



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and were able to recharge your batteries ready for this very busy term! Please see dates below for all the events coming up.

We know that we have been asking for a lot recently with Harvest, Link to Hope shoe box appeal, Raystede and now Children in Need. Thank you for your support with this. It is so important in children's personal development to see the wider world and recognise how life for others is either similar or different to their own circumstances. They have been absolutely amazing in their kindness in wanting to get involved in helping others.

You will receive the curriculum topic webs today for what your child will be learning this term, we are always grateful of any help in classes if you have time to come and support in any of these subjects.

The children are enjoying coming into school on PE days in the PE kit, so are the staff! Please make sure that it is still the uniform kit though which is dark tracksuit bottoms, plain house colour t-shirt and school fleece, sweatshirt/ cardigan, many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Cherry Class who had the highest attendance percentage for the week before half term and again for this week, well done again Cherry Class!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

NOVEMBER 2024	
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Remembrance Day 11am 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial
	Open Afternoon 1.15pm
	Shoe boxes into school please
Tuesday 12 th	Flu Vaccine
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th	Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 27 th - Friday 29 th	Holly Class to Hindleap Warren
DECEMBER 2024	
Thursday 5 th	Coming of the Light Service 2pm
Friday 6 th	Pantomime 9.30am
Saturday 7 th	Friends of Firle School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th	One Voice Festival of Singing 7.30pm
Friday 13 th	Nativity Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th	Resident Carols 2pm
Friday 20 th	Carol Service 2pm END OF TERM 2

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



Golden Book

Week commencing 21st October 2024

PIPS all the children have settled in so well this first term and I am really proud of them. We are having a Pips pyjama, popcorn picnic to celebrate this afternoon. Pips you are all wonderful!

CHERRY Isaac has been working so hard this week, really trying with his phonics and having a really positive attitude to his work and taking on challenges.

Augie has shown a real positive energy to his work this week. Beginning to work independently, asking for help when needed and using resources in class to support his learning.

BEECH Frank for his amazing Frida Kahlo portrait. I was so impressed with Frank's hard work and perseverance in his art work. Well done!

Marley for his amazing maths work. Marley has been mastering column addition with exchanges this week - keep up the hard work Marley!

HOLLY Tallulah for her aspirational work in art. She used a range of media to create an incredible collage of a fox. She shows skill, dedication and creativity - never failing to impress with her art work.

Phoenix for his positive, hardworking and resilient attitude. He never gives up, never complains and keeps working until he achieves success. Some admirable traits - well done Phoenix!

Week commencing 4th November 2024

PIPS Gertie has been working so hard at her phonics this week. She has also been so kind celebrating the birth of her new sister Sid and has been sharing the news with new adults and friends.

Hunter was an incredible role model during our school visit. He showed all five listening skills and answered questions thoughtfully. Our visitors commented on how polite he was.

CHERRY Hugo has been showing an incredible attitude to learning, he has been working so hard at his spellings and phonics and has produced some great literacy work this week.

Wilf has been an incredibly hard worker this week and has shown great perseverance in his phonics. He is working really hard at being a great role model on the carpet.

BEECH Maisie for her resilience this week. Maisie has had lots of really positive mornings and comes into school calmly. She has also been completing her maths every morning - we are all very proud Maisie

Jacob for showing a really great attitude to learning this week, both in his maths and English. He has also been spotted being a great part of King Ball games at lunchtimes - well done Jacob.

HOLLY Finn and Arthur for the fantastic start they have made to the term.

Finn has an inquisitive mind, always questioning and trying to further his understanding of what it is that we are learning. Well done Finn - keep it up.

Arthur is a proficient mathematician and enjoy this area of the curriculum. Although English isn't where he feels most confident, he has shown aspiration and resilience, working hard to improve his skills - and to great success.

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all those children who managed to achieve 100% attendance in term 1: Gertie, Louis, Frieda, Martha, Finn C, Edward, Tallulah, Scarlett, Fred, Rupert, Hunter, Phoenix H, Trinity, Bluebelle, Polly, Izzy, Edelyne, Aida, Phoenix R, Ava, Jacob and Neve. Jacob was drawn from the draw so has received a £5 WH Smith voucher. Well done everyone.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday we will be taking the children to the War Memorial in the village for the 2 minute's silence at 11am. We will be leaving school at 10:40 am from the back gate, you are very welcome to join us to walk the children to church but please don't bring your dogs. Please can you email the school office if you can walk down with us as we will put your names on the risk assessment, many thanks.

