



Newsletter 1 Term 2

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term has started well and the children are settling into their new topics, you will hopefully have received their Topic/ learning overview for the term which shares what they will be covering in each subject. You will also have had their home learning grids emailed to you for the term.

The weather has been extremely wet and we ask that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. Our Pips, Cherry and Beech classes have to come out in all weathers for worship and lunch and despite the short walk they can get very wet with the weather we have had recently.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note all dates can also be found on our website at firleprimary.eschools.co.uk)

Monday 13 th	New parent 'Open Sessions' 9.15am and 1.30pm
	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th	Years 4, 5 and 6 to Glyndebourne
Wednesday 15 th	French Club
Thursday 16 th	Spanish Club
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
	Flu Vaccinations
	Street Dance
Monday 20 th	AITB football club
Tuesday 21 st	Parent Forum 9am
	Modelling Club
Wednesday 22 nd	Modelling Club
	French Club
Thursday 23 rd	Spanish Club
Friday 24 th	Street Dance
Monday 27 th	AITB football club
	Modelling Club
Tuesday 28 th	French Club
	Modelling Club
Wednesday 29 th	French Club
Thursday 30 th	Spanish Club

December

Friday 1 st	Street Dance
	Coming of the Light Service 2pm
Monday 4 th	Pantomime 9.30am
	Modelling Club
	AITB football club
Tuesday 5 th	Modelling club
Wednesday 6 th	French Club
Thursday 7 th	Spanish Club
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Nativity Rehearsal 9.30am
Friday 8 th	Nativity am and pm
	Street Dance
Monday 11 th	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Tuesday 12 th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13 th	One Voice Choir Performance
Thursday 14 th	Resident Carols and Cornet Concert
Friday 15 th	Carol Concert
	Last Day of Term

ATTENDANCE NEWS

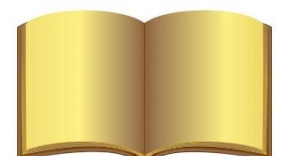
Congratulations to Holly Class who achieved the highest attendance last week and Pips for this week.

The following children all achieved 100% attendance in Term 1: Isaac, Louis, Tallulah, Abeni, Finn, Edward, Torren, Scarlett, Frank, Ted, Fred, Maisie G, Josiah, Jude, Phoenix, Trinity, Beau, Polly, Izzy, Orson, Edelyne, Shea, Wilf, Aida, Lowen, Jacob (Holly), Winter and Neve. Well done to you all. Edelyne won the draw and received a gift token.

Golden Book

Week commencing 30th October

PIPS	Caspian for perseverance with his sounds and reading. Rupert for aspiring to do well in all areas of his learning.
CHERRY	Polly for <i>Aspiration</i> , always trying her best in everything that she does and being a fabulous role model to her peers.



- Neve for Working Together, for working collaboratively with her table group and sharing her ideas with her talk partner during sessions.
- BEECH** Phoenix R for his perseverance in his learning this week. I have really enjoyed seeing Phoenix keep trying and feeling pride when he succeeds.
Marley for his kindness this week. It has been lovely to hear Marley speaking so kindly to his friends and being a great talk partner.
- Week commencing 6th November**
- PIPS** Hector for his aspirational reading. He has made brilliant progress in phonics and is working really hard to blend his phonics.
Louis for his focus in maths this week, for persevering and trying his hardest.
- CHERRY** Milo for being patient and persevering to allow his knee to mend.
Jacob for showing respect at the war memorial. He showed understanding when explaining why we were there and why he had placed a wreath there.
- BEECH** Lexie for her hard work in all areas. Lexie shows perseverance in her learning even when she is finding something tricky
Martha for her kindness at school. Martha always speaks to others kindly and shows a willingness to help whenever she can.
- HOLLY** The whole of Holly class for representing the school so well during their trip to Hindleap Warren. They were a shining example of how to behave, showing respect and kindness to all.

OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new School Council. Voting was extremely close and it was so lovely to read everyone's manifestoes.

The members of our new School Council for 2023-24 are:

Year 6 - Carerra and Ollie

Year 5- Izzy

Year 4- Torren

Year 3- Bella

Year 2- Jacob

Year 1- Fred

There first job was to plan for Children in Need next Friday. Please see separate letter.

REMINDERS

Children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 9am. Anytime after this and the back gate is closed so they have to come in the front, which is not a pupil entrance and currently is blocked by a huge puddle!

