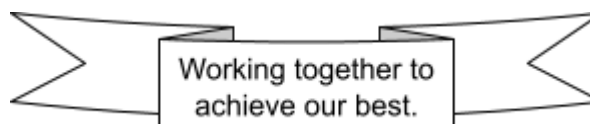




## Newsletter

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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,

### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a great Easter break. All our children have made a really positive start to the new term and got on enthusiastically with learning and life back in school.

### Y4 Bikeability

I would like to say a big well done to the children who took part in the additional Bikeability session in Y4 this week. The children all did really well, further developing their cycling skills. Thank you for the support of all the parents, who brought their child's bike in for the lessons.

### Parental Concerns

Recently, we have had two occasions where a parent has approached another child on the school site, to address them concerning an issue they perceive that relates to their own child. As a parent myself, I understand that when you have a concern about your child it can be very worrying but I need to communicate that this is **not acceptable**. Please **always bring any concerns or worries to us**. We really care and we will work with our children sensitively, to support them in order to resolve any issues. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Healthy Eating at The Firs!

With this newsletter you will also find an update about healthy eating and our approach in school to encouraging children to eat a healthy balanced diet.

We want to encourage children to bring in a healthy morning snack and there are suggestions in the letter to try and support this initiative.

In addition the letter sets out our policy on celebrating children's birthdays without including the sharing of treat food. We have discussed this policy with governors, staff, children on our School Council and within our Parent Forum meetings and there does seem to be a consensus of opinion that ending the practice of giving out sweets for birthdays is a good way forward.

### Summer Term Date Sheet

With this newsletter is the date sheet for this term.

We do not have details of the programme to support Y4 transition as yet. As soon as we have the dates of all the key events, we will add these and re-issue the date sheet.

As always in the summer term, there are a lot of events going on so I hope it is useful to you to give you this overview of all the things coming up!

### News from the PTFA

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Easter egg raffle. We raised £368 and really appreciate all your support with this.

We have our Firs Party this Saturday, 27th April and would like to thank all our amazing sponsors. The headline sponsors are Amptill Fireplaces, Wheeler Electrical, Eliminate & Elevate and Country Properties.

The table sponsors are These Prints Tho, Flitwick and Ampthill Bathrooms, GP Car and Truck Service and the p001 Guy.

We would also like to thank Parkside Hall and Rural Roasts.

We look forward to seeing you at Parkside Hall on Saturday - thank you for your support.

### **Esme's Triathlon!**

Esme Walker has decided that she wants to do something to raise awareness for those less fortunate than herself and has decided to raise money for Whizz Kidz U.K. who support those with mobility issues.

She has signed herself up to a Triathlon where she will swim 400m in open water, bike 10km and then run 2.5km in Windsor park in August.

We wanted to congratulate Esme for her fantastic fundraising effort and share this with the Firs community. Esme and her family say that any support would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to find out more or give your support, her Just giving page is accessible below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/esme-walker-1710360235488?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fesme-walker-1710360235488&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/esme-walker-1710360235488?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fesme-walker-1710360235488&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

(JustGiving sends your donation straight to Whizz Kidz and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.)

Thank you in advance for your support for such a worthy cause and huge congratulations to Esme, we are really proud of you!

Yours sincerely,

