

Dear Parents and Carers.

The children are really enjoying their new topics and I have seen some lovely work going up in classrooms.

Regarding the Coronavirus news, we understand that we are in a rather unsettling time and we will keep you posted regarding advice from Public Health England and East Sussex County Council. At present East Sussex have said that their advice is for children to continue to come to school as normal. They have stated that they have no confirmed cases in East Sussex and any absence will be unauthorised unless based on medical evidence that would have to be confirmed through written support from the doctor.

They have also said that the school is not obliged to provide work as the child is being withdrawn at the parents request, however this would not be the case if the school are in receipt of the medical evidence/ certificate. If a child were to miss 10 sessions (5 days) there is a possibility they could receive a fixed penalty notice and fine, if medical advice was not evidenced. The fine is currently £60 per child per parent.

This advice may change in the next few weeks and we are currently looking at procedures to support children's learning should the government make a decision to close schools.

We will update you with any information via email and through the school website.

Please see latest advice from PHE regarding what to do if you feel you have a fever, have returned from one of the listed countries or have been in contact with a suspected case.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

### Cherry

**Torren** - for bringing in a wow slip, (sleeping in her bed for 4 nights)

**Fletcher** - Always saying good morning to me and being so cheerful around school

**Levon** for having an excellent attitude to work and always having a go

### Beech

**Finn** for being helpful and enthusiastic a positive character in class

**Ollie** - Mrs Filtress was very impressed by his hard work and amazing behaviour

### Holly

**Jayem** - descriptive writing

**Gabri** - coming in and working hard this week even though she is leaving

## Dates for Your Diary

### March

- 17<sup>th</sup> Dead battery line-up
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y5 STEAM Big Bang Science event
- 24<sup>th</sup> Eco Reps to visit the wind turbine
- 27<sup>th</sup> FoFs Firle Factor

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Service 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of term
- 20<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

### May

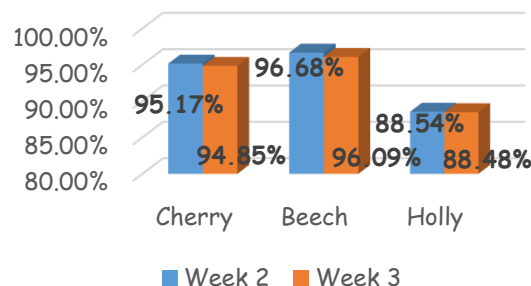
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Bank Holiday Friday**
- 11<sup>th</sup> YR 6 SAT's week
- 21<sup>st</sup> Whole school walk
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Children return to school

**Other INSET days**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

## Attendance



**Ami** - being a great friend, listening and encouraging good behaviour

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Cherry** **Phoenix** has worked really hard on his special book **Fletcher, Tallulah and Izzy** for working hard with Mrs Filtness in their maths class.  
**Beau** has worked really hard in maths all week and is always engaged in his learning, self-correcting and using problem solving skills to keep improving

**Beech** Playground supervisors have pointed out 2 amazingly kind children, **Dolly** and **Georgie** both welcomed and played with Isabel, our new pupil at Firle Church of England Primary School

**Holly** **Isabel** for settling in and working hard in her first work here  
**Monty** - always trying his best great editing and multiplication work. These are both things he found difficult but worked really hard and kept trying. Now he's doing really well with it.

### **ECO GROUP**

The Eco Reps are holding a dead battery line-up and we are looking for anyone who can collect any batteries that they have used at home (must be dead). This event will take place in the playground on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, at lunchtime. In the office, there is a plastic tub with a small hole in the top. Ask the person in the office if you are not sure where it is. We are hoping you can come and donate plenty of batteries.

### **STEAM WEEK**

This week has been STEAM week (Science, technology, engineering, arts and maths). We started the week with a visitor who showed us all about engineering. We really liked looking at how big the cables were for the railway

We have spent to rest of the week doing lots of STEAM related activities. Cherry Class have been learning all about habitats around the world. We asked Beau what his favourite activity was and it was making igloos. In Beech Class we have been learning about electricity and have been making circuits. We have used this knowledge to make shaky hand testers which test whether people can move a handle along a wire without making it buzz. Our themes were Candy Land and Fox and Cat Land.

Holly Class have been learning about weather around the world and have designed and built their own flood-proof houses that they will test on Monday. Iliana's favourite activity has been designing the houses.

We love STEAM week and don't want it to end

By Lily H and Willow (Beech Class School Council Representatives)



**Parent and carers are all welcome in on Monday afternoon at 2:30pm to come into their classes and see what they have learnt.**

### **BOOK FAIR**

Next week, after school, there will be a Book Fair, from Travelling Books. It will take place in the hall selling reasonably priced, good quality books after school on Monday to Thursday. A percentage of profits will be received in books for each class. Please come along and take a look!

### **NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Well done to all those who represented Firle at the Ringmer Netball tournament, yesterday. They played extremely well and should be very proud of themselves.

"We went to Ringmer Primary School for a netball tournament where we played as one team, with children from Yr 4,5 and 6. We played against Ringmer, Blackboys and Laughton. I played centre for my team. I really enjoyed the tournament; it was fun playing against other schools and with my friends as well. At one point it started chucking it down but we still carried on." Ellie

### **FIRLE FACTOR**

We have started receiving application forms in the office for FIRLE FACTOR, which is now taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Firle Village Hall. The event will start at 5pm. There is still time to enter so please hand in the entry forms to the school office, asap, along with the £2 per person entry fee.

### **SPORTS RELIEF**



Well done to everybody who dressed up and donated to Sports Relief on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. So far, we have raised £42 but any last minute donations will be gratefully received.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

It was lovely to see all the children sharing their books last Thursday. They did a number of activities in class to promote reading and we hope they have fun spending their voucher that should come home today.

### **EASTER SERVICE**

A reminder to all parents that we will be having our Easter Service in the church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm. Everybody is welcome to join us for this event.

We also have a great deal planned, linked to Easter, for the last week of this term. Please see the separate information from Friends of Firle regarding the different events.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown