



Newsletter 2 Term 3
Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for completing the parent questionnaire sent via an email link earlier in the term. The results have now been collated and can be viewed further in this newsletter.

Our Juniors had a fabulous trip to the London Natural History Museum on Tuesday, thank you to all our volunteers for enabling this trip to happen and to the Friends of Firle for their generous donation towards travel.

Mr Carter is currently off sick due to a back injury and we wish him well in his recovery. Holly class have been amazing in supporting the teaching staff in there since last week and are continuing to try their best. Mrs Brown and myself have really enjoyed teaching them and will continue to support when we can. We are currently finalising arrangements for a regular cover teacher.

ATTENDANCE

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FEBRUARY 2025	
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 11 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evening, Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 th	Valentine Day Bake Sale End of Term 3
Monday 24 th	Term 4 starts Clubs as normal this week Phonics workshop for R 1 and 2 parents
Thursday 27 th	Year 4 Swimming
MARCH 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Races time tbc, Pancakes for dessert,
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 swimming, World Book Day, Menu change, Infant Trip to Herstmonceux
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 swimming
Thursday 20 th	Year 4 swimming
APRIL	
Wednesday 2 nd	Easter WWO, Years 6 and R measurement day
Friday 4 th	Easter Service 2pm, Last Day of Term 3
Remaining INSET Days for 2024/2025 21st & 22nd July	

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Golden Book

Week commencing 20th January 2025

PIPS Hunter and Gertie have been persevering so hard with their reading and phonics this week. I am so proud of you!

CHERRY Hugo and Josiah have been incredible learners this week. Curious, asking questions, investigating and working hard and persevering. They have earned so many marbles for their class this week with their enthusiasm and curiosity.

BEECH Edward for his aspiration in his learning this week. It has been brilliant to see Edward challenging himself not only in his maths work but across other lessons too. Well done Edward, keep up the super work!

Sol for his amazing work in English. It has been so wonderful to see Sol recording so many fantastic sentences about our rainforest topic!

HOLLY Arthur for being supportive to younger children in the playground whilst playing Kingball
Scarlette for her focus and quality of work in class.

Week commencing 27th January 2025

PIPS Ava for really persevering with blending sounds and reading. You are doing so well.

Romy for trying really hard to take turns, you are doing a great job at talking about your feelings.

CHERRY Max and Hugo have shown incredible team work this week. Showing perseverance and kindness to each other during their maths sessions. Miss Ness has been so impressed with your progress and effort in your maths work.

BEECH Frank for being so kind and positive at school. Frank cares greatly about his friends and always has kind things to say about others. Thanks for being a kindness role model Frank!

Marley for his courage in coming back to school last week. We are all so glad to have you back in class Marley!

HOLLY Blake for being really focused on his hand writing and doing his best work.

Izzy is always willing to help out in class and to help others. She is very focused on her work.



MENU CHANGE

On week 1 of our school lunch menu we have changed rice pudding to orange drizzle cake as this is more popular with the children.

PARENT PAY

Please will you make sure that all parent pay accounts are cleared before the end of term. Anybody with accounts outstanding at this point will need to bring in packed lunch in term 4 until it is cleared. Many thanks.

EYFS/KS1 TRIP

Our new topic for term 4 is 'Moon Zoom'. We will be learning about space and exploring the question 'What happens when I fall asleep?' This will be a science-focused topic as the children develop their understanding of the world, including broader aspects of how our immediate environment changes at night. As part of our topic, EYFS & KS1 children have an exciting opportunity to visit the Herstonceux Science Centre on Thursday 6th March. This will be a lovely way for the children to celebrate their learning this term and they will be able



to participate in a space-themed workshop as well as having a tour of the telescopes. Friends of Firle School have very kindly agreed to fund half the price of admission and travel, we thank them for their continued support.

PHONICS WORKSHOP



Mrs Dyer will be running an interactive phonics session at 2.45pm on Monday 24th February. All EYFA and KS1 parents are invited to come to work with your child and learn all about our Monster Phonics Scheme. Please let the office know by Friday

14th February if you are able to attend.

RESULTS FROM OUR PARENT SURVEY

The results of the survey were very positive with 21 respondents

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree
My child is happy at Firle Church of England Primary School	57%	43%
My child is safe at Firle Church of England Primary School	70.5%	29.5%
Firle Church of England Primary School enables my child to behave respectfully	78.5%	21.5%
Firle Church of England Primary School is a happy and supportive community	88.8%	11.2%
Staff at Firle Church of England Primary School are positive role models for my child/ren	75%	25%
My child has made good progress at Firle Church of England Primary School	71.4%	28.6%
Firle Church of England Primary School communicates effectively with parents	38.5%	61.5%
I would recommend Firle Church of England Primary School to another parent	33.3%	55.5%
Are you happy with the mental health and wellbeing support that is available to your child at Firle Church of England Primary School	44.4%	55.6%
My child has someone to talk to if they are upset about something	77.7%	22.3%

We feel very proud of these results and also very privileged that we have such a supportive parent community. Thank you to you all.

TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Despite it being a very long and tiring day, the children had a great time at the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. They were as usual, polite and well behaved, a real credit to their school Well done all!

Izzy said 'It was fun because we went on the earthquake simulator'

Finn 'we saw a life-sized model of a blue whale and its skeleton'

Fletcher 'we saw some really cool animals, there was a white koala and a white rat porcupine

Torren, Tallulah and Ottilie and Martha all liked the animatronic dinosaurs.



SCHOOL UNIFORM DRAW

Last week, all of those children who wore full school uniform, had their names entered into our uniform draw. Our winner, who won a £5 gift voucher was Izzy Lee.

SUPERHERO DAY



On Monday 10th February Cherry and Pips children are invited to dress up in simple topic-themed outfits (or wear home clothes if they prefer). We do not expect you to go to any expense and have plenty of capes and costumes at school which children can borrow on the day if required. The infants from Laughton will be joining them for the day for some super hero activities and challenges!

FIDGET TOYS

You may be aware that there are a number of fidget toys on the market to support children with regulating and concentrating. They can be really helpful when used effectively but can also be a complete distraction when not. We have a number of different ones in school and reinforce their purpose with the children when they are given to them.

Recently we have seen a number children bring in these toys from home. Please can you make sure that they keep these at home, unless you have discussed it with their class teacher who has given their approval. Many thanks.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The dates for your Parent Consultation this term are Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February. Please book your place on your Arbor app. If you haven't yet logged in, it would be helpful to do so now so that you can access the bookings when they become available. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Our free anxiety workshop will take place on Wednesday 12th February from 9 until 11am. Everyone is welcome! Please see the attached poster for booking information so that we can ensure they are on the agenda for our meeting. Many thanks for your continued support.

LUNCHBOXES

If you are missing a lunchbox, please come and check the cupboard in the foyer, we have a number that have been here for some time. We also have a huge amount of lost property if you are missing anything.



FOREST SCHOOL



A huge thank you to Mrs Sison who has cleared this area in the Millennium Wood for our Forest School lessons. Unfortunately, the logs are rotting so if anyone has any spare we would be very grateful for your donations. Year 2 children will begin their forest school lessons on Wednesday 5th February. The children will need to bring in a warm waterproof coat, wellies and waterproof trousers if they have them. Please let the office know if you are able to help?

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown