

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have received our fabulous inspection report from our recent SIAMS inspection. We are delighted that Firle CEP has been recognised for enabling the children to flourish through our strong vision and values. Thank you so much to all those who spoke to the inspector on the day, your children were an absolute credit to you and our school. They spoke with clarity and conviction about their learning and life at school. We are very proud of the inclusive culture we have built at Firle and this was seen as a strength. It is lovely to be able to spread this positive news.

This is the last newsletter of this term and the children are now coming to the end of their topics. Next week is parents/carers evening and we invite you to view your child's learning when you come in to meet their teacher. They should be very proud of their efforts. I have seen some very engaging learners this term as I have visited classes with our school adviser.



Congratulations to Holly Class who had the highest attendance both this week and last week

Golden Book



Week commencing 22nd January 2024

PIPS Beau for aspirational learning and being very respectful all of the time. He always tries his best and is very engaged during learning.

Finn and Ferne for excellent working together in their Explore and Learn. They carried out their own maths investigation.

CHERRY Wilf for working extra hard with his learning all week. Great aspiration!

Maisie for her amazing artwork, following instructions and careful listening. Well done.

BEECH Torren for her aspirational writing! Torren always pushes herself to use ambitious vocabulary in her writing and it is always a pleasure.

Finn for his perseverance with his handwriting, presentation and the quality of his writing. Well done Finn!

HOLLY Dylan for his aspirational writing. He creates beautiful imagery through his use of descriptive and figurative language.

Archie for showing such kindness to his peers. I often hear him complimenting his class mates as well as always being willing to lend a hand. He is a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Week commencing 15th January 2024

PIPS Louis for aspiration in learning in learning. He created a mini storybook in Explore and Learn where he independently wrote three sentences which were based on the sentence writing he has been practising in the mornings. A big WOW moment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note all dates can also be found on our website at firleprimary.eschools.co.uk)

Friday 2 nd	Street Dance Club
Monday 5 th	Children's Mental Health Week AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 6 th	Parents' Evening Safer Internet Day Modelling Club
Wednesday 7 th	French Club
Thursday 8 th	Parents' Evening Year 4 Swimming Spanish Club Chinese New Year Menu
Friday 9 th	Street Dance Club HALF TERM
Monday 19 th	Back to School AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 20 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 21 st	French Club
Thursday 22 nd	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 23 rd	NO STREET DANCE
Monday 26 th	AITC Football Club
Tuesday 27 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 28 th	French Club
Thursday 29 th	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
MARCH	
Friday 1 st	Street Dance Club
Monday 4 th	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 5 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 6 th	French Club
Thursday 7 th	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 8 th	World Book Day Street Dance Club

Andrius for perseverance in learning. He tries hard to decode sounds and recognise them and he perseveres in his reading, always with a happy positive attitude.

CHERRY Polly for respect. Always doing what she's asked in PE straight away.

Augie persevering with PE warm-ups and joining in with them even when he finds it tricky.

BEECH Bella for demonstrating our whole school vision 'living life in all its fullness'. Bella has an infectious enthusiasm for school and is a pleasure to teach!

Scarlette for her kindness. Scarlette has shown a real maturity in managing friendships. She is able to be self-reflective and offer kind support to others.

HOLLY Jacob, Chloe, Carrera and Mabel for their efforts in gymnastics. Not only have they shown great aspiration for their own learning but they have supported their peers in progressing their skills providing tips and encouragement throughout our lessons.

SIAMS INSPECTION 22nd JANUARY

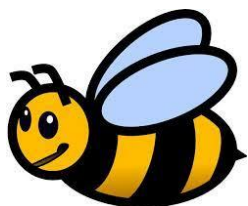
The Diocesan Director of Education has written to the school to congratulate us on our successful SIAMS inspection, he wrote 'It is so rewarding to read how your Vision underpins all you do. Firle is a unique and special community and it is lovely to reflect on all the ways this report describes how children are flourishing within it.'

FIZZY FIRLE MARKET

Well done to the Beech Class children who organised this sale. They raised a massive £53.40 for the school.

WELLBEING SURVEY

A wellbeing survey will be available for you to complete on Parents' evenings. There is also a copy attached if this proves more convenient for you.



CHARTWELLS COMPETITION BEE CREATIVE

All the children have the opportunity to design a colourful A4 3D flower garden for bumbles to feast on when they come out of hibernation.

EAST SUSSEX LOCAL OFFER

Please find attached the new flyers for the East Sussex Local Offer. The Local Offer consists of an information site and a directory of services, sharing information, advice and support for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), in East Sussex.

WEBINARS FOR PARENTS

Supporting children with their mental health, please see the attached flier.

DONATIONS WELCOME CAN YOU HELP?

Voluntary and community groups across Wealden are working together to help organise donations for Afghan nationals who are eligible to settle here due to their contribution to the UK campaign in Afghanistan. They are in need of toys for children aged 1 - 7 years and sports equipment and toys for 8 - 16 year olds. If you are able contribute anything please bring it to the school office. Many thanks



HALF TERM FUN

Please see the attached fliers for half term activities.

STREET DANCE NEWS

Please note that there will be no Street Dance class on Friday 23rd February. After a busy Friday at school the children need a healthy snack before Street Dance each week. Please send them in with one, and ensure it is nut free please.

FEDERATION MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEAD

The government Green Paper recommends that all schools and colleges have a designated Senior Mental Health Lead (SMHL) by 2025. Senior mental health leads in schools and colleges are not expected to be mental health



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professionals; it is not their role to diagnose or treat mental health conditions. However, with appropriate training, SMHLs can take the lead on implementing a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing. Mrs Horan is currently training to fill this position.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

On Thursday 8th February Chartwells are offering a special menu to celebrate Chinese New Year. Please see the attached. There will be no tomato pasta option.



WOOLLY HAT WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 24th January lots of the children wore their woolly hats all day and raised £33.55 for our nominated charity, Chailey Heritage. If anyone would still like to donate this can be done through the school office before Friday 9th February, thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on 6th and 8th February will open on Friday 26th January at 4pm. You will need to use your parent e-School login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

EYFS/KS1 TRIP

To celebrate this term's learning on Dinosaurs, the infant teams have planned a trip to Paradise Park on Monday 5th February, with Laughton School. They will be looking at the outside dinosaur safari, where there is an exciting collection of full-size prehistoric creatures from marine animals to fearsome predators. The children will be able to experience the sights and sounds of prehistoric times while wandering through the dinosaur garden. They will also visit the indoor exhibition where life-size moving models come alive with movement and sound.

CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's mental health week is the week beginning Monday 5th Feb. Teachers will be sharing information from the website below with the children. The focus theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year the focus is on an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Teachers will be planning activities that focus on 'Inspiring change' on the 6th February.

Please find attached two 'Digital Safety at a Glance' leaflets offering guidance for parents around online safety. One is for children age 5-7yr old and the other, 8-11yrs old. These provide some useful reminders and pointers for supporting your children to navigate the online world safely.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL NEWS

All parents and carers are welcome to the FOF meeting to discuss events for this year. It's going to be Wednesday the 7th, 7pm at The Ram in Firle. All are welcome with ideas and support and we will try and get as many events discussed and in the diary.

Mrs West and Mrs Brown