

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support throughout this school year, we couldn't have done it without you.

It always surprises me how fast the years go as we see children reach the end of their time in primary school when it only feels like a couple of years since they joined us in Reception.

We say a fond farewell and good luck to all our Year 6 children as they move on to the next stage in their school journey. We hope they take happy memories of their time at Firle CEP with them and look forward to finding out what they get up to in their future. It is always lovely to see them when they return for work experience days.

We are also saying goodbye to some of our wonderful staff who have shared so much of their lives with us and brought unity, compassion, creativity and loyalty to our school. We wish Mrs Filtness, Mrs Sison, Mrs Horan, Mrs Dry, Miss Partono and Mrs Brown all the very best in their new ventures and are grateful for all they have given to our school.

We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you at the Friends of Firle Summer Party tomorrow after the Leavers service.

If you are able to help walk the children to the Leavers service at 2p.m then please be at the back gate at 1:40p.m. Many thanks.

We have 2 wonderful recipes for a better world at the end of this newsletter so please make sure you read the insightful words from David and Marley. They sum up the thoughtfulness of the children in our school.

ATTENDANCE



Well done Cherry Class for the highest attendance w/c 23rd June, Cherry Class w/c 30th June, Holly Class w/c 7th July and Cherry Class this week.

Our target for this year is 96.5% and our current whole school attendance is 91.76 so we encourage you to support your child with regular attendance. We have seen too many holidays being taken this year and whilst we issue penalty fines, this does not appear to see a reduction in them. This was noted by Ofsted in our recent visit.



Golden Book

W/C 23rd June

PIPS Hunter has learnt to ride his bike! Well done

Hunter.

CHERRY Louis and Elizabeth for their fantastic behaviour on our school trip to Charleston. They were both respectful, ready to listen and safe at all times.

BEECH Polly, Aida, Edelyne and Frieda for their wonderful cello performance. The girls showed their courage when performing in front of an audience and clearly gave the audience great enjoyment listening to the fun and exciting tunes.

HOLLY Fletcher for showing great aspiration and perseverance when learning his lines for the school play. He has been asked to adapt his lines on numerous occasions, and not once has he complained or given up - both very admirable traits.

Molly for the wonderful start she has made in Holly Class. She has been friendly and kind to her peers and has shown courage in class, offering answers and asking questions during lessons. Well done Molly!

W/C 30th June

JULY 2025	
Friday 18 th	End of Term 6 Leavers' Service 2pm FoFs Summer Party Remaining INSET Days for 2024/2025 21 st & 22 nd July
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Wednesday 3 rd	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th	Start of term 1 EYFS children attend from 8.45am until 12pm
Friday 5 th	EYFS children attend from 8.45am until 1.15pm
Monday 8 th	EYFS children attend from 8.45am until 1.15pm
Thursday 25 th	Individual Photographs

PIPS Ava for her incredible work manipulating and recognising shape in corners, sides and faces.

CHERRY Hugo and Max have impressed us with their independent writing this week. Getting started with a positive attitude, persevering with spelling and creating beautiful instructions for seed planting.

BEECH Eve, Bella, Luna and Edelyne for their amazing efforts in the play rehearsals. These girls have shown such enthusiasm with their singing and actions.

HOLLY Maisie always approaches her work with a positive attitude and a smile. She shows great determination, takes pride in everything she does and never gives up even when things get tricky.

Finn - his writing is bursting with creativity and imagination. He uses exciting vocabulary and original ideas that bring his stories to life and keep the reader hooked.

W/C 7th July

PIPS Ava helped to welcome the new Pips to their Teddy Bears' picnic, she has shown kindness throughout the week and she was very keen to tidy up the outside area for the visit of the new reception children.

CHERRY Beau has demonstrated very good listening skills on the carpet and has always corrected his work after it has been marked.

Isaac has worked very hard and always asked for help when he needed it. He has been focussed for the whole week.

BEECH The whole of Beech class for their hard work and dedication in brining our 'Oliver with a Twist' play to life. It was a tremendous success and you should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved in such a short space of time. What a fantastic team effort.

HOLLY all the children in Holly class - you were absolutely amazing in 'Oliver with a Twist'! Your talent, energy and hard work shone brightly on stage and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. Thank you for bringing so much joy, laughter and heart to the performance. Bravo!

SPORTS DAY

Our sports day on 3rd July went very well. The children all enjoyed themselves and the weather was kind, perhaps a little too warm! The children took part in throwing and track events and football dribbling. Thank you to all of you who attended.

CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE

On 26th June all the children visited Charleston Farmhouse and Gardens. Jude said 'at Charleston we saw three ponds and we got to have a look for some newts in the ponds. We did a little bit of drawing so we were drawing the pictures that we saw. In the house we saw a painting of their dog.'



BEECH CLASS VISIT TO PRESTON MANOR



Last week Beech class went to Preston Manor the children dressed as a Victoria servant, footman, odd job man, housemaid or kitchen maid. Their costumes were amazing. They learnt how Victorian servants kept house.

REPORTS

You should have received your child's report last week. Please return your comments, we always want to hear your views.

LEAVERS

This week we also say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are leaving us as they move on to the next stage in their education. We are so proud of everything they have achieved during their time here and it has been a joy to watch them grow into the wonderful individuals they are. We wish them all the very best as they move onto their new secondary schools. We will miss you all!



The Oak Tree
Federation

Firle C of E Primary - Leavers 2025



We hope you can join us in church tomorrow at 2p.m to send them out with joy!

PATINA

The 6 children had a wonderful time when they took part in Patina Moving on Parade in Lewes. They enjoyed working with a local artist to prepare their witty structures and costumes for the event, and look fabulous parading through Lewes to celebrate their transition from Primary School into Secondary School. The weather was beautiful and they all had a fantastic afternoon.

KS2 PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to all of our children who did an amazing job in their end of year performance of Oliver with a Twist! You all did extremely well and we are very proud of you all, you all learned your parts beautifully. Thank you to everybody who attended, we hope you all enjoyed the performances as much as we did. Thank you to everybody who helped with rehearsals, costumes for the productions, we couldn't do it without you.

DATA COLLECTION

At the start of every academic year, we update our contact details for the children. I'm sure you can appreciate it is imperative that we have up to date information in case of an emergency. Please check the parent portal over the holidays to make sure your details are all up to date. Please make sure you make changes as necessary.

PARENT PAY

Please would everyone ensure that their parent pay accounts have no outstanding balances by the end of today, particularly parents of Year 6 children. In September, if there remains an outstanding balance on a Friday, you will be asked to send a packed lunch in for the following week, or until the debt is paid. Thank you for your support with this. Children who are moving into year 3 will be given an activation code to set up a parent pay account during the first week back in September.

HOLLY CLASS RESIDENTIAL 2025/26

A reminder to our current year 4 and 5 parents that Friday is the deadline for securing a place at the residential trip to Hindleap Warren in November. Please could you make sure that you provide permission and pay the deposit via the parent portal.

OFSTED

We had a graded inspection last week from Ofsted. Thank you very much for all your comments and response to our parent survey. Due to the summer holiday the report will not be coming out until September. The verbal feedback we received were areas that we are already focusing on and will be in our new academic school improvement plan for September. This will all be shared in September.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' TRIP

Last Friday the year 6 leavers went to ten pin and laser quest with Mr Dawson and Mr Carter.

SUPPORT AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that the rising cost of living may have affected many of our families in terms of jobs and money coming in. We are here to offer support if anyone needs anything so please just ask. You can contact the school office and any help or advice can be given in confidence.



Some of you may be eligible for free school meals. This means that your child can receive a free meal at school. You can do this if you receive any of the following benefits: · Universal Credit - GOV.UK (with an annual household income below £7,400 after tax, not including other benefits). · Income Support - GOV.UK · Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) - GOV.UK · Income-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) - GOV.UK · Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - GOV.UK · The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit - GOV.UK · Child Tax Credit - GOV.UK (with an annual household income less than £16,190). · Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit). Anyone who gets Working Tax Credit itself, won't get free school meals. In addition, to minimise the impact of the rollout of Universal Credit, pupils are currently protected against losing their benefits-related free school meals. This applies when the parental earnings rise above the threshold of £7400 per year. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out (planned for March 2025) any existing pupil whose parent no longer meets the eligibility criteria at that point will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary. Children must be in school both before and after lunchtime to qualify for free school meals. The school also receives additional Pupil Premium funding to support your child in their learning and this can be used to help with resources, uniform, trips etc. See link for further information and the application form. <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>. Please also use the following link which contain information on cost of living support <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-suppor>

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown



Look at these examples of brilliant work, the first is by David and the second by Marley.

