

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all for achieving such a successful return to school in our first term. We are delighted that we have been able to keep all our classes open and have had no confirmed cases of Covid-19 at either school. We recognise that this may not always be the case and have provided some clarity in this newsletter on our contingency plans. Please congratulate your children on how well they have done. We are so proud of the patience and resilience they have shown in taking on the new routines and guidelines. We know that for some of them their hands are feeling very sore from all the hand washing and they have been incredibly brave in dealing with this. Every class has embraced the whole school topic 'Leaf' and the children have produced some lovely writing, art work and designs from this theme. We have learnt lots about polar bears too!

Please remember that the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November as the Monday is an INSET day.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Cherry for their attendance of 92.71% this week. We are going to celebrate the highest attendees in our newsletters from now on and will share the classes' attendance termly instead. Thank you for your continued effort to arrive promptly at school before the gate shuts at 9am

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 12th October

Cherry	Phoenix H and Martha for fantastic phonics and writing
Beech	Shea for a fantastic flying machine and runway Lowen for a brilliant attitude to learning always!
Holly	Monty M for often doing extra work at home and trying his best with all subjects, especially English Alex - always having his hand up and trying his best in all subjects

Week commencing 19th October

Cherry	David for doing amazing maths work "ten and nine make nineteen!" Ruben for always being incredible polite and friendly to everyone Maisie - always remembering to put her hand up
Beech	Ida - impressive vocabulary in her English work. Well done Ida! Kiki - hard work in English and always trying her best!
Holly	Tabitha - being kind and helpful to other children Matias - always trying his best and contributing well in class.

APOLOGIES

We would like to apologise for the late notice yesterday regarding a non-school uniform day today and the opportunity for the children to dress up if they wanted to. We had forgotten to mention this in the previous newsletter along with all the other Halloween arrangements. We recognise that this may have been difficult to organise last minute and that having two emails could cause further confusion. We will make sure this does not happen again and thank you for your support.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are very sad to learn that many trees are having to be felled in the nature reserve, where we go for our forest school lessons with Mrs Sison, because they are infected with ash dieback. Firle Estate have kindly allowed us to use the Millennium Wood, until the nature reserve reopens.

DIARY DATES

October

23rd End of Term 1

November

2nd - **INSET DAY**

3rd - Children return to school

10th - Individual photographs

11th New to EYFS open session.

December

8th - Flu nasal spray

11th - Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Raffle

CONTINGENCY

If we get a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school we will be guided by NHS as to the steps we need to take. We have a contingency plan for this. Should your child need to self-isolate we will provide work on the learning platform for them, from their first day of isolating. If the whole class needs to self-isolate then this will also be the case and teaching will be carried out online. We are currently arranging accounts for Google G- Suite to enable this to happen.

Should the whole school need to self-isolate we would send home a timetable of lessons so that they did not overlap with siblings (enabling IT availability at home).

To help us prepare for any individual or group self-isolation, please could you let us know if you have access to a laptop, iPad or desktop at home. We will then create a list in school of those, who would need to borrow equipment, should circumstances arise.

A MESSAGE FROM LEWES FOOTBALL CLUB

Lewes FC are putting on a full day of football for any child between the ages of 6-14. Come and be coached by first team players next Thursday the 29th of October for only £25! Spaces are limited; please register by sending an email to ROOKIEKICKERS@LEWES.COM.



AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

Lewes FC are also going to run our after school football club for Beech and Holly classes starting on Wednesday 4th November from 3.15 until 4pm. Please sign your child up using the relevant link below:

Beech <https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-FIPS-13>

Holly <https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-FIPS-14>

FLU VACCINATION NASAL SPRAY

Our flu vaccines (via a nasal spray) will take place on **Tuesday 8th December**. Forms have been sent home for you to complete, whether or not you would like your child to have the nasal spray. If you have not already done so please return your completed form as soon as possible.

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The nasal spray helps protect against flu has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Please find attached a leaflet from Premier Education with information regarding their holiday camp during the October half term and details of how to book.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next Open Sessions for parents and carers, with children due to start school in September 2021, will be held on **Wednesday 11th November 2020**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. To ensure we are Covid-19 compliant, only two people are invited from each potential new family. This can be with either your child, or one other adult. There will be a maximum of five parties per session so please book your attendance with the school office on 01273 858260 or email office@firle-school.e-sussex.sch.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. Social distancing will apply throughout your visit. The session will last a maximum of 40 minutes. You will need to bring photo ID for safeguarding purposes and also provide your email and contact number when booking your place for track and trace purposes.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. Our last open sessions will be held on **Thursday 7th January 2021**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2021**.

HARVEST

Thank you everyone for your very generous donations towards our harvest collection for the Brighton Foodbank. Brighton City Mission will collect the contribution today and they will provide much needed relief for those who need it most.

SINGING ASSEMBLY & MUSIC LESSONS

We are thrilled to have Dan (Beau's Dad) back and singing with the children again. Dan sings with a different class outside in the marquee, every Friday morning and it is lovely to hear the children singing together again. Dan also teaches singing and guitar lessons on Friday mornings and has a few slots left for the forthcoming term. If your child would like a free taster lesson, please contact him at dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk for further information. Next term runs from 6th November - 11th December.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see attached the new Autumn/Winter lunch menu. There is no change in the price of a school meal, which remains at £2.10, payable in advance via Parentpay. If you have any trouble with your payments to Parentpay, please contact the school office.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A final reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2020. More information can also be found on:

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents

It has been a busy time and you have all been brilliant, thank you so much for your support. Have a great half term!

Do not forget to share the link below and buy your environmentally friendly balloons!

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/736>

Maybe see you (distantly) on the Spooky Trail in Firle, bags available from both village shops.

See you in November!

Warm Wishes

Helen, Fay and the FOF Team!

friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn 1 Issue: 04 **Don't forget your Spooky Trail Bags and Eco Balloon Race!** Date: 23rd OCTOBER

Thank you everyone who has filled in their forms and run around with children to help get to the AMAZING CALENDAR photoshoots - it is looking fabulous!

Can you help? Email the Team! friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com
Join the Facebook Private Group - Friends of Firle School
*HAVE YOU JOINED YOUR CLASS WHATSAPP GROUP?

Don't forget it's Holly Class's turn to organise a fundraiser next term!

WOW! A HUGE £550 so far!
YOU ARE AMAZING! Thank you so much for sponsoring the FOF Calendar

Gynde Forge, Gynde Village Shop, LOGS, Hunter Gather Cook, Airworks, Green Dan Sash Renovations, Chilli Picnic, Ripe Nursery, Cutting Edge CNC, Discover and Be, Fire Village Stores, Harmonessence Choirs and Voices, North Road Garage, Gyndebourne, Fire Place, Cliffe Vets, Gynde Place, The Home Salon and Chilli Graphics

Our deadline for logos and sponsorship is November 6th if you would like to sponsor it too!

Thank you so much AnneMarie for your brilliant photos! Its looking fab so far!

Spooky Virtual Balloon Race from Dracula's Castle!

Balloons launch on 31st October and fly for a week!

Buy your balloons here – share the link with family and friends!

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/736>

Don't forget to pick up your Spooky Trail bags from the village shops.

Thank you Martin (Lloyd's Paddy) for creating such a beautiful map!