RAYSTEDE VISIT

We had a lovely visit from Raystede yesterday. Thank you so much for raising so much in donations! The children loved learning about all the animals and what animals needed to live a fulfilled life. We loved the treasure hunt finding the items of what pets needed for love, food, care, shelter and exercise! We also met Honey the robotic dog to learn how to greet dogs safely! Our visitors noted what thoughtful answers our children gave and what good listeners they were so well done Cherry and Pips! Check the Raystede website for more information about their next Family learning days!



HOMEWORK GRIDS AND TOPIC WEBS

These have been sent home today and can also be found on the Learning page of our website.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week is national Anti-Bullying week. The focus is about choosing respect, which is one of our school values so we will be discussing this throughout the week. On Tuesday 12th we invite all the children to wear odd socks for the day to show that we are all different and to respect each other's differences. If you would like to look at the parent and carer pack then please find it using this link. It has some very useful information in discussing what bullying is with your children.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/ABW%20Parents%20Pack%202024.pdf>



CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday 15th November is Children in Need and we would like to continue to raise money for this charity. We know that we have asked for different causes recently with Harvest, our shoe box appeal and Raystede but Children in Need is so pertinent for the children to learn about and support. The children will learn in

school about who this money supports and where it goes. We have therefore decided to raise money by having a home clothes day and bake sale on Friday 15th November. We would ask for a donation of a £1 for home clothes and donations of cakes, biscuits or savouries for the bake sale. We invite you to come and buy cakes from 3p.m on Friday 15th and bring in any donation either that morning or the day before. Many thanks for your continued support for our charitable endeavours. Jacob has been skipping every day to raise money for Children in Need and is looking for sponsors.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 18th 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 25th 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.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please have your shoeboxes in by Monday 11th November as these need to be delivered to the organisers by the end of the day. The information is attached, thank you.

POPPIES

We are selling poppies at school at playtimes. We have been sent a few paper poppies and a number of bracelets, slap bands and other poppy related items to raise money for the British Legion. We would recommend at least £1 donation for the larger items and whatever you can give for the paper poppies and stickers.



ANXIETY TOOLBOX WEBINAR

Please see the attached flyer for an Anxiety Toolbox webinar for parents and carers to support their children with anxiety and mental health.

CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

The next CLASS + Coffee and Chat session is at Laughton Primary School is on **Thursday 14th November** at **9.30am**. These sessions are for parents and carers of an autistic child or a child who is on the autism pathway to meet, talk and share information or ideas with other parents/carers. You are also very welcome to attend to find out more information or ask any questions you may have. Your child does not need a diagnosis for to come along.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 is on **Monday 11th November 2024** at **1.30pm**. So that we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01273 858260 or email firleoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. The session will last a maximum of 45 minutes.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The final Open Day is on **Friday 10th January 2025 (9:15am)**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

The children in Holly class had a choir session this week from Create Music. They all really enjoyed it and it was lovely to hear them practising for their performance in December.

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December, Holly Class will be performing at Glyndebourne Opera House. They will continue to learn the songs with Mrs Dry in some of their music time in term 2. All children are expected to attend and further information will follow in how to obtain tickets.

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

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

[Flu](#) can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as [pneumonia](#). Each winter in the UK, thousands of children who do not have a health condition need hospital care because of flu. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people. The school nurse team will be coming into school on the afternoon of 12th November to administer the flu nasal spray. To complete a consent form please go to: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. Enter the following school code SX114525 and click 'Find School'.

CODE CLUB

We would like to start an after school Code Club on Mondays. At the club sessions, young people follow project guides. Club organisers provide support to help young people progress through the projects to create games and animations initially using Scratch. Coding is giving instructions to a computer to tell it to do things. Learning to code is a bit like learning a second language, because to give instructions to a computer, you need to put the instructions into a language the computer understands. You can find out more at codeclub.org. Please let the office know if you are interested.

REQUEST

Please would you send in any spare bulbs or soil for our EYFS outside area, thank you.

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown