

Newsletter – Term 1 21st October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of Term 1 and it seems to have flown by. So much has been achieved with the children settling into their new classes, completing their Roald Dahl topic, preparing for harvest, parents' evenings and open days for the new 2022 EYFS cohort. It has been jam packed!

A huge congratulations to our new Reception children who have completed a whole term at school. They have been very well supported by their buddies and next term they will be going into lunch and assemblies without them. The buddy system has had a positive impact on them starting school and supporting them with learning the routines and expectations. Their buddies will continue to be there throughout the year to support them. Thank you Year 6, for helping Reception with their fantastic start to school.

Thank you so much for your support this term in helping your child settle back into the school routine. We would like to wish you all a very happy half term and hope that you get a chance to rest a bit before Term 2. There will be a number of dates being shared at the start of term as we have a lot of events planned for the festive season. Further details will follow.

We have an **INSET day in term 2 on Monday 22nd November.**



ATTENDANCE Well done to Holly Class who achieved the highest attendance last week and Cherry Class this week.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 11th October

Holly Matt and Arlina for doing extra work in their own time. Matt - extra maths at home without being asked and Arlina stayed in at breaktime to finish her English

Beech Emily for her excellent descriptive writing in English

Lowen for his creative writing. He recently wrote a very entertaining piece about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Cherry Phoenix H - fantastic singing and actions for our harvest song
Isla Rose - coming in every morning with a smile!

Week commencing 18th October

Holly Bracken - fabulous English work drawing the character of Mr Victor Hazel

Monty - really thoughtful music composition work based on Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev

Beech Arthur and Ida, for their endless enthusiasm and hard work

Cherry Orson and Ralph - remembering not to call out and sitting nicely to listen

Alex - for being such a fabulous member of Cherry Class

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Brighton and Hove City Mission came into school yesterday to collect your donations for their food bank. They were overwhelmed by your generosity, as we were. Thank you so much for making the effort to donate the things like nappies that were really needed. We can be very proud that our parents and children practise two of our school values, kindness and working together to help those less fortunate than themselves.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Firle Bonfire Society were hoping to see if the children are able to resurrect an old tradition of making a guy for bonfire night on the 30th October this year. The entries will need taking to Firle Village Hall between 9am and 12pm on the Saturday or to mine at 42B Bostal road the week before.

<u>Diary</u>	
21 st	Last day of term
22 nd	INSET DAY
November	
1 st	Children back to school
3 rd - 5 th	Holly class - Hindleap Warren
10 th	New to EYFS open day - 9:15am & 13:30pm
11 th	Remembrance Day reflection
12 th	Children in Need day
W/C 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
22 nd	INSET DAY

Each entry will be judged and the winner will receive a family pass into the fireworks and a £10 cash prize. They are also looking for a trustworthy organisation to help with taking money on the night for ticket sales. That's taking cash and processing ticket payments via an app on your phones that they will advise and show on the Friday before (a data allowance can be made per device using 4g) They have asked if Friends of Firle have capacity for +4 people between 5 and 9pm to process these on both gates to the site? The base price is £250 with commission on increases on previous takings from the gate.

They also need 6 confirmed volunteers to shake buckets on the night.

Please reply to helen.sadler@me.com 07789112721 if you can volunteer - it would be an AMAZING amount towards the playground and too good an opportunity to miss.

This has been shared to class reps for WhatsApp groups too.

WORSHIP



WORKING TOGETHER

Mrs Groves led a KS2 worship on working with others. She had managed to obtain a number of balloons from an event had written each child's name on them. When she asked some children to come and find theirs it was an incredibly difficult task but when the whole group picked one up and handed it to the right person it showed how working together is so much more effective.

CLIMATE CHANGE A huge well done to Eva in Holly class who recently led an assembly on global warming. She was very confident and had the whole school engaged with the subject.

'We did a PowerPoint presentation that Eva made at home, Lily and Arlina spoke about plastic in the ocean, Dolly and Eva spoke about Forest Fires and Fletcher and Erin talked about melting ice caps.' Lily and Dolly

READING ARMY

Thank you to those who have responded to our Reading Army request. We would still like more recruits so please contact the school office if you could offer some time for training and a regular slot each week, thank you.

MODELLING CLUB

Mr Fox Wilson's famous modelling club will begin again after half term. It is open to children in Holly Class and will start on Tuesday 2nd November from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Each session will be £5. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.



YOUR IDEAS PLEASE

At Firle CEP School and more recently at Laughton CP School we have been affiliated with Starfish Malawi, a Christian charity that supports schools in Malawi, and also links schools in England to a specific partner school in Malawi. We have enjoyed our link with Thawale Primary School and have raised money at regular events for a number of years. However we now feel it is time for a change and welcome your thoughts and ideas about which charity we can support on a regular basis. Ideally this will be an opportunity for the children across the federation to not only learn the value of helping others, but also to benefit from learning about and respecting communities that may be different to our own, as we celebrate diversity.

So far suggestions have included Chailey Heritage Foundation (a Sussex charity changing the lives of young people with complex disabilities), and City Mission (a Brighton based Christian charity that supports the local community in a variety of ways, including providing a Food Bank).

We welcome your suggestions, so that we can support a charity that reflects the ideas of our school communities. Please discuss this at home with your children and let your school office know your ideas.

HEALTH IN MIND

Health in Mind is the Free NHS primary care service supporting adults in East Sussex struggling with symptoms of anxiety or low mood, please see attached flier for contact details.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 is on **Wednesday 10th November 2021**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. So we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office or email firleoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. The session will last a maximum of 45 minutes, and you will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Head teacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

The Friends of Firle are currently working hard on raising funds for 'Project Playground'. We have had 3 companies in to quote for new equipment and an outdoor classroom and are now finalising the design. Further details will follow shortly.

The children were shown some of the equipment at worship and are very excited about it.



FIRLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Please see the attached information regarding the Spooky trail in Firle which you may like to do with your children during the half term, it is being run by Friends of Firle.

They have also organised a Spooky party for the 31st October, please see the attached flier.

HAPPY HALF TERM

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown