

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter is definitely on its way as the days get shorter and the weather gets colder. We are already half way through Term 2 and already so much has happened. The next few weeks are only going to get busier as Christmas approaches. The children have been busy preparing for the different events. Holly class have the Big Sing next week and the infants are busy rehearsing their nativity. Please keep an eye on the diary dates and emails- we will try to keep you updated with everything that is going on. Just to say a huge thank you for all your continued help and support with all the events taking place in school.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations 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.

21st November 2019

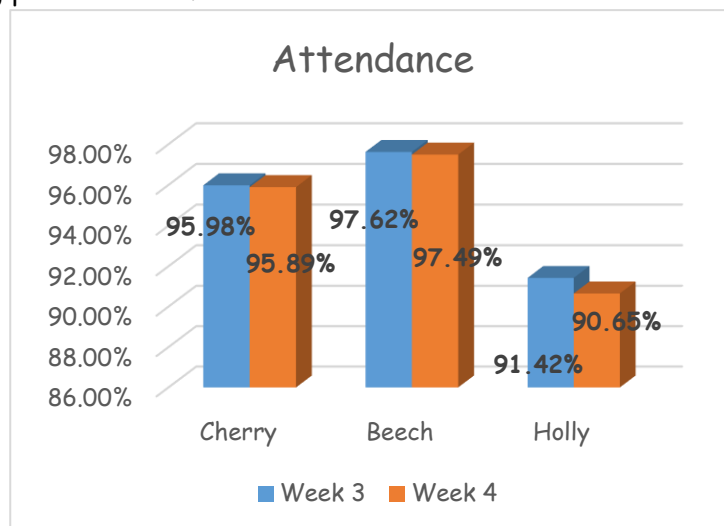
- Cherry** All of **Cherry Class** for being amazingly well behaved and joining in everything at Wilderness Wood.
- Beech** **Monty W** for always working hard
Cress for amazing maths work
- Holly** **Elsie** for amazing STEM work and science conclusions
Ellie for amazing STEM work with her boat design.

28th November 2019

- Cherry** **Bacchus** for settling in brilliantly
Chloe for having a go and not worrying about making mistakes
- Beech** **Ollie** - making brilliant decisions in class and improving his work to show off how amazing he can be
Lily H - brilliant writing, pushing herself to choose wow words and try out new techniques. A true writer!

'THE COMING OF THE LIGHT'

All parents are invited to join us in church at 2pm on Thursday 5th December. We will need parent helpers to walk with us to church: please let the office or your child's teacher know if you are able to help on Thursday 5th December, for either our rehearsal at the church in the morning, leaving straight after drop off or for the church service in the afternoon. We will be leaving school at 1.30pm



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- 3rd Big Sing 5.30pm
4th Pantomime in school
5th Coming of the Light Service 2pm
6th Non-Uniform Day for tombola donation
7th FoFS Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
11th Infant Nativity Play 9.30am
12th Infant Nativity Play 9.30am
17th Christmas Lunch
18th Christmas Carol Service 6pm
20th INSET DAY

20th December – 6th January Christmas Holiday

6th January 2020- RETURN TO SCHOOL

Nativity Play (Cherry Class)

The infants will be performing 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem' this year, as their Nativity, on the 11th & 12th December, at 9.30am Sign up for your seats, outside the office. Please note, we ask that you initially sign up for a total of 2 seats only. Nearer the time, we will let you know if there are spare seats available. Thank you for your understanding.

SOUTH DOWNS CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 22nd November, 3 of our Year 6 pupils from Holly Class took part in the South Downs Cross Country in Lewes. The children had to run 1.5km off road around a field near the football stadium.

