

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year, which seems to have flown past. It is a really busy term with a number of events planned so please use the diary below to update your calendars at home. These dates are on our school website too so if you need an update that is a good place to check first. We have also asked staff to make sure that the relevant details are on their class pages on the website so I hope these are useful too.

You will receive the learning grids for this term shortly and these can also be found on class pages.

It was so lovely to all those who came with us for our Ascension Day walk at the end of last term. We have some great photos of this event later in this newsletter and on the website.

We have sent out a letter today with an update on staffing and recruitment. We do have some part-time vacancies across the federation for Office Administrator and a Bursar so please spread the word as we would love to hear from anyone who is interested in these posts.

## ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Cherry Class who had the highest attendance percentage for the week before half term and also for this week. Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance in Term 5: Isaac, Eve, Louis, Frieda, Hector, Blake, Edward, Hugo, Fred, Maisie G, Ted, Hunter, Izzy, Augie, Ottilie, Edelyne, Finn, Romy, Wilf, Ava and Jacob.



### Golden Book

**W/C 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**PIPS** so proud of the Pips' behaviour on our school

trip to Bodiam Castle. Everyone listened carefully, stayed safe and were VERY brave going up the really steep spiral stairs. I was especially proud of Hunter who overcame his fear and was determined to get all the way up to the top. Well done Pips! I was a very long, hot day and you were fabulous!

**CHERRY** Louis - incredible manners and safety at Bodiam Castle. We were so impressed with how you acted on our school trip. You were an amazing role model for our school. Well done!

Neve for her incredible kindness, manners and helpfulness this week. You have been respectful, safe and ready to learn every day!

**BEECH** Frieda and Marley for their aspirational writing in English. Both children have challenged themselves to write a report about carnivorous plants that is loaded with amazing facts and impressive language. Great work both!

**HOLLY** Scarlett and Torren for their aspirational writing. They both use ambitious vocabulary and have written some very entertaining pieces.

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents' Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Leavers' Service at St Andrew's Church, Eastbourne
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day
W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Arts Week
Monday and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Patina making sessions at Laughton
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day at KAR
<b>JULY 2025</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day at KAR Transition Day at Priory
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day 1.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Patina
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Beech Class to Preston Manor
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy Bears' Picnic 2pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Performances times TBC Reports Home
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Trip
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Fun Day Beech Class to Cuckmere Haven
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 6 Leavers' Service 2pm FoFs Summer Party
Remaining INSET Days for 2024/2025 <b>21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	

### W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**PIPS** Hunter has been persevering at his fine motor skills. He has improved so much and your flower diagram this week was so neat.

**CHERRY** Andrius has been working so hard on his phonics at home and at school and is showing incredible progress. We are so proud of how hard you are working.

Louis has been giving thoughtful answers in RE and PSHE. He has been listening attentively and has been empathetic to his friends.

**BEECH** Bella for her amazing attitude to learning, her hard work in all lessons and her kindness to others. Bella is a wonderful member of Beech Class who consistently demonstrates all of our school values.

Luna for her constant kindness and thoughtfulness towards others in Beech Class. Luna always puts others before herself and goes above and beyond to make sure that her peers are happy and supported.

**HOLLY** Alannah for her wonderful manners and the kindness and respect that she shows to everyone.

Maisie for the quiet determination she shows when tackling her work. She never makes a fuss and always gives 100%

Both of these girls are a pleasure to teach!

### LEAVERS' DAY TRIP

As in past years, our leavers will enjoy a day out tenpin bowling and laser questing! This will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please let the school office know your child's lunch choice.

### BODIAM CASTLE TRIP

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May the children from Cherry and Pips visited Bodiam Castle to consolidate their learning on Towers, Turrets and Tunnels. The children had a fantastic day exploring this magnificent castle. They had a picnic by the moat, climbed the spiral staircases to the top of the tower, had a treasure hunt for castle features, dressed up in gorgeous outfits, sketched the castle and found some roosting bats in

the keep. The children were fascinated and horrified to see the disgusting old toilet that let the poo and wee flow into the moat and shocked to hear that it was little children who had to clean the pipes. Ava said: We saw ducks and bats and there were fish in the moat!



### MEDIEVAL PICNIC

Cherry and Pips enjoyed a merry medieval meal at the end of last term. The children were dressed as kings and queens, jesters and knights and took part

in a jousting tournament! Many thanks to all the parents who attended. Wilf said: 'There was food and we went jousting.'

### CELLO PERFORMANCE

The parents of those children learning the cello at school are invited to attend a short performance on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm.

### BEECH CLASS TRIPS

Beech class will be visiting both Preston Manor and Cuckmere Have next month. More details to follow.

### GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have vacancies on our Board of Governors, please contact the school office if you or someone that you know are interested in volunteering for this vital role. Full training is given.



## WHOLE SCHOOL WALK



Well done everyone! What a fantastic day! Thank you, Mrs Filtness, for all the organising. Lots of parents and carers came along to join us and we were very lucky with the weather. Friends of Firle School provided ice lollies for all the children.

It is an amazing achievement, particularly for some of our youngest pupils.



## TRANSITION

We will be starting our transition sessions in the next few weeks to help the children prepare for September. For some children this will be a change of class and or teacher and for some it will be becoming the older year group in that class. Staff also get the opportunity later in the term to share information with their next teacher to make the move as smooth as possible. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families.

## HOLLY CLASS RESIDENTIAL

We are delighted to have booked a residential trip to Hindleap Warren in Ashdown Forest for the children who will be in Holly class during the next academic year. Although it is a little way off, we do need to confirm numbers before we finish for the summer. With this in mind, we have a parent presentation in Holly Class on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 2.45pm where we will answer any questions you or your child may have. It will also give us the opportunity to discuss the residential trip in more detail where you will be given payment information and consent forms which will need to be completed and returned to the office before the holidays, to confirm your child's place.

## BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE LEWES DISTRICT SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD PANEL EVENT! ⚡

📞 Following sell-out events in Brighton and Hove, 'Parenting in the Digital Age', Lewes District Event, is now open for booking! 📅 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 18.30-20.30, Kings Academy Ringmer, BN8 5RB


This event is for everyone in our community: parents, carers, schools, doctors, anyone who cares about and is invested in the lives of our children.

👂 Listen to our incredible panel of local experts in paediatrics, mental health, the police and education.



- ✿ Meet other parents who are considering delaying giving their child a smartphone until at least the age of 14.
- ✿ Q&A with our experts to answer your burning questions.

Tickets are free, but spaces are limited, so reserve your seat today. (And please, if your circumstances change and you can't come, return your ticket so we can give it to someone else.) 🙏 Please share this with friends, family, neighbours, schools, professional networks... anyone who you think needs to know!

Click this link to reserve your seat: <http://bit.ly/3ZbPz0K>  [Parenting in the digital age KAR Invite and Speakers.pdf](#)

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown