

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been focussing on healthy eating this week and it has been good to see the children take more of an interest in the food they eat.

**We have an INSET day on the first day back after half term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February so please make sure you have it in your diaries.**

## ATTENDANCE

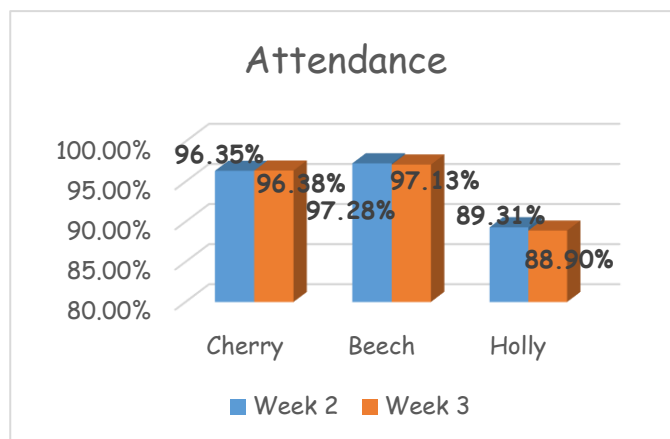
Congratulations Beech Class!

Our school target this year is 96.5%. Please can you make sure that your child is in school for 9.00 a.m. as a late registration affects their class's attendance figures. Thank you.

## GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children, who have been mentioned in our

Golden Book, which is shared in our Celebration Assembly.



## 16<sup>th</sup> January

- Cherry** **Phoenix** - working really hard to be a great listener  
**Tallulah** - having a very positive attitude to learning and trying tricky problems  
**Beatrice** - for settling in so brilliantly and asking questions when she hasn't been sure of something
- Beech** **Charlie** - recognition from other staff praising Charlie's enthusiasm and knowledge in forest school session!  
**Tabitha** is always helpful, enthusiastic and caring in class!
- Holly** **Ellie and Phoebe** - great independent fraction work

## 23<sup>rd</sup> January

- Cherry** **Stanley** - amazing skipping.  
**Beau** - for coming up with interesting food combinations for our salads
- Beech** **Matias** -fantastic concentration and improvement in his handwriting  
**Bea P** - Always being kind to everyone. Bea has a very gentle and cheerful character, which is always great to see in school!
- Holly** **Jayem, Felix, Eden and Flynn** regularly manage to complete class work and extension work. Really good at working through it conscientiously to the best of their abilities

## HEALTHY EATING WEEK

We have been looking at ways to be healthy this week with a particular focus on healthy eating. The children have looked at different food groups for a balance diet and learnt more about what foods help keep them healthy.

"I learnt you need to eat 5 bits of fruit a day" **Cressida**

"I learnt to not eat too many sweets and always eat your 5 a day" **Alex**

"We have learnt what food is good for you and what food you shouldn't eat all the time. We talked about how much of each food group we should eat a day. **Iliana and Esther**

"We made salads in Cherry class; we had an assembly about healthy eating and did skipping" **Beau**

## Dates for Your Diary

### January

- 24<sup>th</sup> Whole School Sharing Assembly  
 28<sup>th</sup> Infant visit from a Brighton School  
 Yrs 5 and 6 Joint Topic Day at Laughton  
 Chinese New Year Menu  
 30<sup>th</sup> FGB meeting

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> RE Day  
 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 to Glyndebourne  
 10<sup>th</sup> KS1 Joint Topic Day at Firle  
 11<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
 12<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
 14<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term  
 24<sup>th</sup> INSET day  
 25<sup>th</sup> Children back to school  
 Pancake races

## **NITS**

Again we have an outbreak of nits, please ensure that your child's hair is tied back and that you check and treat your child's hair regularly. Many thank

## **ECO GROUP**

We had an outstanding response to our call for Eco Group members. The standards of application was incredibly high and it was very difficult to choose the 9 pupils to make up our committee. The successful candidates are: Beau, Zelda, Izzy, Finley, Monty W, Bea P, Esther, Jimmy and Flynn.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

There are still spaces available for singing, guitar and keyboard lessons. Please contact the office if you are interested.

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

Mrs Sison would love a donation of logs for the children to sit on during Forest School lessons.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The children who wanted to be on the new School Council have put together their manifestos and their year groups have voted. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward, it was lovely to read about what they liked about their school and what they would like to change as a school councillor. The results for School Council will be shared with the children in assembly on Monday.

## **GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB**

If you would like your daughter to take part in the girls' football on Thursday lunchtimes, please sign up with Brighton and Hove Albion on line at [www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk](http://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk). There is no charge.

## **YEAR 6 BOOSTER SESSIONS**

Mrs Wells will be taking some year 6 children for booster classes in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling support during school time on Mondays.

## **LEGO WALK**

Please remember the Friends of Firle Lego walk that is being hosted at the village hall on Friday 31st January. It will be a fun event and everyone is welcome.

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Friends of Firle and all for your fundraising over the last couple of years as we have raised enough money for **3 interactive whiteboards (IWB)**! We have used some school capital funding to top up the pot so that each class will have a new IWB by the end of today! It is so exciting for the staff and children as the old boards would no longer allow them to interact with programmes and features. These have been installed today and are going to make a massive difference to representing and interacting with learning for all our classes.

The Friends of Firle started fundraising for one board for Holly class but due to the amount raised we were able to get 2 and with top up from our capital fund we have got a great deal on 3.

We are so happy to be able to provide this resource to the staff and children, thank you everyone.

**PHOTOS WILL FOLLOW NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

## **TOPIC DAYS**

Children in years 5 and 6 will be going to Laughton on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to learn more about the Shang Dynasty, with their peers in Jungle Class. The children need to be dropped off at Laughton by 9.15am and collected at 3pm. They will be having sessions on calligraphy, cooking and modelling with clay. It is a good opportunity for the children to meet with others whom they may be going to secondary school with, as well as using the expertise of our federation staff.

On 10th February 2020, there will be a KS1 Super hero topic day at Firle. A letter will go out about this on Monday.

The year 3/ 4 teachers are planning something for later in the school year.

### ONLINE SAFETY

We have attached a digital update for you on online safety regarding apps that we are aware some of the children have access to. Please read through and let Mrs Brown or Mrs West know if you have any further questions.

### SKIPPING WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday, each class took part in a skipping workshop where they were taught new and different ways to skip. The children have since been practising these new skills at play times and lunch times.

"I learnt how to double skip with a partner directly opposite you, using one skipping rope. It was quite hard but I really enjoyed the workshop"- **Tabitha**

"I think it was really encouraging, especially the hop skipping because everyone could manage it." **Lily H**

"We really enjoyed skipping a lot because it is a good way to get exercise. It did not feel like we were trying to exercise. It just felt like a fun activity." **Iliana and Esther**



### MENU

Please see the attached menu for our Chinese New Year themed day (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020).

**Rachel West and Vicki Brown**

### TRAIN DESIGN COMPETITION

We have our winners - Janet and Helen will be in very, very soon to announce them and make the presentation

Many thanks

Friends of Glynde Station (Fogs!)

### FRIENDS OF FIRLE

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE SMARTBOARD SITUATION!

Thank you for all your support and the wider communities help to raise these vital funds to enhance your children's learning and educational environment.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**31st January-** LEGO FIREWALK FIRLE VILLAGE HALL

· Please return all sponsorship forms, sponsorship money if possible and a game (for the raffle) by 28th January.

· We still need donations of food (savoury and sweet) please and offers to help set up, run, and clear up the event. Sign up on the sheet on the FOF board opposite the office if you can offer your services.

· It would be great to know numbers so we can cater accordingly, so please can you sign up on the same board or ask your children to - thanks J

**14th February** - FILM NIGHT - VALENTINES DAY FIRLE VILLAGE HALL (JOINT WITH FRIENDS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL ) doors open 4.45 - film starts at 5 (food provided in the interval)

· A letter and flyer will be coming home next week for our Valentine's Day film night: our first joint event with Friends of Alfriston school.

- The film will be announced next week - either Toy Story 4 or Smallfoot depending on the votes cast by your children!
- Tickets £5 per child (or buy 2 get one free for families with 3 children or over) to include a hot dog or pizza, popcorn, and drinks.
- This is a pre-ticketed event only and tickets will be limited so return your form and payment promptly. (after it comes home next week!)
- Bar and snacks available for parents (in the kitchen area)
- Profits will be split equally between Firle and Alfriston

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- **FIRLE FACTOR** - 6th March
- **FUN RUN** - 16th May
- **FISH AND CHIP QUIZ** - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
- **RAGS TO RICHES** - (not Bag to School anymore) keep stashing your outgrown and unwanted clothes in a plastic bag in the back of the school shed if you have a clear out - we will have an update about this soon. But we do want your second hand clothing please (again, ask friends, family and neighbours for theirs too)
- **PARTY PACK** - really is coming soon! Bunting, tablecloths and napkins just being made so watch this space and get ready to hire it out!
- **WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO ORGANISE A CAR BOOT SALE? WE CAN HELP BUT NEED SOMEONE TO LEAD IT....**
- Have you signed up to EASYFUNDRAISING? It's really simple and your donations are anonymous. All you do is shop normally and Friends of Firle get money! Its great! Tell your friends and family  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecoeps/?invite=YBVAM2&referral-campaign=c2s>
- Did you know we have a whole load of Firle School second hand uniform for sale. Please speak to your class rep, or Teresa to access this. We are hoping to get a rail set up with an honesty box, to make it more accessible for everyone.
- **The AMAZON WISHLIST** is still live and will be open constantly as essential new items are needed  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YAZ5OR67A1FL?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YAZ5OR67A1FL?ref_=wl_share)  
please share with family and friends and go shopping for the children and teachers (you could do it via the easyfundraising site and have a double whammy of giving to the school!) - Mrs Sison needs a new trolley for Forest School, biodegradable glitter is needed, along with sellotape, highlighters, binbags, felt tips, sand, clay, glue sticks - all sorts and something for every budget - do take a look.
- IF YOU WOULD HAVE A FAB FUNDRAISING IDEA OR WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT, THEN PLEASE EMAIL FRIENDSOFFIRLESCHOOL@GMAIL.COM OR SPEAK TO HELEN OR LUCIE, OR YOUR CLASS REP.
- Thank you for your ongoing support; let's make the Lego Walk and Film Night a WHOPPING couple of fundraisers! Remember we need to raise £5,000 by the end of the summer term!
- Best wishes
- Helen and Lucie