



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to get in to the very busy part of this term with Christmas around the corner. Please make sure that you have all the diary dates on your calendars at home as it can get quite hectic. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December we have our amazing Friends of Firle Christmas party, with music, food, stalls and lots more . It is a lovely event where our whole community comes together to wish Christmas cheer and raise money for our school. Anyone can donate an item for the raffle at the Christmas Party- Vouchers, experiences, hampers etc. if they could then contact the school office that would be great! Please see further information and contact details in this newsletter and keep the date free.

Next week we have the children in Years 5 and 6 going to Hindleap Warren from Wednesday to Friday, I suggest they all take their thermals! It is a great trip and a good bonding session for the class. Those children not going will be taught in Beech class.

We have decided to move our Take Over day to term 3 as there has been a lot going on this term, This is when the year 6 children swap roles with staff for the morning and cover classes work in the office e.t.c to see what is involved in those roles. They do lots of preparation for this and it is a good learning experience. The staff are present to support them but they have to do the planning, marking and teaching!

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Holly Class who had the highest attendance percentage for last week and Beech Class for this week.



#### DATES FOR YOR DIARIES

<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Class to Hindleap Warren
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coming of the Light Service 2pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime 9.30am
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Firle School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Infant nativity dress rehearsal One Voice Festival of Singing 7.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Working With Others Christmas p.m
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Resident Carols 2pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service 2pm <b>END OF TERM 2</b>

(also available at <https://firleprimary.eschools.co.uk/>)



### Golden Book

#### Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**PIPS** Wow! What a wonderful week! Bluebelle has done so well at spotting letters in her name whenever we do a phonics activity, also thank you for being such a kind friend

Hunter has shown real resilience after feeling a bit poorly, he always has a lovely positive attitude. **CHERRY** Neve has been an incredible role model to her class this week; helpful, hardworking, kind and caring. Neve has been trying her hardest in every subject this week.

Wilf- A double golden star for this boy who has been incredibly hardworking and has had such a positive attitude to learning this week.

**BEECH** Eve for being an all-round superstar! Eve shows all of the school values and is a wonderful role model in our school

Milo for his amazing egg carrier in woodland wellbeing time. Milo wowed the adults with his unique contraption to keep an egg safe - great aspiration Milo!

**HOLLY** Erin for the way she has risen to the challenge of year 6. She works hard, efficiently and always produces work of a high standard. Well done!

Torren for the positive attitude she brings to all of her learning. She works hard, strives to do her best and always goes above and beyond what is asked of her - an admirable trait!

#### Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**PIPS** Dotty - Wow Dotty, I'm so proud of your listening skills. You have tried so hard this week to follow instructions and listen carefully, well done

Ave - such a kind friend and has been doing fabulous work in drawing club, using her imagination and letting it run wild with the colour monster book.

**CHERRY** Andrius and Elizabeth researched, planned, edited and produced beautiful Tiger fact files that were so carefully presented and well thought out. Well done both of you.

**BEECH** Polly for her wonderful character description in her English. Polly has been showing real aspiration in her vocabulary choices and always pushes herself in her writing.

Sol for his amazing perseverance this week. Sol has really impressed me with his courage during lessons; sharing his thoughts and opinions in class.

**HOLLY** The Cross Country Team for the amazing effort that they put into their training as well as the way in which they conducted themselves at the race. With it being their first competition there were a few nerves, but the children handled the pressure admirably and they made us all very proud.



#### HAILSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Blake, Scarlette, Arthur, Izzy, Fletcher, Torren, Otilie and Finn who represented our school at the competition.

Scarlette came first in the girls' race!

#### CODE CLUB

Our new code club will start on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> after school, this is a free club that is open to KS2 children.

### EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

EYFS and KS1 will be performing their nativity play, 'Nativity', on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be one performance at 9:15am and one at 2:15pm. A letter will be sent out soon regarding booking tickets for the performances.

### WINTER WEATHER

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child comes into school suitably clothed, with a jumper, cardigan, or fleece and a coat and on particularly cold days a hat and gloves.



### PARENTING TEAM'S WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2025

Please see the attached

### APPLICATIONS FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Our last Open morning is on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 9:15 a.m.** Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The closing date for applications to primary school in East Sussex is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please cut and paste this link to apply for a place here at Firle Church of England Primary School:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-or-junior-school/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-or-junior-school-place>



### CHILDREN IN NEED

On 15<sup>th</sup> November we raised a massive £142.72 for Children in Need from our home clothes day and our bake sale, well done everyone. Thank you to all those who bought in cakes, if they were on a plate, please collect it from the school office.

### GLYNDE MEMORIAL PARADE

A big thank you to all the children at Firle School for the beautiful poppies they created for our Memorial Parade in Glynde last week. Everybody commented on how lovely they were. They will remain on display around the War Memorial, at St Mary's Church in Glynde until the end of November, please do take a look if you get the chance.

Steve Geer - Chairman



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to Fletcher, Torren, Fred, David and Edelyne who were all voted onto our school council by their peers. Well done. We will be enlisting the help of some of the Year 6 who also wanted to be on to help in organising events e.t.c.



### ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Many thanks to all those who replied to the email regarding an anxiety workshop. Details of date and time will follow soon.

## STAFFING

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Catherine Adair Faulkner who joined us in September as our School Business Manager. She has resigned due to personal reasons which has been a very difficult decision for her. We thank her for fitting in so well to our team in her time with us. We will be getting support through the Local Authority in the meantime and looking at other structures instead of replacing the role. Mrs Adair Faulkner's last day will be 1<sup>st</sup> December.

With additional responsibilities being taken on by SLT and the school office we ask for your support in reducing office traffic by making sure that your children are in school on time and by using the Arbor App for payments for trips and visits and Parentpay for school dinners. Please ensure that you have emailed or called the school office before 8.30am on the first day of any absence and any subsequent days. Many thanks.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please find attached the menu. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch, please complete the attached and send it back to school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The meal is free for those children in receipt of FSM and all EYFS and KS1 children. Those children in KS2 will have to pay £2.97 via Parentpay.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

Firle Church of England Primary School has been paid £30.34 this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your Black Friday, Christmas and all other online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/firlecoeps/YBVAM2/dda/U5SijpKB/Q3244/facebook/30.34>

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Friends of Firle School Christmas Party is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December this year. As always there will be plenty of fun, games and stalls for everyone to enjoy, as well as a raffle with some amazing prizes! The raffle tickets will be sent home with the children next week and if you want to get involved, either by helping on the day or donating some food or a prize, please contact Finn on 07790814351. Many thanks.

## HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) winter clubs are now open for booking. Families can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#). This DfE funded programme offers a range of exciting activities for young people 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](#). All sessions include a healthy meal and are free to eligible young people. There is a great range



of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

A small number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Disabled or special educational needs, including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Children in Need (CiN)
- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Young Carers
- Have a disabled sibling
- Children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
- Refugee groups

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown