

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your positive actions in helping the children settle back into a full term of school. We are slowly getting back to a kind of normal, and with the latest government lifting of some restrictions, will be looking at our risk assessment for any potential changes next term.

One thing we do hope to do is to provide a mixed junior playtime to enable the children to have access to the whole playground rather than split it.

This term's topic 'A Country Garden' using the text *The Lost Words* has hooked the children in to learning more about nature and wildlife and they have created some lovely, poems, stories and factual texts from their understanding. They have also used the theme through their art work to produce some fabulous illustrations, painting and salt dough sculptures.

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.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 10th May

Holly Isabel for her amazing work ethic, her hand is always up in class, she always hands in her homework on time and is a great role model for the younger children

Noah, politeness and effort with his maths. He has made incredible progress over the last few months and will often stand aside to let an adult through the door first. Again, an amazing model for the younger children

Beech Ollie H for his hard work and focus in all areas. He has produced some excellent work over the last few weeks

Harry for his hard work and independence. He always has a go before seeking help

Cherry Phoenix R being brilliant in yoga and working hard with his reading

Izzy being a fantastic classroom helper and a great role model

Week commencing 17th May

Beech Emily for constantly seeking challenges and working hard to achieve her well-earned successes

Ollie G for his incredible focus and hard work. Ollie has impressed me with his work in all areas of the curriculum

Holly Matias homework always done well and on time

Dolly trying her best with her maths even when it is tricky

Cherry Marley - amazing phonics - great work with 'or'

Jacob - fantastic story writing

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed some variations coming into school recently and ask that you ensure that your child/ren follows the school uniform policy. This is-

Green cardigan or school sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt or shirt (with which school tie may be worn)

Smart dark grey/black school trousers, skirt or shorts (**no jean type trousers**)

Green gingham summer dresses from April to October

Plain socks/tights in white/green/grey/black

All black shoes (no trainers, crocs or open toed sandals), flat heeled black boots may be worn between October and March. (We appreciate that some children have grown out of their school shoes so please try to replace or

Diary

May

22nd FofsF car wash 10-3

28th Last day of term- Fof F s
Frozen Friday after school

June

7th Children return to school

15th July Holly Class trip to
Blackland Farm

Other dates to be confirmed.

find some alternatives that are as close to possible)

Hair to be tied back at all times

Make-up and jewellery are not allowed apart from simple stud earrings (no nail varnish)

PE KITS

Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school every day, with pumps or trainers. It is really important for them to get changed for physical activity and is safer in allowing much more freedom of movement. If your child uses their PE kit for an afterschool club, please send another one into school for PE lessons
Thank you.

DONATIONS

Love Productions, who recently finished filming Bake Off the Professionals, at Firle Place, donated some cookery bits to the school, thank you to Fay for arranging this.

BIKEABILITY

Our Bikeability sessions were a great success and all the children passed with flying colours! They really enjoyed the experience and are now very knowledgeable about safety when riding on the roads. They received their certificates in worship this week.



GOVERNOR VACANCY

We still have a vacancy on our governing body and would be keen to hear from you if you are interested in this role. For more information please contact the school office or speak to Debra, our Chair.

PATINA

This week, the year 6 children went to Laughton school to meet the local Patina artists who launched the theme with a presentation. The theme this year is **Wild in the Woods** and Laughton and Firle's topic is the oak tree. They were very excited to have the same tree as our federation and the organisers were impressed with their knowledge of trees. The children had the opportunity to design the costume that they will wear for the parade. There will be making days in the lead up to Patina on Friday 2nd July. Cleo from the Wildlife trust visited us to discuss nature and woodlands.

YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

Holly class parents will have received an email this week to advise them that we have provisionally booked an overnight stay at Blackland's Farm on Thursday 15th July Followed by a full day of exciting activities on Friday 16th July for the year 5 and year 6 children in both schools.

After a tricky year, and having missed out on last year's residential visits due to COVID, we really wanted to do something special for the children before the end of the academic year if circumstances allowed. We also wanted to book something whilst we could as we don't know what the situation will be next year in relation to our usual year 5/6 residential visits.

The trip will be a fantastic opportunity for the children and will include lots of skills, challenges and fun team building activities. It will also be a lovely way for our current year 6 to end their time at primary school with their friends before they move on the secondary school.

TODDLER GROUP

Ms Ness is going to be starting a toddler group after half term 2pm-3pm in Pips play area, look out for a flier next week.

EAST SUSSEX PARENTING GUIDE

The ESCC Parenting Team 'Open For Parents' have created a specific 90 minutes online webinar to support parents whose children are starting school for the first time in September. We understand that this has been a highly anxious time for parents, particularly those who due to COVID19 have not had the usual transition process that parents have come to expect. It is understandable that parents may be more anxious than usual and that this may also have an effect on the anxiety of the children starting.

If you are interested in offering this one-off online webinar to your new cohort of parents then please do let us know, we will be happy to deliver the online webinar at a time that suits you and make it specific to the parents at your school. Please see additional information regarding the online webinar below:

Tips and Tricks for a Successful Start in School! 90 minutes (4-5 years)

Often the more supported a child feels at home the better they achieve in school. Come join 'Open For Parents' and receive top tips for developing independence, problem solving and communication skills - all of which are essential for having a successful first year at primary school. The online webinar will be presented by a qualified parenting practitioner, will include a short Q&A opportunity and you will also receive a handy tip sheet and further information on support if needed.

If interested please do contact us on 01424 725800 or email us on info@openforparents.org.uk

FRIENDS OF GLYNDE STATION

Some of the children have been interviewing local residents as part of the Friends of Glynde station project.

Tabitha, Beau, Emily, Dahlan and some ex pupils interviewed Jeff, Gus, Francis and Les.

They have had such amazing questions and been so engaged - finding out about all sorts of things and hearing funny childhood tales and memories, ghost stories and elephants! 200 year old bread rolls and Hitler's love of opera, evacuation tales and bombs at Glynde place along with agony aunts needed for nurses who fell in love with Canadian troops!



FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

FIRLE HORSE TRIALS

Many thanks to Helen for arranging this fundraising opportunity for our horse lovers.

Through the drizzle, downpours, hail and pockets of sunshine, some children and families volunteered to help at the Firle Horse Trials organised by Bede Events. It was great fun and we were provided with pastries, teas, hot chocolates and snacks to keep us going. Thank you to everyone who helped by lending their time - we received a £200 donation from Bede Events for our time.



I just wanted to drop you a note, which I hope you might be able to forward to all your wonderful parents, connections and pupils. We were so hugely appreciative of all your help throughout the weekend and

everyone who was working alongside them commented how helpful and willing they all were. Despite the weather, the event has been very well received and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, so very much look forward to welcoming you all again next year!

Many thanks to you all and particularly for your excellent coordination
Anna


CAR WASH

The Friends of Firle are setting up a car wash service tomorrow at Glynde station. Please sign up to help if you are able to and do bring along your cars for a sparkling clean!

Please see the flier attached for the Friends of Firle school lottery

AMAZING LEARNING

Eva was inspired by this term's topic focus and wrote this beautiful poem for a home learning task.

<p>Nettle Never have I come across something so exquisite its menace. Every day I see you as you conjure up a burn to pr your enemy's innocent skin. They search for the lifesaving Doc leaf and dab it their vicious wound. Tension ascends their shivering spine, for they kn another leaf from you shall pounce again. Leaning out onto the path to act out the scheme o more. Ever again you repeat your plan, harming and scari for you just want to be alone..</p> <p><i>By Eva</i></p>	
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Kind regards
Rachel West and Vicki Brown