

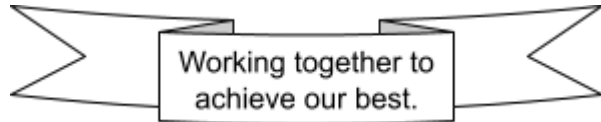


Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Children In Need



Thank you to our Firs Lower community for the amazing generosity and support you have shown towards our Children In Need fundraising day.

Together we have raised over £575.00 from online donations, sales of Pudsey Bears and Ears, and dress down donations, and we still have 2 buckets to count!



The children looked fantastic on Friday and together we have had a lot of fun, whilst raising an impressive amount for the amazing cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/.../the-firs-lower-school...>

Remembrance

On Sunday 10th November, The Firs was represented by members of our School Council, who took part in the parade through Ampthill and attended the service at The Cenotaph.

All our School Councillors were so sensible and responsible in the way they conducted themselves and deserve a huge well done for their great team effort.

A particular thank you to the team of Y4 School Councillors who presented the school wreath for us as part of the Remembrance service. They were understandably nervous as their moment drew nearer, with the large crowd watching, but when the big moment came they did a fantastic job and represented our school brilliantly... well done!





The Lights Switch On!

You may recognise this face!

This was the exciting moment on Sunday 17th when the Ampthill Christmas lights switched on.

It's good to see that Father Christmas was able to spare some time to lend a hand!

Book Fair Reminder

The Book Fair will be visiting our school soon and you will be able to come in and purchase books on the following days:

Thursday 21st November 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Friday 22nd November 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Monday 25th November 3.30pm – 5.00pm (changed date)

The children will be given the opportunity to have a look at the books prior to this, so that they can talk to you about it at home.

You can buy book tokens to spend at the Book Fair if you wish by clicking on this [Book Fair Gift Vouchers](#) link.

If purchasing books on the day, you can scan the QR code on display in the hall which will take you to the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay where you can select our school from the drop down menu.

For more information see the 'Invitation' leaflet sent out with newsletter 3 - also available on our [letters home](#) webpage.

Parent Forum Reminder - 21/11/24

It is really important to us that we get feedback from parents/carers about the provision we are making at The Firs.

Over the last few years we have had some highly positive meetings that have generated many useful ideas and these have helped us improve what we do at The Firs, for our children and parents.

We will be holding a parent forum meeting at 9:00 am on **Thursday 21st November**.

We want to talk about Pine transition (so it would be great to have some new Pine Parents!) school uniform, parking and safety at pick up and drop off and the use of mobile phones by Y4 pupils in the summer term. However we also want to hear any thoughts or ideas that you might have, so please pop along for a cup of coffee and a biscuit or two and have your views heard!

Year R - Year 3 Christmas Performances

We have emailed all parents, with information for ticketing for the Year R, 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performances.

Unfortunately, we are limited to the number of guests attending each afternoon performance, therefore, there will be a limit of **two tickets, one per parent**, for each child or siblings in a year group.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the relevant google form below, so that we know who will be attending.

[Year R Bookings](#)

[Year 1 Bookings](#)

[Year 2 Bookings](#)

[Year 3 Bookings](#)

The PTFA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our PTFA for all their hard work planning and hosting their Christmas Activity Craft Fair on Saturday, which was a fantastic way to start Christmas at The Firs!



Along with music from Mr Lacey, who taught in Y3 last year, a visit from Santa and lots of amazing Christmas craft activities, there couldn't have been a better atmosphere.

Thank you also to the many parents and past pupils who supported the PTFA, running all the fantastic activities and craft tables, as well as the ever popular Christmas Café!



Thank you to everyone in the PTFA for another fantastic event!

Pine Autumn Walk

On Friday 15th, the YR children had a lovely time exploring looking for signs of autumn.

The children worked in small groups and each group had a checklist of things to find, including leaves of different colours, pine cones and twigs. They took finding, collecting and ticking off the items on their list very seriously!



The children had a fantastic time even though squirrels proved to be illusive!



The children were so sensible and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm for the natural world.

They had a lovely experience and I want to thank all the Pine team for organising such a successful activity.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell

Headteacher

