

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating the children in Year 6 for their focus last week in their SATs. It has been 2 years since these were last carried out in schools and they all responded really well to the exam-like conditions. Well done Year 6!

This is the last newsletter of this term and we are all looking forward to meeting up next week as a federation for our walk up Firle Beacon. We hope the weather will be kind.

We are also very excited about the works starting for our new playground. Cherry class are keeping a diary of the developments. When it is all completed we will have a super launch and invite you all to celebrate with us

A huge thanks to all those who helped raise further funding at the Firle Horse Trials and for Jason and his team in removing the train and tepees last weekend

ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Cherry Class who attained the highest attendance for last week and Holly Class for this week.

We still have children arriving late through the front gate. This is very disruptive to the school day so please make sure you arrive in time to enter via the back gate. Thank you.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 9th May

Cherry	Milo - fantastic drama work Alex - working really hard (Perseverance) at her writing Phoenix R - incredible writing!
Beech	Chloe for her perseverance in her fractions work this term. She has become a fractions star! Shea for always working hard in all areas of the curriculum. He is a great role model in Beech and his attitude to learning shows that he lives life in all its fullness!
Holly	All for year 6 for conducting themselves so responsibly during their SATs tests.

Week commencing 16th May

Cherry	All of the year 2s who have been amazingly sensible and calm during their SATs this week
Beech	Mabel and Arthur - showing aspiration in their writing. Always engaged with their writing and being passionate!
Holly	Lani WWO lots of children at forest School were making sure that no one was left out, but Lani was particularly inclusive Bracken great work on bus stop division

YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

Our year 6 pupils really stepped up during SATs week, arriving early for their breakfast (thank you to Colette) and behaving very responsibly during their tests.

YEAR 2 SATs

Our Year2s have been doing some assessments this week, in class, to support teacher assessments in what they have learnt in their time in key stage 1.

Diary May

w/c 23rd Mental Health Week
24th Reception vision checks
Year 6 height and weight checks

26th Whole School Walk
27th Last Day of Term

June

6th Children return to school
Jubilee Picnic Lunch
9th Toddler Group
Class photographs
6pm new parents' evening
15th New intake in Pips 9.30 - 10.30am (with parents)
17th Assembly at Priory School
w/c 20th Arts week
20th and 21st Patina workshops at Laughton
22nd New intake in Pips 9.30 - 10.30am (without parents)
24th Sports Day pm

July

1st Patina Parade
4th KAR Transition day
Leavers' celebration at Chichester Cathedral
5th KAR Transition day
Transition day for all classes
12th Taster day at Priory
14th Reports home
Holly Class Production 5.30pm
15th Holly Class Production 1.30pm
19th 3.30pm Parents' drop in
20th Leavers' service

September

1st INSET DAY
2nd INSET DAY
5th Children back to school
7th New Reception children

WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

On **Thursday 26th May** we will be taking the children on our annual whole school walk.

We will walk from school, up the hill to Firle Beacon. We will stop for lunch at the top of the hill before returning to the school field.

Now we are free of Covid restrictions we are delighted that the children and staff from Laughton school will be joining us again this year. As well as an opportunity to commemorate Ascension Day it also provides an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful local area and time together as The Oak Tree Federation. All parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us, but no dogs please.



OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

We have recently tidied and updated our library, although we still have a long way to go. If any parent can commit to volunteering for us for an hour a week or 2 hours fortnightly then please let Mrs Horan know. No experience is necessary, we would just like to have someone to regularly check books are in the right place and be able to have regular class visits to the library for children to borrow books.

YEAR 6 PATINA

We are delighted that the year 6 children can take part in the Patina Parade on Friday 1st July, in Lewes, after being restricted for the last two years. To support the preparation for this, they will be working with a specialist artist to create the withy structures for the parade and today have been joined by the year 6 children from Laughton school for their launch presentation session. Next term, our Year 6 will be going to Laughton for the making sessions.



PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Our new playground was started on Wednesday 18th May, please check the school website for daily updates! Thanks again to Light Bros for their skip donations.



JUBILEE DAY LUNCH

We will be celebrating the platinum jubilee in school on Tuesday 7th June. The children can come to school in red, white and blue and we will have a day of activities learning about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and what has happened in history during her reign.

We will have a whole school picnic at lunchtime and Colette will be making sandwiches as part of a special jubilee lunch organised by Chartwells.

Friends of Firle are organising a bake sale after school so that you can stay and chat and celebrate.



CENSUS DAY 19th MAY

Thank you! As always you have been so supportive, all of our KS1 children had a school dinner on Census day, this really helps with our funding. Thank you again!

THANK YOU TO LEWES ROTARY CLUB

Who have kindly given us some lovely new books for our library.



CHARTWELLS GOLDEN TICKET CAMPAIGN

This is a three week campaign to increase the take up of school lunches, pupils are in with a chance of winning a Food Superhero fidget bubble when they have a school lunch. This is run every Thursday between 9th and 26th May.

CREATE MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

If you are interested in your child attending a music summer school please check <https://createmusic.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people/summer-school/>

FEDERATION JOB VACANCIES

We currently have 2 job vacancies with the Oak Tree Federation. One is for an apprentice TA (initially based at Laughton covering a maternity leave) and the other is for a part time EYFS teacher. Both adverts, job descriptions and applications can be found on our school website.

This is because we have 14 children coming into our new Reception in September so have decided to have a separate EYFS teacher for mornings only to improve provision. The post is for 4 mornings at Firle and one full day at Laughton. Please contact the school office for further details

REPORT ON FIRLE HORSE TRIALS

It was great to see Mrs Filtness and Ms Ness visiting the site this weekend plus Josephine, Ellie Lee, Henry, Flora and Monty helping as ex pupils with Tamsin taking on a slot

I think we made £900+ (Inc donation) from the weekend but we are waiting for an official count

It was a really successful weekend and we had lots of help from families.

We had so many comments from other stalls and the officials saying how brilliant our children and families are. Interesting that many were local but had no idea there was a school in Firle! Mostly everyone stayed longer than their shift to help as it was so lovely. Buzz and Beau literally saved the day today as there weren't officials to help so were in the show jumping- arena for most of the day and great that Willow and Henry helped too. On Sunday Alex and Kalani helped Beau and Buzz too. Torren was a maths whizz for counting up the pennies. Other stall holders made plenty of comments about the dedication of such a fab team of parents working so hard for the school and how lucky they are to have such a great community behind them! The children did us all proud and we were all brilliant ambassadors for our beautiful little school.

