

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all settling back into school well and whilst we have not been back for very long I think everyone is looking forward to the Easter holidays! You may have noticed with your own children that they have felt more tired in the last week or so as returning to school fulltime has been a big change to their routine.

This is the last newsletter of this term and we would like to thank you all in making the transition back into school so successful. The STEM week really helped the children engage with each other and their learning in the first week back, through lots of 'hands on' experiments. This then supported the reintroduction of more formal lessons the following week, which we are building on, alongside lots of Life Skills sessions (originally called PSHE) to support their well-being. We will be continuing to support all the children with their mental health and emotional well-being through our curriculum and hope to build their resilience through focusing on our 'Perseverance' value through activities, sharing stories and experiences

We will be having our RE days next week as we move into Holy week and on Thursday there will be an Easter Egg hunt for each class which is kindly funded by the Friends of Firle.

We will break up on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Cherry Class who have had the highest attendance last week.

**GOLDEN BOOK**

**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

- Holly**      **Monty M** resilience even though he wasn't feeling great he tried his best.
- Beech**      **Monty W** not getting upset when he couldn't do something
- Beech**      **Hopi**, for her positive attitude and thoughtful contributions to our class discussion
- Beech**      **Charlie**, for his effort in maths and English this week. He has worked independently with fantastic results
- Cherry**      **David** for making great choices
- Cherry**      **Stanley and Ruben** for trying really hard with writing (even though it was tricky)

**Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

- Holly**      **Alex**, Tabitha and Dolly always trying their best and putting their hands up in class even if they are not sure that their answers are correct
- Beech**      **Kiki** for always being well mannered, hard-working and kind
- Beech**      **Shea** for his hard work and focus in all areas. He has had a great week
- Cherry**      **Fletcher** for persevering with really tricky fraction work and getting there in the end!
- Cherry**      **Torren** for her amazing cursive handwriting and always having a great attitude to work

<u>Diary</u>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Forest School -Beech Class
<b>April</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Last day of Term
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Children return to school
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Forest School -Beech Class
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Forest School -Beech Class
<b>May</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Bank Holiday Monday
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Forest School -Beech Class
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Forest School -Beech Class
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Bikeability training all week- Year 6
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of term
<b>June</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Children return to school

## LATERAL FLOW TESTING

We have asked all our staff to do the lateral flow testing twice a week and they share their results with the school office. It is possible for you to collect your own tests now. Please use this link to find out more about where you can pick your tests up.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter about our summer term afterschool clubs will be coming home next week. Please note that although you will book directly with the provider, school still needs to know which club your child will attend so that we can organise where they are going at the end of the day. Please contact the provider in person if your child is not attending a session for any reason e.g. illness.

Fliers are attached for archery and football.

Due to keeping class bubbles separate the majority of our clubs are for KS2 but we will be introducing Street dance and language club to EYFS and KS1.



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

After Easter we will be running a free football club for girls in years 3 to 6 on Thursday lunchtimes. This is an incentive from 'Albion in the Community' to encourage more girls to take part in football. The after school club is open to boys and girls too. If you would like your daughter to take part, please book using this link:

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-FIPS-20>

## RECEPTION YEAR HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

There is an opportunity for parents of children in Reception to complete a Health Needs Assessment, simply follow this link: <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/3232/p/esh3/114525>



## BIKEABILITY

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability will take place this year during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May. A letter will go home about this next week.

## PREMIER EAST HOLIDAY CAMP

Please see flier attached

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' CELEBRATION

The theme for this year's leavers' celebration is 'Called by Name' and the children will be contributing to an art installation for Chichester Cathedral, to symbolise both their transition to secondary school and hopes for the future as we emerge from the pandemic. Further details are to follow.

## LANGUAGE CLUB

Hello! Bonjour! Hallo! ¡Hola!

Would you like your child (or children) to learn French, German or Spanish, in a fun way that immerses them in the culture, places and people of the countries where the language is spoken, at an after-school club during Summer term 2021? If so, please let me know your preferences for language, year group and day, by **Monday 29th March 2021**, either by email to [allabroadbus@gmail.com](mailto:allabroadbus@gmail.com) or by using the **Google form** shared through Facebook groups for parents/carers.

Thank you! Merci! Danke! ¡Gracias!

Jules Vogado \*All Abroad! Bus\* (and mother of Firle C of E Primary alumni!)



## SCHOOL DINNER MENU CHANGE

As Thursday is the last day of term, Colette our cook has decided to serve fish finger and chips instead of Thursday's normal meal

### HOLLY CLASS SAFETY IN ACTION

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service works with the other emergency services each year to deliver 'Safety in Action' events to our year 6 children. The aim of these popular educational events is to help keep the children safe, as well as increase awareness of potential hazards. This usually means a trip to Newhaven Fort, this year however, due to Covid the event will be virtual, we will update you on when it is taking place.

### MUSIC LESSONS

We have Guitar, singing, violin, flute and piano lessons available in school through Danny and the East Sussex Music Service. Please contact the school office if you are interested in booking lessons for your child. These take part during the school day and fees are paid directly to the service provider

### SAMS ONLINE MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar / Keyboard / Drum Kit / Vocals

Online weekly 30 minute one-to-one music lessons from home - learn to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing - Ofsted registered - Childcare Vouchers accepted - [sammusicsservice.com](http://sammusicsservice.com) to enquire - Half-price taster lesson for £8.25!

[Watch this video about SAM's online instrument lessons](#)

SAM Music Service provides **30 minute one-to-one online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing.

Lessons are on a weekly basis, and available **until 8pm on weekdays, and 9am to 5pm on weekends**, there are plenty of times to choose from to suit your weekly diary.

You are welcome to book a **half-price one-off taster lesson for £8.25**, to be sure your child enjoyed the experience and is keen to continue.

[Tax-Free Childcare](#) - SAM is Ofsted registered and accepts payment through the government's **childcare voucher scheme**, along with other childcare voucher providers, a great way to help reduce the price of lessons. Lessons are affordable at £16.50 per **30 minute individual lesson**, suitable for both **children and adults**.

**To enquire**, complete the short contact form on [SAM's website](#), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email [lessons@sammusicsservice.com](mailto:lessons@sammusicsservice.com), or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team.

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### PE KITS

Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school everyday with pumps or trainers. It is really important for them to get changed for physical activity and is safer in allowing much more freedom of movement. Thank you.

### A BIG THANK YOU

To David Undrell, kitchen fitter and carpenter, who donated time and materials to put a new cupboard in our staffroom for storing our cooking equipment. Thank you for a fantastic job David!

Kind regards

Rachel West and Vicki Brown



