

Dear Parents and Carers,

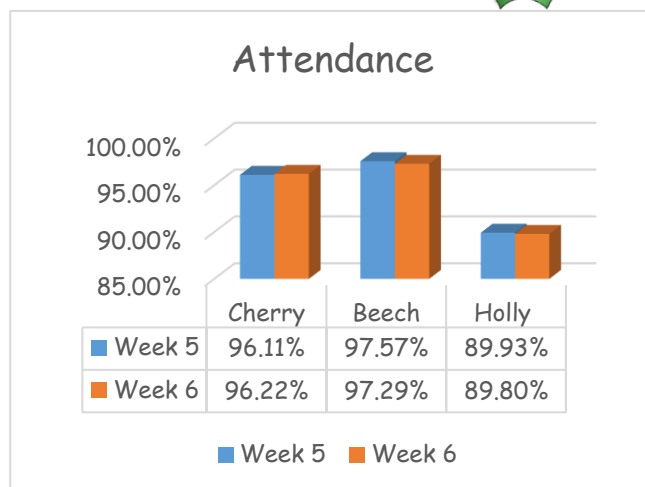
This is our last newsletter for this term and the staff and myself would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. The children will break up from school on Thursday 19th December as the following day is INSET.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations Cherry and 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.

6th December 2019

- Cherry** **Dahlan** for fantastic symmetrical patterns.
Ida for amazing writing for her show programme.
- Beech** **Charlie** for focusing very hard on his handwriting and concentrating for longer periods of time.
Eva for fantastic handwriting, and aspiring writer but also an inspiration!
- Holly** **Gabri** for fantastic punctuation in science experiment write up.
Eden for his cheery enthusiasm in everything he does.

12th December 2019

- Cherry** **Dahlan** - fantastic symmetrical moving pictures
Ida - amazing writing for her show programme
- Beech** **Dexter** - amazing writing in English, perseverance to complete his comic book and feeling proud of his work
Pearl - huge jump in her reading. Motivation to read at home and improve.
- Holly** **Fergus and Flynn** - never saying anything unkind.

PARKING

We are sorry to hear that one of our neighbours will not be attending our Carols for Residents next week as they have been upset by parents and carers parking in front of their driveway access. We ask again for your support in helping us by not using the private road outside the school to park or drive down and by not parking across driveways or access points up the lane. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- 17th Christmas Lunch
18th Christmas Carol Service 6pm
20th INSET DAY

20th December – 6th January Christmas Holiday

6th January 2020- RETURN TO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday, we have our Whole School Christmas Carol Service at 6p.m in Church. This is a lovely way to end our term and there is an expectation for all children to be there to celebrate it with us. Each class plays a role in it so please make sure you are there in good time.

'THE COMING OF THE LIGHT'

Thank you to all those who could make it to our Coming of the Light service last week. It was a lovely service, a favourite of many. The children sang out enthusiastically and were so sensible in holding their candles during our 'Stir my heart Oh Lord' hymn.



NATIVITY PLAY (CHERRY CLASS)

Congratulations to Cherry Class for their fabulous performances of 'Busy, Busy, Bethlehem'. They performed brilliantly, speaking and singing with great enthusiasm. Well done to Mrs Fitzpatrick for leading it and the valued support from Ms Ness, Mrs Sison, Mrs Filtness and Mr Fox Wilson in bringing it all to together with stage lighting and props.



CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree in the hall looks fantastic and has brightened up the school during our festive activities. The beautiful tree was kindly donated to the school by Middle Farm. We are very grateful for this generous donation and would like to also thank Finn C for organising this and collecting the tree for us. If you do happen to pop into the farm, please mention our heartfelt thanks directly. Some children in Beech Class have written thank you letters from the school, which will be passed on this week.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone for their hard work in putting on a fantastic Christmas Fair on the 7th December. Thank you also, to all those who came out to support the brilliant efforts. It was a great success and we look forward to bringing you further updates on the fair next term.

THE BIG SING

A huge congratulations to the children in Holly class, who attended the Big Sing- they performed so well and confidently at the performance at The Kings Centre in Eastbourne, it was a pleasure to watch. They have been rehearsing so well and their hard work paid off. It was a fantastic performance enjoyed by all.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN JANUARY

A letter for our after school and lunchtime clubs has been sent home. Please complete and return your club choices to the office as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

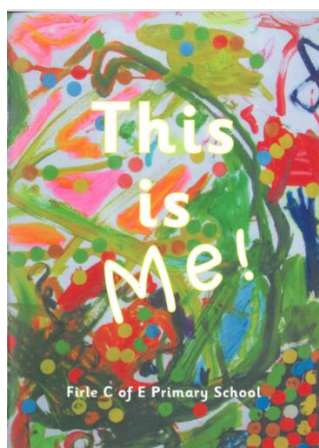
If your child is not going home with the usual person, please let the school office know, as we cannot allow children to go home with other parents without prior notice.

VIKING TRIP

On Monday, the children of Beech class went on a trip to Mac's Farm where they took part in a Viking experience day. The children had a very busy day playing 'Viking Capture the Flag', a Viking game called 'Kubb' and finally making clay artefacts including a personalised pot and an arrow head! They even had a surprise visit to a field of over 2000 chickens- what a treat. Every child showed great enthusiasm and smiles throughout the day and represented Firle C of E School brilliantly. Well done Beech class!



THIS IS ME! BOOK



The children should have all, by now, been given a copy of their fantastic book- This is Me! - a collaboration of work from across the school. It is great to see the book published and we are so grateful for the support from Alexander and Annemarie for helping this to become a reality. The book is on sale in a number of local shops and books shops, as well as in the school office if you would like extra copies. We had a second book launch with a group of children so we could take photos for the press release in the Sussex Express- please keep an eye out for the article.

What a great achievement from our amazing little school and all the pupils within it!



FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

Thank you all so much for helping to create such a brilliant and successful Christmas fair! It was so lovely to see so many old and new smiling faces and lots of locals.... a real community event. Everyone worked so hard all day and we are eternally grateful for all the support. We are working out what money we made and will announce this ASAP. Lucie, Helen and the rest of the Friends of Firle team x

Thank you so much for all your continued support.

CO-CHAIR FOFS

Lucie & Helen x