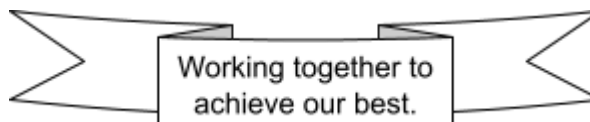




## Newsletter

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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,

### Y1 Reading Breakfasts



Our Year 1 children, Holly and Maple class, have enjoyed their Reading Breakfast events this week, giving the children the chance to read to a parent / carer.

These were really important opportunities to raise the profile of reading and show children how enjoyable it is!

Thank you to all the parents / carers who kindly gave up their time to join us for the two events.

Also a big well done to all our Year 1 children, who joined in so positively and successfully!

### The Book Fair Returns to The Firs!

Leading up to our celebration of World Book Day later this term, we will be holding a book fair in school after half term.

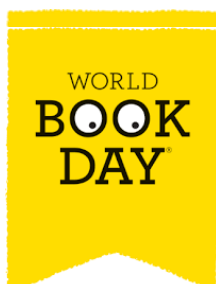
The Book Fair sessions will be on the following dates after school (3:45 - 4:15)

- Thursday 29th February
- Friday 1st March
- Tuesday 5th March

As you will know from previous fairs you will need to scan the code provided in the hall to make payment on the Traveller Books website.

The commission we earn from the Book Fairs helps us to purchase books to complement our reading scheme and I would like to Thank you very much in advance for your support!

### World Book Day, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March



We are inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day, which is on Thursday 7th March, after half term.

As usual we would love it if the children could bring in a copy of the book, their character comes from to support their work in school on the day. We will let you know more about the event nearer the time but we thought we would mention it now, so that you can start thinking about your costume choices!

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2024, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' and we would like everyone, pupils, staff and visitors to the school to support this worthwhile cause by wearing something **Red**. This could be a t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair decorations, face paint, red noses, or all of the above! **This will be a non-uniform day.**

This year, you will be able to make your donations via the Just Giving link below, but we will also have a bucket on the gate for any donations the children might like to make.

**Donations link - [The Firs Lower Comic Relief, Red Nose Day Donations Page](#)**

## Firs Summer Holiday Club

### [Firs Summer Holiday Club 2024 Booking Form](#)

The Firs will be opening again over the summer for a two week 'Summer Holiday Club' from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

For all children of the Firs Lower School and Saplings Pre-school aged 3 years old and over, we are offering the following sessions:-

- Full Days (9.00am - 4.00pm) for £31.50
- Mornings (9.00am - 12.30pm) for £15.75
- Afternoons (12.30pm - 4.00 pm) for £15.75



Please find above a link to our registration form to book your child's place. For further details please visit our Holiday Club Page on [The Firs Lower Website](#), or see the attached letter. Any queries, please email: [holiday.club@firslower.org](mailto:holiday.club@firslower.org)

## The Firs Big Party 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This year, we are thrilled to present The Firs Party 2024. Get your childcare booked, dig out your most sparkly party gear and prepare to party on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Parkside Community Hall, Ampthill.

Tickets are priced at £50 per person. This price includes a welcome drink, 2 course meal, a drink voucher and games. We have been lucky enough to secure some great live music, delicious food and a DJ to get you moving.



Tables of 10 are available. In order to secure your table, please nominate your Table Lead and make payment of the non-refundable deposit for your table which is £100. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and cannot be held without the deposit being paid.

**The Table Lead must email [firsparty2024@gmail.com](mailto:firsparty2024@gmail.com) who will forward on a table booking form.**

If you are not in a full group of 10, that's absolutely fine. **Please fill out this [google form](#) for each member of your party.** We will seat you with other non-group guests - so if you're new to the school or the area, this is a brilliant way to meet new people and get involved.

We've set a fundraising budget of £10,000 to upgrade the Saplings Preschool and Reception areas and also to continue to fund our lunchtime librarian - all things that we hope will massively enhance the children's experience of school life.

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a wonderful night.

If you have any queries, please just email us at [firsparty2024@gmail.com](mailto:firsparty2024@gmail.com).

#### Payment Schedule

Payment Schedule	Table of 10	Individual
To secure your table deposit (ASAP)	<b>£100 (table lead to then email attendees info as above)</b>	<b>£30 (fill out the Google form for each ticket holder)</b>
Remaining balance by 22nd March 2024	<b>£400</b>	<b>£20</b>

Alternatively, please pay up front if you're able. Our admin fairies will love you forever :)

#### Dress Code

Party wear

#### Timings

Arrival 6.30pm, carriages at 11:30pm

**Please follow The Firs Party [Facebook](#) page for updates, including news on what's happening on the night and further info about our amazing sponsors!**

As this is a charity event, and suppliers will need to be paid, each stage of deposit will unfortunately be non-refundable. If individuals are unable to attend on the night, no refund will be given, but you are welcome to pass your ticket on to someone else.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 27th April!!!

#### The Firs PTFA

#### Amphill Rugby Club



Amphill Rugby Club are holding an open day on Sunday 21st April. This will be available to all pupils in YR, Y1 & Y2 to come along with parents and offer kids a taster session into the game of tag rugby at U7 & U6 age groups.

Interest can be registered by using the Code FQHNI in the Spond Events app. There is also a poster attached to this newsletter regarding this open day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Alan H. Carpenter". The signature is written on a light-colored background.