

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. It is hard to believe that the children are at the end of another school year already! We will be carrying out transition sessions throughout this term to help them prepare for the change. It has been a very busy week and with a Section 5 Ofsted and we are all looking forward to the weekend! We had three inspectors on Wednesday and had a full day on Thursday with the lead inspector. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to you. We would like to say a huge thank you for your support during our Ofsted, the parent surveys were incredibly positive and your children were absolutely amazing. They talked to inspectors and shared their learning and were keen to let them know about what it is like to be a child at Firle. Thank you also for your texts to the inspector as these were referenced in our feedback. The staff are very grateful for your support and good wishes.

We are unable to share any results from the inspection until the report has been finalised and this will take a number of weeks, we hope it will be able to go out by the end of term.

ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Beech Class who attained the highest attendance for the week before half term and this.

We still have children arriving late through the front gate. This is very disruptive to the school day so please make sure you arrive in time to enter via the back gate. Thank you.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 23rd May

- Cherry** Maisie - fantastic perseverance on our school walk
Frieda - for wonderful kindness encouraging her friend
David - fantastic story writing
- Beech** Levon for a brilliant piece of free writing. It was really lovely to see Levon aspiring to complete a really long and imaginative piece of work
Viktor for settling into Beech Class and coming into school with a smile each day. It has been lovely getting to know Viktor
- Holly** Dexter - incredible story writing
Dolly and Tabitha - fabulous editing and up-levelling of English work

Week commencing 6th June 2022

- Cherry** Maisie (from before half term as she was unable to get her sticker) for perseverance on our school walk
Jacob working very hard at making the right choices
Martha and Winter for a really positive attitude and making great posters about deforestation
- Beech** Blake for showing resilience in his first week at Firle. Blake has worked really hard in class this week and we are all enjoying getting to know him!
Ollie for all his independent work. Ollie has brilliant strategies for tackling tricky spellings in his writing and always shows pride in what he does.
- Holly** Charlie for his fantastic work in maths. He has been interpreting line graphs and tables and has created his own questions based on the data
Hopi for her excellent work in English. She has been working on a non-chronological report and has been diligent in ensuring that she includes all of the required features.

Diary

June

- 10th Artist in Holly Class
- 15th New intake in Pips 9.30 - 10.30am (with parents)
- 17th Assembly at Priory School w/c 20th Arts week
- 20th and 21st Patina workshops at Laughton
- 22nd New intake in Pips 9.30 - 10.30am (without parents)
- 24th Sports Day pm

July

- 1st Patina Parade
- 4th KAR Transition day
- Leavers' celebration at Chichester Cathedral
- 5th KAR Transition day
- Transition day for all classes
- 12th Taster day at Priory
- 14th Reports home
- Holly Class Production 5.30pm
- 15th Holly Class Production 1.30pm
- 19th 3.30pm Parents' drop in
- 20th Leavers' service

September

- 1st INSET DAY
- 2nd INSET DAY
- 5th Children back to school
- 7th New Reception children start school 9am until 12pm

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Our new climbing frame 'The Bowfell Climber' which has replaced the dilapidated trim trail is now up and running! Thank you so much for your fabulous fundraising and involvement in events which paid for this fabulous piece of play equipment.

The children were introduced to it by our Year 6 today. To make sure they can all enjoy it and avoid accidents we have put in place the following.

This Climber is for children who attend Firle School. The school does not take responsibility for any child not on the school register using the equipment.

Please follow the following safety rules

- No child to climb above 1.4m which is the height of traversing lower beams. Feet to not go above these areas
- Only try to reach ropes when at the height to hold them unaided
- Let other people pass safely, get down safely if unable to pass,
- Do not move at speed on equipment
- Children to not play/ sit under climber frame.
- No more than 15 children at any one time on equipment and from same class/ year group in school time
- Adult supervision in area when in use during the school day
- Equipment is not to be used when wet to avoid slipping
- Children who do not play safely on equipment to have time out and if behaviour persists then not allowed on for a set period of time, this can include days

Be aware that rope burn can hurt if slipping. In following these rules the equipment can be enjoyed by all. Thank you



STAFFING

We are very pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new part time teacher for our Pips Class. From September 2022, Mrs Prime will work here at Firle in the morning from Monday to Thursday and spend all day on Friday in Underwater Class at Laughton. She attended the new parent meeting last night and hopes to be able to come along to some of the transition sessions too.

Mrs Fitzpatrick will still be the teacher of Cherry Class and the Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have their afternoons as they have this year.

From September, Mr Carter will be the full time class teacher in Holly class and Mrs Groves will take on the role of Music and PE teacher across the federation. Mrs Groves is a musician and we want to improve the standard of

music across both schools. As Mrs Groves also has coaching qualifications we have decided to move away from Premier Sport and provide this teaching 'in house'. The class teacher will take the other PE lessons for their class. Mrs Groves will cover class teachers' PPA each week teaching these subjects.

WHOLE SCHOOL WALK



We had a fabulous day on Thursday 26th May, celebrating Ascension Day. It was so lovely to see the whole federation walk to Firle Beacon as a mark of Jesus ascending to heaven. The children showed perseverance, kindness, respect, aspiration and definitely worked together in demonstrating our school values.

JUBILEE DAY LUNCH

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in school this week with a day of related activities. The children had their picnic lunch inside due to weather conditions and learnt about Queen Elizabeth's reign and what had happened in the world during this time.



School children across the United Kingdom will receive a free commemorative book that celebrates the achievements of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth over the last 70 years. Ours arrived today, so the children will bring theirs home tonight.



CREATE MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

If you are interested in your child attending a music summer school please check <https://createmusic.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people/summer-school/>

HOLLY CLASS ART PROJECT

Holly Class have been working on their art project this week, building up to today's final piece of work with Adele Gibson - a Lewes based artist. As part of their study of the local area, they spent the week thinking about how they feel about our local area and gathering pictures/sketches over the week to create a mood board.

Adele talked about some of her work and how she became an artist. She demonstrated techniques using paint, and helped the children turn their mood board into an A3 collection of ideas in paint.

PE KITS

Please can you make sure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. Getting changed is an important part of health and safety in PE and a number of children often don't have their kit. Please ensure that they have their house coloured t- shirt, shorts, socks and trainers/pumps at all times, thank you.

SCARY DRIVING

Some of our pupils who walk to school have been very alarmed by cars driving at speed up the Bostal, turning in the entrance way and even reversing back up the road, please consider pedestrians, especially children, when dropping off and picking up. The ideal place for parking near to school is the Firle Village Car Park. Thank you. The School Council have made some signs and want these put up as a reminder to everyone.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Please find attached information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by public Libraries.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just to remind you of our after school clubs this term:

Monday	Football
Tuesday	Modelling
Thursday	Gymnastics or French
Friday	Street Dance or Spanish

Please remind your child to bring any kit that they need.

SCHOOL LIBRARY



We are very grateful to Harriet, one of our Pips parents who has kindly volunteered to help us to run library sessions for the children once a week. Further details of this are to follow. If anyone else is interested please let the office know.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Friends of Firle have sent out an email today to inform you all about how you can help them. Please read it and let them know your response. We are having the next meeting on Thursday 16th June which you are all welcome to. It will be in the outdoor classroom at 2:15p.m. many thanks.

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown