

Newsletter 1 Term 1 Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to see all the children back so healthy and happy. Thank you so much for all your support with uniform and having them in to school on time. It has been a very positive start to the term. We welcome our new families and Reception children who are settling in very quickly and look forward to getting to know you all. We hope that you had a great summer and are ready for the new academic year. We have term 1 dates for your diaries.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Cherry Pips and Cherry Class who have the highest attendance this week.

Golden Book

Week commencing 4th September 2023

Holly Jacob for his aspiration and kindness. He has worked hard on his own studies as well as supporting his peers

Mabel for her aspiration in her writing. She is already working hard to ensure she produces her highest quality work.

Beech Bella for her aspiration this week - Bella has already shown how she always wants to do her best.

Phoenix H for his aspiration in his writing this week. Phoenix has shown a real stamina in his first writing lesson.

Cherry All Year one pupils for settling well into Cherry Class.

Pips Hugo, Beau, Louis, and Rupert for helping to look after the new Pips.

STAFFING

A huge welcome to Mrs Sandra Dry who will be teaching in Cherry Class. We hope you enjoy your time at Firle Church of England Primary School.

REMINDERS

Please remember that we are a nut free school so anything sent in for packed lunches must not contain any nuts, including chocolate spread. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

September

Monday 11 th	AITC After School Football Club
Tuesday 12 th	Year 5 and 6 After School Modelling Club
Wednesday 13 th	After School French Club
Thursday 14 th	Girls' Football Lunchtime Club
	After School Spanish Club
Friday 15 th	After School Street Dance Club
Monday 18 th	AITC After School Football Club
Tuesday 19 th	Year 5 and 6 After School Modelling Club
Wednesday 20 th	After School French Club
Thursday 21 st	Girls' Football Lunchtime Club
	After School Spanish Club
Friday 22 nd	Parent Forum at 2.15pm
	After School Street Dance Club
Monday 25 th	AITC After School Football Club
Tuesday 26 th	Year 5 and 6 After School Modelling Club
Wednesday 27 th	After School French Club
Thursday 28 th	Individual Photographs
	After School Spanish Club
Friday 29 th	McMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm
	After School Street Dance Club

October

Monday 2 nd	Year 6 Safety in Action
Tuesday 17 th	Open Morning 9.15am
	Open Afternoon 1.30pm
	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 7pm
	No Modelling Club
Thursday 19 th	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5 pm
	Last Day at School for the Children
Friday 20 th	Inset Day

bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits - Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore, ok in school.

Often our neighbours have cause to complain about our driving and parking in the village. Please try to be considerate and do not block entrances to houses and also please drive extra carefully along the narrow village roads, many thanks.

POETRY COMPETITION

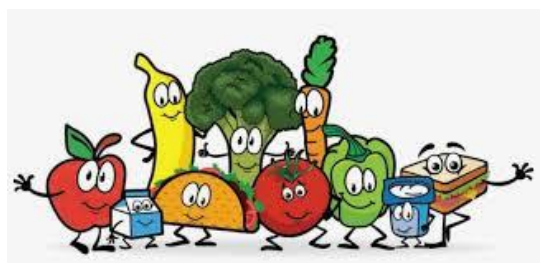
We will be running our school cluster competition again this year and will be launching this in assembly on Monday 11th September.

There are 3 categories, KS1, lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

The children will be given a selection of poems that they can choose one to learn to recite. They can learn a few lines or the whole poem. They will then have an opportunity to share this with a friend and then, if they wish to, their class. 3 finalists will be selected from each class to perform to the school and then the finalists of this will go to KAR on 6th October for the final.

Reading aloud and reciting poetry is part of our English curriculum.

We carried out this competition last year, for the first time and it was a great success.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost of school meals has risen this term to £2.85 for KS2 (years 3 - 6) children, this is payable in advance. If you would like to pay for the whole of term 1 the cost is **£94.05**. The weekly cost of meals is £14.25.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

You will have received the latest club letter via email. Please complete the form and also let the club provider know that you would like a place for your child. All clubs finish at 4.15pm. You need to let both school (via the letter) and the club provider know who will be collecting your child after the club.

