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Dear parents/carers,

School Council and The Firs Way

The Firs Way is so important to us as it is about how we all get along together in our school community and the values that we live by.

We wanted to create something in writing that captures what The Firs Way means to us and I would like to say a big thank you to all our children who have shared ideas to help with this. I would also like to say a big thank you to our School Councillors, both this year and last year, who have been working on the ideas to include in our Firs Way Poster.

The finished poster can be seen below and on our website.



SNAP PCF SEND

SNAP PCF SEND Roadshows bring together a range of services that support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families, all in one place. Attendees can speak directly with representatives from health, social care, the local authority, and voluntary sector organisations in a welcoming, family-friendly, and accessible environment. The events also provide an opportunity for parent carers to share their experiences and feedback with SNAP PCF.


These in-person events are open to all parent carers of children and young people with SEND. A formal diagnosis is not required to attend. Parent carers may find the Roadshow helpful if they:

- Are new to SEND and unsure what support is available
- Have questions about their child's needs or current support
- Would like to learn about support available for themselves as parent carers
- Are unsure where to start or what help they may need

Event details:

 The Lockyer Suite, The Rufus Centre, Flitwick, MK45 1AH

 Wednesday 25th March

 10am–12pm (drop in anytime)



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This is a free event, and there is no need to book or be a member of SNAP PCF to attend. Free copies of our book *Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child / Young Person* will be available whilst stocks last. Free parking is available on site and there is an onsite cafe.

Our Value For February

Our value for February is love.

At school, we have talked to the children about demonstrating love for others through positive thoughts and actions. We have discussed how love is about caring for other people and being considerate of their feelings, sharing with others successfully, listening to others, celebrating their successes and encouraging them in a spirit of good teamwork.

In values assemblies we have learned about Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale and how they showed love and care for people around them.

What people have said about Love:

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Mother Teresa

A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love. **Max Muller**

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. **Oscar Wilde**

PST Consultation

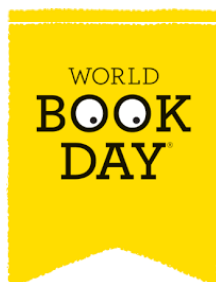
The consultation on joining Pyramid Schools Trust ended on February 23rd. I want to thank all the parents who have contacted us or talked to us about this project, including the parents who joined us for the PST consultation meeting on Tuesday 3rd February.

We have had a very positive response to the consultation process and I want to thank everyone who took part.

We are continuing to work with PST as we continue to progress this work and we will keep all our parents informed at every stage of the process.

World Book Day - Reminder

Thursday 5th March



We are inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day, which is on Thursday 5th March.

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!

Parent Teacher Spring Consultations - Reminder

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March 2026

We would like to invite all parents / carers of pupils in Acorns and Y1-Y4 to attend a 10 minute 'face to face' Parents' Consultation with your child's teacher.

Bookings with teachers can be made online from Friday 13th February and will close Monday 16th March 2026

Please visit <https://firslower.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment, where you will be asked for your name, email, your child's name and their date of birth. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office. office@firslower.org

The Conkers consultation evenings will take place on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April - Please see letter attached with newsletter 10 regarding this date change.

Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts! 🍎

At **The Firs**, we want every child to reach their full potential. Regular attendance is key to your child's academic success, social development, and overall well-being.

- **Did You Know?** Missing just **10 minutes a day** adds up to **33 hours of lost learning** each year.
- **The 96% Goal:** The national average and our school target is **96% attendance**.
- **Why It Matters:** Consistent attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop resilience, and feel a true sense of belonging in our school community.
- **The Impact of Lateness:** Arriving late can be unsettling for your child and disrupts the start of the day for the whole class.
- **Support is Available:** If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school, please contact **the school office** on **01525 402735** or office@firslower.org ... we are here to help and work with you.
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Top Tip: Establish a consistent **morning and evening routine** to help your child arrive on time and ready to learn!

Adopt the Bear

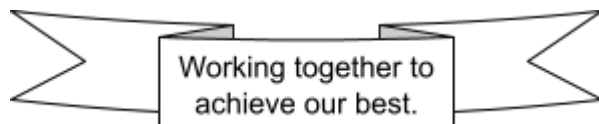
The Ampthill Rotary Club has been raising funds for many years to eradicate polio. There are people in some countries who are still affected by polio and so it is important that enough money is raised for vaccines.

Once again the Ampthill Rotary has given us a bear to raffle and we will start selling raffle tickets from Monday 9th March - Wednesday 11th March in the KS2 stage area after school and outside Pine in the mornings. We will also have raffle tickets in Saplings.





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We will be asking some of our Y4 school councillors to help on the stall and we will be in touch with their parents beforehand.

We will then have a raffle draw on Monday 16th March in assembly and the person with the winning ticket will take the bear home with them.

We really hope you can support this campaign. The raffle tickets are £1 each or £4 a strip. Thank you.

Plea from Pine for Cycle Helmets

If you have any cycle helmets that you do not require which would be suitable for 4-6 years old, please could you donate them to Pine - thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher