

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks; preparing for end of term events, report writing, carrying out final assessments and we are sorry to announce that some of these have had to be changed or are not able to go ahead due to the pandemic.

You will receive your child/ren's reports next week with a covering letter stating changes to this year's assessment procedure. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July after school there will be a drop in session outside your child's class for anyone who wants to discuss something in the report. These do not require appointments and will run from after school until 4:15 p.m.

Whilst we still hope to run our Sports Day with spectators on Wednesday afternoon next week we may have to make some last minute changes dependent on whether we have any positive cases or not. At present we have had to close 2 bubbles at Laughton so we are being cautious. We will be continuing with our Bubbles for the remainder of term despite Government advice from 19<sup>th</sup> July.

I would like to thank you all for your patience as we come to the final weeks of a very unusual year. I would also like to thank the staff for the amazing and tireless efforts they have made throughout the year; their flexibility to adapt plans to ensure children are engaging in their learning and in paying close attention to their wellbeing.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Cherry Class the highest attendees this term. Thank you for your continued effort to arrive promptly at school before the gate shuts at 9am.

Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home.

### GOLDEN BOOK

#### Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Holly**      **Alex** for always helping to tidy up after break  
                 **Eva** for asking for help when she needs it

**Beech**      **Bracken** for his fantastic acting skills and teamwork in our drama sessions  
                 **Pearl** for showing great resilience in maths this week

**Cherry**      **Scarlette** - having an amazing attitude during our science lesson  
                 **Winter** - always having an excellent attitude to activities at home and school

#### Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Holly**      **Finn** for great leadership and efforts with handwriting (Learning 4 Life)  
                 **Henry** for dedication and effort with his maths and for applying his maths skills to Learning 4 Life fundraising

**Beech**      **Levon** for his outstanding effort and independent work  
                 **Charlie** for making amazing progress with his reading

**Cherry**      **Ruben** making fantastic progress with his reading  
                 **Izzy** sorting out the lunch register every day and helping out with everything

### SCHOOL LAPTOPS

If anyone still has a school laptop, please would you return it as all laptops will need to be updated over the summer, many thanks.

### Diary

14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Sessions a.m.
	Rescheduled Sports Day 1-3p.m
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Holly Class trip to Blacklands Farm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Cherry Class at Glynde Pool
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Cherry Parents to visit
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent report drop in
	Leavers' Service 2pm
22 <sup>st</sup> July	FoFs Summer Event
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Chartwells have issued us with a fantastic new menu for September, which includes such treats as pineapple upside down cake. We will send it home as soon as we have it electronically.

Please make sure that you clear any arrears on Parent pay before the end of term. It is essential that accounts are balanced by the end of this academic year. Any accounts in debt in September will result in children having to bring in a packed lunch, until the balance is paid. Any outstanding amounts owed can be checked by logging in to your account.

## **ALTERNATIVE WHOLE SCHOOL WALK**

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** we will be taking the children on a slightly different annual whole school walk. Whilst government restrictions may be lifted we will be cautious as to whether we adapt our current plans. We will let you know of any changes by the end of next week.

As we will be in the height of summer we will not be going up the Beacon but taking an alternative route that will take a couple of hours.

## **LEAVERS' SERVICE**

We are awaiting confirmation of the number allowed in Church for our Leavers' Service this year. If possible, we would like to invite all of Holly Class parents and carers but again we will need to await further guidance. It will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

## **PATINA PARADE 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY**

Well done to everybody involved in the Patina parade on 2nd July; thank you to everybody who supported the children and to our volunteers who helped to make the structures and outfits, they all looked fantastic.

Our year 6 pupils enjoyed being part of the Moving On event and made Firle very proud as they paraded around the Paddock in Lewes. They joined lots of schools from the local area in celebrating their time at primary school.



## **LEAVERS' PHOTOGRAPH**

The leavers' photograph from this year will be printed in The Argus on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 21, available from all good supermarkets and newsagents at 80p per copy.

## **OPEN AFTERNOONS**

Holly Class had their open afternoon on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and it was lovely for parents and carers to see what their children had been learning. Cherry class have been emailed by Mrs Fitzpatrick and they will have their open session on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Carter is arranging a Beech class open afternoon and further details will follow shortly.

## **VIOLIN LESSONS**

This year, four children in the school have been learning the violin and making great progress. Three of them are also playing in East Sussex Music ensembles at the weekend. Violin is a popular instrument and has been taught at this school for many years. There will be an opportunity for new players to begin lessons in September, so if your child is interested, now is the time to find out more and register them for lessons.

Violin can be taught in small groups or individually and there is a cost for the lessons with assistance being available for low-income families. Lessons normally take place on Fridays after lunch. If you would like to know more then please contact me at [stephen.giles@brightondome.org](mailto:stephen.giles@brightondome.org) or visit our website <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/tuition>. I will also be hosting a Zoom meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm, so please join me if you would like to find out more.

Stephen Giles is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Violin meeting with Stephen Giles Time: Jul 12, 2021 06:00 PM London

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78978039128?pwd=SVg3a1hVZS9OWWV0dDBLa3pTbjI2dz09>

Meeting ID: 789 7803 9128 Passcode: Mozar

### **A MESSAGE FROM SAM**

We have launched some exciting new features on our online mySAM platform, including the ability to now stream and download previous lesson videos, helping to support pupils with their practice. Firle Primary also has a mySAM account, where you can view lesson videos and written weekly feedback for all pupils we teach from your school.

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### **LIFE SKILLS EVENTS- HOLLY CLASS**

Holly Class pupils have been working hard on raising money through their Life skills lessons. They have planned activities to raise a profit and have had to market their service to ensure they meet their targets. They have raised a considerable sum and are planning to spend it on a trip. Thank you for supporting this project.

### **SPORTS DAY AND PE KITS**

Please make sure your child has their house colour top for Wednesday's Sports Day. We still have some children who do not have a PE kit in school every day, this is a must for physical activity and is part of the health and safety guidance for PE. Thank you.

### **BLACKLANDS FARM TRIP**

Holly class will be going to Blacklands Farm on Thursday and Friday for an evening of activities followed by an overnight camping experience and then a full day of outdoor pursuits. We hope they all have a fantastic time away.

### **KS1 GLYNDE POOL DAY**

We can confirm that our KS1 visit to Glynde Pool and activity day at the Glynde cricket ground for all the children in Cherry class will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **A MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL**

Please see the attached very important message

### **DRAGON DRAMA**

Dragon Drama are running an Improvisation Storytelling Event for children this summer at Cliffe Hall. The event is based on the classic children's novel 'Emil and the Detectives'. Please see the attached flier.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown