

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday relaxing and spending time with family.

We also want to send a warm welcome to all our new families and hope that they enjoy their time with us at Firle. The Year 6 have certainly made a great start in their buddy programme by supporting the new EYFS children at worship and lunch and play times.

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school and able to mix at playtimes. It has also been great to have them together at worship and singing again! Sometimes we take for granted these things and don't know how much they mean until they are taken away from us. Thank you for all your support in helping us get back to some kind of normal.

The whole school is working on the same topic theme this term; celebrating the life and works of Roald Dahl. We hope that this topic will enthuse the children to write and make up characters to tell their own stories. You will receive their topic planners today outlining the objectives they will be covering in term 1.

We have sent home a number of emails recently regarding clubs, Roald Dahl day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and the 'Meet the teacher' dates so please make sure you have received them. If you have trouble accessing these, then contact the school office who will try to sort it out for you. We will also make sure that information is uploaded to our website.

We are looking forward to our term ahead and thank you for helping make such a great start in preparing your chil/ren for coming back or even starting school



**ATTENDANCE** Well done to Holly Class who achieved 97% attendance this week

## **GOLDEN BOOK** **Week commencing**

**Holly** **Noah** for coming back as an exceptional Year 6 with high standards and a great work ethic  
**Dexter** for working really hard on putting up his hand and giving some great answers in class discussions  
**Bracken** for working really hard all day

**Beech** **Year three** for settling in to their new routines so quickly and for working incredibly hard this week.

**Cherry** **Bella and Marley** for being amazing role models for the new Pips and very kind to them

## **MEET THE TEACHER**

You will have received an email regarding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions please see times below:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Beech Class (Year 3 and 4)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Cherry Class (Year 1 and 2 only)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Holly Class (Year 5 and 6)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Cherry Pips (Reception children only)

## **Diary**

<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Roald Dahl day
<b>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Meet the teacher
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> 2 - 3 pm	Toddler Group starting
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Macmillan coffee morning
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	New to EYFS open day - 9:15am & 13:30pm
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest festival
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents evening
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Parents evening
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Last day of term
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	INSET DAY



## ROALD DAHL DAY

You will have received a separate letter by email regarding this. We are celebrating Global Roald Dahl Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September so your child/ren can come to school in fancy dress as either one of the characters from his books or in home clothes as a child from one of his many stories.

## BOOK BAGS

We are now able to have book bags back in school however we would still like to reduce things coming in from home so please keep it to the necessities - PE kit, water bottle, reading book e.t.c.

## TODDLER GROUP

Our Toddler Group will start up again on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please see attached flier and let friends, neighbours and family with toddlers know.

## UNIFORM

It is great to see the children back in their full school uniform. Please ensure that they stick to the requirements below as we will be introducing a uniform draw each term. This will be 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 uniform then please speak to the school office.

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

P.E kits need to be in school every day and can go home to be washed every few weeks or half term for the infants. We are starting the new academic year with house coloured PE t shirts. These can be purchased from the uniform website or a provider of your choice. Please ensure they are plain, thank you.

PE T SHIRTS **Kites** **Peregrine Falcons** **Sparrow Hawks** **Kestrels**

Thank you for your support with this.

Girls	Boys
Green or white polo or white shirt (tie optional)	Green or white polo or white shirt (tie optional)
School sweatshirt/ fleece	School sweatshirt/ fleece
Green cardigan/ V neck jumper	Green V neck jumper
Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts/culottes	Grey trousers or shorts
White or grey socks	White or grey socks
Grey or green tights	Black shoes (no trainers or sandals please)
Green and white checked summer dress	Long hair tied back
Black shoes/ boots (no sandals please)	No jewellery except for small plain stud earrings and a watch
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## LOG ON AND LOOK AT VLE

We will continue to use our learning platform to share home learning and provide online education if your child needs to self-isolate. Please can you check that you are still able to log on to their individual page, thank you.

## 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 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.



## FOREST SCHOOL

We will be starting our Forest School sessions on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with Year 3. A letter will follow with further details.

### COVID GUIDANCE

We have update our risk assessment which is available on the school website under parent information. Please see the link below for further information on covid guidance with children returning to school in September, thank you. <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/24/back-to-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

### ICE CREAM SALE

Pearl has kindly arranged an ice cream sale to raise money for the school. This will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September after school.**



### NEW FIRST AID RECORDING SYSTEM



This term we are piloting a new first aid recording system, this means that should your child require first aid, you will receive a slip home that afternoon recording what actions we have taken.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. As in the past we will be donating your contributions to Brighton and Hove City Mission who look after the homeless in Brighton and Hove.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs have started this week. We are now able to run them from 3.15 until 4.15pm. Just to confirm that some days have changed, we now have the following clubs:

Football on Monday

Street Dance on Wednesday

Gymnastics on Thursday

French on Thursday

Spanish on Friday

### MUSIC LESSONS

Dan is a singing and guitar teacher and also a parent at the school (you may have seen him performing at a number of the Friends of Firle events!) As well as running our weekly singing assemblies and accompanying the children at our church services, he offers singing and guitar lessons to the children on Friday mornings. This term, he has a limited number of spaces available so if your child is interested, sign them up for a free taster session. Please contact Danny directly for more information: [dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk](mailto:dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk) or 07941 760866

**VIOLIN AND FLUTE LESSONS-** Violin lessons will resume on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September and flute on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

### DATA COLLECTION FORMS

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.

Blank forms were sent home last week, please return any changes to the office by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you have no amendments to make please just let the office know, many thanks

### LIFE SKILLS

On your child's topic web that you will receive today, you will notice that we have changed the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) heading to Life Skills. This is because we feel that the objectives taught during these lessons help prepare children for life.

### ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022 you will receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

[https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary\\_school/](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/)

### REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that pack lunches from home must be **NUT FREE**, including chocolate spreads containing nuts. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate 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.



### **COATS**

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

From September, a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost £2.15. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term the price will be £77.40. Just a reminder that pupils moving into Year 3 will have to register for Parent pay if their child is having paid school dinners from September. The school office sent out the registration codes on Tuesday. Please let the office know if you haven't received this.

The menu for this term was sent home before the holidays and can be found on the school website.



### **BIRTHDAYS**

We will continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school with our birthday stickers and table top badge. Please remember not bring in things to hand out such as sweets, cakes e.t.c for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating and are also not allowed items to be brought in from home. Many thanks.

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown