

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has certainly felt like winter is on its way; however we have continued to get out as much as possible and ended this week in the beautiful sunshine. Please remember, as the weather turns colder and wetter to ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. It is hard to believe that there are only 2 weeks left of Term 1!

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Beech for their attendance of 90.79 this week. We are going to celebrate the highest attendees in our newsletters from now on and will share the classes' attendance termly instead. Thank you for your continued effort to arrive promptly at school before the gate shuts at 9am

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 28th September

- Holly** Lani for his kindness. He is always thinking of others and doing the right thing. Nothing is ever too much trouble.
Barney for his enthusiasm and effort with his work.
- Beech** Charlie G for his hard work on his polar bear fact file!
Charlie CW for an excellent polar bear fact file!
- Cherry** All the Pips for coming to school every day with big smiles on their faces.

Week commencing 5th October

- Holly** Noah, Finley, Dolly and Jimmy for their hard work and perseverance in maths
- Beech** Harry for his kindness in the playground, he has made other children feel included, Thank you Harry!
Hopi for her brilliant attitude to learning, listening skills and an amazingly cheerful character.
- Cherry** Scarlett and Torren for amazing 'Leaf' writing.

LETTERS HOME

If we have any letters to send home, we will always do this by email where possible. For any information we cannot email, for example consent forms, we will send them home on a Monday, inside your child's reading pack. Any responses should be returned back to school on the Friday, again inside your child's reading pack. This will help us to monitor what comes into school in a safe and controlled manner. Thank you.

HARVEST

On Friday 16th October we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school. Relevant activities will take place in each class during the day, and learning will be shared during the 'remote' whole school assembly at the end of the day.

We will be collecting food for City Mission in Brighton; please send in any donations, with your child/ren on Friday. We will let you know if there are any specific items they need next week.

Thank you for your support.

DIARY DATES

October

13th New to EYFS open session.
16th Harvest Day
23rd End of Term 1

November

2nd - INSET
3rd - Children return to school
10th - Individual photo's
13th New to EYFS open session.

KS2 CRICKET SESSIONS

Key stage 2 have started cricket sessions with the Chance to Shine scheme run by Sussex Cricket Foundation. They will be taking part in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon with a specialist cricket coach

PACKED LUNCHES

Just to remind you that as we are a healthy school, sweets and chocolates are not allowed in lunch boxes. A chocolate covered biscuit (from the biscuit aisle) is acceptable. Please do not send in any nuts or nut products as we are a nut free school and have children with specific nut allergies.

FLU VACCINATION NASAL SPRAY

Our flu vaccines (via a nasal spray) will take place on Monday 7th December. Forms have been sent home for you to complete, whether or not you would like your child to have the nasal spray. If you have not already done so please return your completed form as soon as possible.

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.

MILK

Free milk is available for all children under the age of five in school, funded by the UK government. In our school, this milk is provided by Cool Milk, the UK's leading school milk supplier. We will register your child for their free school milk on your behalf by providing Cool Milk with your child's name and date of birth.

When your child turns five, you are able to pay a subsidised rate for your child to continue to receive milk. If you wish for your child to continue receiving milk from the age of five, simply register with Cool Milk directly via their website (www.coolmilk.com). They will then contact you at the appropriate time to arrange pre-payment. All information handled by Cool Milk is processed in accordance with current Data Protection Legislation. The data will be stored securely on Cool Milk's UK-based servers and will not be passed to third parties other than to UK Government departments for audit purposes.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Our year 6 students have been looking at potential secondary schools over the last couple of weeks. A little reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2020. More information can also be found on; https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

RECEPTION CHILDREN VISION CHECK

Due to the illness of the clinician, unfortunately our reception vision checks have been postponed until Wednesday 14th October.

TREE AMBASSADOR

Our tree ambassador for this academic year is Charlie G from Beech Class. This is an initiative we are involved in with the Woodland Trust,
CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE!



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Due to Covid we will not be able to carry out this term's parent consultations in school. We have therefore decided to trial remote consultations via Microsoft teams. Further information will follow on Monday 12th October. Our aim is for you to be able to sign up to a slot by logging into the school learning platform on our website (this will not be available until 3p.m Monday). You will then receive an invite at the beginning of the week beginning 19th October from your child's class teacher via the school office.

On the day of your consultation you will open the link at your selected time. To do this we will need to make sure we are prompt with a 10 min slot for each child. The teacher will only admit a new parent when the previous one has left the meeting to ensure confidentiality. Further details with more information will be sent by email on Monday 16th October.

OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2021 on Tuesday 13th October 2020. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. To ensure we are COVID compliant, only two people are invited from each potential new

family. This can be with either your child, or one other adult. There will be a maximum of 5 parties per session so please book your attendance with the school office on 01273 858260 or email office@firle-school.e-sussex.sch.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. Social distancing will apply throughout your visit. The session will last a maximum of 40 minutes. You will need to bring photo ID for safeguarding purposes and also provide your email and contact number when booking your place for track and trace purposes.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day dates are Wednesday 11th November 2020 and Thursday 7th January 2021. The ESCC closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the School Calendar, this has meant that all sales will now be a profit. If you would like your company logo on the calendar please contact Helen to let her know your donation and send her your logo. The school office can facilitate this for you or you can email Friends of Firle directly on friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com

We had a good meeting on Wednesday night and it is great to see how much Friends of Firle have raised over the year with all your support. We are currently looking for anyone who would be able to help research and complete grant forms for additional funding. We are also on the lookout for anyone with any press contacts as we want to make sure we market our school as best we can and that means getting some of our wonderful achievements out there.

One of the big projects coming up for 2021 funding is to develop the outdoor area where the apparatus is, so that it can be used throughout the year. We would love to hear your ideas on this and will also be seeking the children's thoughts and designs too. This will be a very big project and we hope to raise lots of money to give that are a wow factor when entering the school.

HI Everyone!

We've had an incredible response to the calendar photoshoots and just a handful of people to hear from before we have heard from every family at school. Amazing!

Thank you to everyone who has got back to us about us saving your details for the Friends of Firle database. If you would like to be added then email friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com.

Enjoy reading our updates and get sharing!

Best wishes

Helen and Fay