There were about 60 girls and about 70 boys competing. Ellie came a credible 32nd place and Felix came 38th. George also put in a tremendous effort competing with children from other schools. It was very muddy at one stage but we really enjoyed it **(by Ellie and Felix)**

HINDLEAP WARREN

A couple of weeks ago, the children from Holly Class enjoyed a brilliant, fun packed residential trip to Hindleap Warren, accompanied by Mrs Groves, Mrs Sison and Mrs Mitchell. Mrs Groves would like to say a huge thank you to all the children for really getting stuck in and embracing the challenges of the trip. She commended them on their brilliant attitude and their excellent behaviour over the 3 days. All the children tried something new and showed great resilience and collaboration throughout their stay. We are proud of them all.



WILDERNESS WOODS TRIP- CHERRY CLASS

The children in the infants had a fabulous trip to Wilderness woods last week as part of their 'Enchanted Wood' topic. They joined up with the children from Laughton and enjoyed exploring the woods in the very muddy conditions. The children built some fantastic dens, which they tested with water and enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen and adventure playground. Lots of fun was had by all! The children behaved beautifully, got stuck in and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all those who helped on the trip.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please send your Christmas Lunch reply slip back to school as a matter of urgency! If your child is in KS2 you will need to pay for Christmas lunch via Parentpay. Please see Mrs Horan if you need a login.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to purchase your child's individual photograph please return your order by 2nd December.

Eco Group

Steve Green from Kings Academy Ringmer came in to talk to the children about setting up an 'Eco Group' at school. If your child would like to join the Eco Group, please fill in a mandate form from Mrs West.

Decorated Jar Day

Well done to everybody who brought in a decorated jar- they all looked amazing and we were really impressed with the quality of your donations. .

Colette had the tough job of judging the jars, eventually she decided on these worthy winners, who took home a delicious chocolate reindeer.

Reception: Alex; Year 1- Tallulah; Year 2- Levon; Year 3- Harry; Year 4- Lily; Year 5- Elsie; Year 6 Ellie.

Congratulations to all the winners for their creative and imaginative designs.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th: Tombola Donation- NON-UNIFORM DAY!

We would be so grateful if you could donate to the Tombola and in return, the children can wear their home clothes to school on this day. We are asking each school family (not each child) to donate three items, which are the following:

1x Bottle of drink (alcohol or nice soft drinks)

1x Chocolates or sweets

1x soft toy (this can be a second hand toy that's no longer played with and needs a new home!)

These can also be brought to the hall the morning or after school on Friday 6th December.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING:

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help so far.... I think we are sorted for the stalls and kitchen help on the day but we still need a few more people to donate some baked goods... especially mince pies!

There is a sign-up sheet on the working board by the office ...please do sign up if you can donate a cake or batch of sausage rolls, mince pies or cakes to be sold at the cafe on the day of the fair.

We will also REALLY need set up help (the Saturday morning) and clear up volunteers.

THANK YOU for all the beautiful jars the children brought in today.

We are super busy preparing decorations , stalls , activities , grotto, food , raffleits going to be great but before the big day please remember:

FRIDAY 6TH DEC - TOMBOLA DONATIONS - NON-UNIFORM DAY

- X1 CHOC/SWEETS

X1 BOTTLE DRINK

X1 PRE-LOVED SOFT TOY

Please bring in one of each of the above per family on 6th December 2019 in exchange for non-uniform day.

HOMEMADE CRAFTS / GIFTS:

If you are making anything for friends and family please could you make a couple extra and donate to FoF to sell on our shop stall. These can be handed in to the school office addressed to FoF OR given to Lucie or Helen at the gates.....thank you!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS:

If you have a pre-loved xmas jumper lying around that you would like to donate we would love to sell it on at the fair. These can also be left in the office addressed to FoF or given to Lucie or Helen at the gate.

RAFFLE TICKETS ;

Please remember to bring in your raffle ticket stubs and money next week and if you can pick up some more tickets to sell, we have quite a few left in the office .

TEA TOWELS:

Thank you to all of you who have paid for and ordered your Tea Towels . Debra will be in the hall after school friday 6th dec with them ready to be collected....We still have some available so please do still order if you haven't yet!

They will also be available at the Christmas Fair.

Thank you so much for all your continued support.

CO-CHAIR FOFS

Lucie & Helen x

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