Please send your child into school with their winter coat, we go out to play in all weathers!

Check your child's hair regularly for nits and treat if necessary.

If you have asked another parent to collect your child from school please let us know.

Many thanks.

GLYNDE MEMORIAL PARADE



Thank you to the children in Holly class for the beautiful poppies they created which are now on display around the War Memorial, at St Mary's Church in Glynde. It is always lovely to share the children's artwork during our Memorial Parade, and everybody loves to see them. The Poppies will be on display until next week, so please do take a look if you get the chance.

The Memorial Parade takes place this evening, Friday



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10th November. The procession leaves from Glynde Social Club at 7.30pm, up to the War Memorial for a service of Remembrance. The procession then returns to the Social club for fireworks which will take place at 9pm. Please note there is a road closure in place from 6.30pm -11pm. Steve Geer - Chairman



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to our school council who have been busy selling poppies in school all week for the Royal British Legion. The Royal British Legion is here to help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, the Royal Airforce, Veterans and their families. They remember those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day. They also remember all those who have served and their families.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti Bullying week when we will be focusing on this year's theme 'Make a noise about bullying'. We will be discussing the different types of bullying and how we can stop it. On Monday 13th is Odd Socks day where staff/children wear odd socks to celebrate their uniqueness.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our new school council have met and decided upon some money raising ideas. On Friday 17th all children can come to school wearing their home clothes preferably with something either very bright or very yellow! Please donate £1.

During school and after school on 17th the school council will be selling your donations of good conditions toys and books. Please send them into school on any day next week. They would also like to sell cakes after school in the playground. Please get baking and send in your contributions on Friday morning. If you are unable to come to the cake sale please send your child in with some money if you would like them to buy a cake after school. Many thanks for your continued support for our charitable endeavours.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 12th December. Please find our menu attached, choices need to be returned no later than 27th November.

VACANCY

Chartwells have a vacancy for a cook in our kitchen here at Firle Church of England Primary School. The position is to 25 hours per week. For more information please contact lucy.woollard@compass-group.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our team here at Firle.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRAW



We will again be doing our school uniform draw and the children do not know which day this will happen. All pupils who are wearing their full school uniform will have their names put in a hat and the one whose name is drawn out will receive a gift token!

WAR MEMORIAL

On Wednesday, Mrs Sison took Polly, Augie, Hugo and Jacob to the War Memorial in the village to lay a wreath from our school.



LIBRARY

KS1 children now have a library visit each Friday. If your child brings home a Firle School library book please can you make sure that they return it the following Friday. They will not be issued with a new book until the previous one is returned. Many thanks to Harriet who is running our Friday library sessions.

HOLLY CLASS'S HINDLEAP WARREN ADVENTURE

The children had a fabulous time at Hindleap Warren last week, here are some of their comments:

Ollie 'Hindleap Warren was very muddy and I felt like I risked my life going in a massive stream that was taller than me! You go on high things like the pentagon, it was one of my favourite things'

Fletcher

'There was the tuck shop and we also did archery and the climbing wall and the climbing wall harness was extremely uncomfortable!' More pictures are on our website



FLU VACCINATIONS

A reminder that the school health team will be in school on the afternoon of Friday 17th November. A link has been sent to you for you to give/or not to give permission for your child to have the vaccination. Please complete the form online. The deadline for consent forms to be submitted online is 11am four working days before the date of our school vaccination session.

LEWES SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) FAIR @ LEWES TOWN HALL SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 12-3PM

The Lewes Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival is a celebration of the amazing STEM activity taking place in Lewes and surrounding areas. The centrepiece of the festival is a free fair in Lewes Town Hall on Saturday 11th November from 12-3pm. The fair will include activities for all ages with exhibitors this year including: the University of Sussex Departments of Psychology, Chemistry, and Physics &



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Astronomy: Lewes Climate Hub; Lewes Astronomical Society, the South Downs National Park; OVESCO; Institute of Engineering and Technology; Wildflower Lewes; and many more.

* Suitable: 5+ years, under 18s must be accompanied.

* Tickets: FREE* Town Hall, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2QS

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Get ready for the winter holiday. The Government's Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funds a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#). Sessions are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal, engaging activities and a safe space to make new friends. There are clubs offering sport, animation, theatre, art and crafts, forest school, music, and lots more.

CLASS+ COFFEE & CHAT SESSIONS

Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions.

These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway.

There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of Sensory Difference.

No need to book just turn up. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session.

Please find attached the flyer with the dates/times and locations (also below)

East Sussex Local Offer - Activities and Events link - <https://ow.ly/kpC250Q2179>

- **Tuesday 14 November 2023** at East Hoathly Church, Marks Lane, East Hoathly, Lewes, BN8 6EQ from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Thursday 16 November 2023** at Chailey St Peters Church of England Primary School, East Grinstead Road, North Chailey, Lewes, BN8 4DB from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Thursday 30 November 2023** at Laughton Community Primary School, Church Lane, Laughton, Lewes, BN8 6AH from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Tuesday 5 December 2023** at Hailsham Family Hub, Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham, BN27 2JZ from 1:00pm to 2:30pm
- **Wednesday 6 December 2023** at Breakwater Academy, Valley Road, Newhaven, BN9 9UT from 9:00am to 10:30am

NEW CHILDLINE WEBSITE NOW LIVE

Childline is the UK's free 24-hour service for children and young people. Run by the NSPCC, Childline gives children and young people up to the age of 19 confidential support with whatever is worrying them. Since the service began in 1986, it has carried out over 5.9 million counselling sessions with young people. Childline supports more than 200,00 children and young people each year.



Come and join us!

Little Beacons

Baby and Toddler Group

Firle CE Primary School

Every Tuesday 9-10am (Term Time Only)



Starting 10th
October, 2023

Messy Play - Craft - Toys - Singing

Suggested donation
£2 per family
(including refreshments)

For further information, or to book your spot, please contact us via the email or phone number below

Email: firleoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk

Phone: 01273 858260

Address: Firle C of E Primary School, The Street, Firle, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6LF

Find out about Childline's unique offer on [NSPCC Learning](#).

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

The AGM took place before half term and a new committee have been elected. Please see information below from the new team.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

A MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE: MEETING TO ORGANISE THE FRIENDS OF FIRLE CHRISTMAS PARTY - Next Tuesday, 14th Nov, 7:30pm at the Glynde Social Club. Please come along - the more the merrier!

Here is a bit about FRIENDS OF FIRLE for those who are new to the school, or just a bit unsure of what we are about and what we do...

Friends of Firle is a charity that serves Firle Church of England Primary School. Parents and teachers coming together to raise funds in order to help out where needed.

Unlike a PTA which helps govern the school itself, this is a fundraising, entertainment and student fun orientated group... Subsidising trips, adding money to get better supplies, organising parties etc.

In recent times we have...

Funded the new playground.

Paid for the refurbished library.

Provided the money for Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend a performance at Glyndebourne.

Paid for TT Rockstars and other subscriptions based online learning apps.

Plus much more....

We try and do some stuff in house but also we don't love always asking parents for money... so we do lots out of our bubble too.

There are four of us Chairs, and many others, but we are looking for more people to join! Why? Because it really lovely, rewarding and fun... and because more hands make lighter work and extra special memory making for the kids. We can all remember school discos, right?!

How much you participate and in what way is flexible... it is very informal. You can choose, and stipulate. It might be you love Christmas and only want to be involved in the Christmas Party. Or perhaps you are a gifted bid writer and want to try and secure money to help with doing necessary works to the school. Or you want to use your graphics skills for posters etc. It's totally up to you and should be stress free and play to your interests and strengths.

We all dip in and out when we have work or other commitments and it's a guilt free group of people with lives and limits!

All you need is a feeling that Firle Church of England Primary School is a little diamond that needs protecting... and that the school could be better for our kids if it had more money (damn the current state of education cuts in the UK! Funding is actually reducing because it isn't in line with inflation!!).

What we generally do...

Put on celebration and fun events (once a term) - Spooky Disco, Firle Factor etc

Organise swanky raffles

We bucket shake



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We look out into the community for ways to raise cash and profile

We apply for money

We try and be creative with new ideas to shake things up

OH

And... we go to the pub.

SO WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US FOR A DRINK ON 14TH NOVEMBER at the Glynde Social Club - 7:30pm onwards... We will be planning the annual Christmas party and having a little social too. Everyone is welcome. See if it's up your street and get to know us!

Cheers, Bryony, Dan, Finn, Laura.

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