CORNET LESSONS

This term, Holly Class will be learning to play the cornet. Lessons will take place once a week. Their teacher is Nathanael from Brass Sparks, who are also providing the instruments.



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

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PE LESSONS

This is the PE lesson timetable

Holly Class	Wednesday and Friday
Beech Class	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherry Class	Tuesday and Thursday
Pips Class	Friday, plus daily physical sessions within learning time.

Please leave your child's PE kit in school all week, PE t-shirts should be in your child's house colour.



UNIFORM

It is great to see the children back in their full school uniform. Please ensure that they stick to the correct uniform;

- Green or white polo or white shirt
- School sweatshirt/ fleece
- Green cardigan/ V neck jumper
- Grey trousers/shorts/culottes/skirt/pinafore
- White or grey socks, grey or green tights
- Green and white checked summer dress
- Black shoes/ boots (no sandals please)
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery except for small plain stud earrings and a watch
- No nail varnish or make up

We will continue to have a uniform draw each term on a random day when all the children, who are in the correct school uniform on that day will have their names go into a hat and one will be picked out for each class. The winner will receive a £3 WH Smith voucher. This is to help support our uniform policy. If you are having any difficulties purchasing a uniform then please speak to the school office.

Please make sure that any long hair e.g. reaching shoulders is tied back and avoid elaborate accessories.

ESCHOOL LEARNING PLATFORM

We will continue to use our learning platform to share the children's home learning, please can you check that you are still able to log on to your child's individual page. You also have a separate parent login which you will need to book parents evening towards the end of term 1. Therefore, please can you make sure that you can access this account as well. If you have any problems, or have forgotten the login details, please contact Mrs Horan. Children who started our school in September will receive their logins shortly for this. Please contact Mrs Horan in the school office if you have any difficulties logging on.

DATA COLLECTION

At the start of every academic year, we update our contact details for the children. I'm sure you can appreciate it is imperative that we have up to date information in case of an emergency. If you haven't done so already, and you need to notify us of any changes, please complete the form sent home on Wednesday and return it by Monday. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

We will continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school with our birthday stickers and celebration in Worship each Thursday. Please remember not to bring in things to hand out such as sweets, cakes etc. for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating. Many thanks



MEET THE TEACHER

Next week we are inviting parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This is for you to meet the teacher who will be teaching your child/ren and for them to share with you how the class is set up and explain the expectations for behaviour, communication, learning, homework etc. We have planned the following dates so that parents and carers with more than one child can attend.

Monday 11 th September	Cherry Class - Mrs Dry	2.50pm
Tuesday 12 th September	Cherry Pips - Class Mrs Prime	2.50pm
Wednesday 13 th September	Beech Class - Miss Partono	2.50pm
Thursday 14 th September	Holly Class - Mr Carter	2.50pm

Parents of those year 1 pupils who are in Cherry Pips are very welcome to come to both the sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend these sessions, as we will forward the information on to you by email.

KS2 FRUIT AND SNACKS

All KS1 and EYFS children are given a fruit or vegetable snack through the government healthy school initiative. If you would like your child to receive this in KS2 then you will need to order through the office. The cost of this is £3.50 per term. If you wish your child to bring in a snack from home then please make sure that it is only fresh fruit or vegetables, thank you.

PARENT FORUM

Please do come along to our first Parent Forum of the new academic year on Friday 22nd September at 2.15pm

PRIORY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

This will take place on Thursday 14th September, please see the flyer attached.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline this year for applying to secondary school is Tuesday 31st October 2023. We will keep you updated with Open Evenings but do also look out for upcoming dates if there is a school you are considering for September 2024.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be raising funds for Macmillan on **Friday 29th September at 2p.m** in the school hall. Staff will provide some cakes and we would also be very grateful for donations too. Please pop along for a chat, cake and cup of tea or coffee from 2p.m on this day.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown