the form.

Please see the attached poster for details.

Our Value for this month is Initiative

At school, we have explained to the children that initiative is about making a decision to do something that needs doing, without waiting to be asked. Children who show initiative learn independence, develop strength of character and a sense of responsibility.

We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has demonstrated initiative, describing how they demonstrated this value. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this). Examples of initiative might be:

- Not putting off tasks that need doing until the last minute, for example, deciding to get their homework done and handing it in before the due date.
- Recognising what needs doing and doing it without being asked, for example, tidying up, setting the table, deciding to do a litter pick.
- Initiative can be saying rather than doing something, for example, owning up to something they have done wrong rather than waiting to be found out, or apologising for something when they have made a wrong choice.

What people have said about initiative:

Initiative is doing the right thing without being told. **Victor Hugo**

Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves - and be free. **Cesar Chavez**

Hold up a mirror and ask yourself what you are capable of doing, and what you really care about. Then take the initiative - don't wait for someone else to ask you to act. **Sylvia Earle**

When you believe in what you're doing and use your imagination and initiative, you can make a difference.
Samuel Dash

Y4 Grafham Water Paperwork Meeting

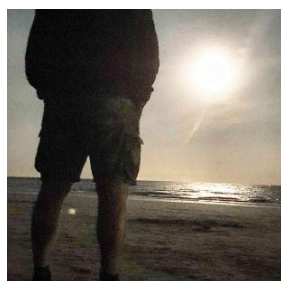
Thank you to the many parents who attended the information and paperwork completion meeting at school yesterday. We hope that the occasion was useful, both in terms of getting the paperwork completed and answering any questions you might have about the residential visit in March.

Thank you to the Y4 team for facilitating this meeting and for all the efforts of Mrs Baker, who is organising the visit for us again this year.

Spring 24 Date Sheet

The Spring date sheet is attached with this week's newsletter and is also available on our website on the [letters home](#) page

Mr Lees' Marathon Hike



Mr Lees, our Site Manager, will be taking part in a 10-hour solo marathon hike (26.2 miles), walking from Ampthill to St Albans on Saturday 27th January 2024 in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

On the day you can follow him live to check he is keeping up a good pace, which will be a challenge with his dodgy ankles!

If anyone would like to make a donation and support this worthwhile cause, please use either the QR Code or link below.

<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/martins-going-the-extra-mile-challenge>

Thank you for your support and good luck Mr Lees!

Yours sincerely,

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