

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge congratulations, you did it! Well done for all your home learning, home schooling, using the Hub, juggling work and getting through January. You are all in need of a rest and we hope that you are able to relax over half term by coming off timetable for a bit. If you want some further ideas to keep busy over half term, please find attached a STEM activity grid.

We are all keen to hear the announcement on 22<sup>nd</sup> February which will hopefully map out the plan for reopening schools. We imagine this will be staggered and hope to send a letter out in the first week back with our proposed timetable, following any guidance.



#### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you for attending these meetings. We hope you found it useful to catch up with your child's class teacher. If you had any problems joining then please contact the teachers, via eschools, next term to arrange another time.

#### **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Safer Internet Day 2021 was celebrated on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February with the theme: 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.' The pupils took part in a variety of activities and children in the hub school have shared some of what they have learnt- there are some great messages to share with everyone.

**Phoenix W** - Some things are fake online, if you study something that looks real it might not be real. To check you could ask an adult and research it more.

**Nancy** - If the website has a padlock you can go on it, if it doesn't have a padlock you shouldn't really go on it. Check with Mummy and Daddy.

**Bryce** - When you don't know someone don't type to them because they could be stranger, tell your Mum.

**Rose and Henry H**- we enjoyed playing a matching game, where we had to decide which was fake and which was real news.

**Eaton** - we learnt about scams and how we shouldn't click on adverts

## PANCAKE COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the Cherry Class Pancake Fundraiser. There were some brilliant flips and some delicious and creative pancake creations that were judged by Mrs Brown and Mrs Fitzpatrick. It was a hard decision and we want to congratulate everyone for their efforts. We have definitely been inspired with ideas and flipping techniques, ready for Pancake Day next week.

Well done to our winners:

### Highest Flip:

KS2 Finn

Infants- Reuben

### Most Creative Pancake:

KS2 Eva

Infants- Marley W

### Pancake creation that made Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Brown smile the most:

Abeni



## LENT

Happy Pancake Day!

I wonder if any of you will be considering giving something up for Lent. I always give up crisps at this time of year - although 40 days is quite a long time! If you decide to join in with this religious and cultural tradition, remember our school values to help you: perseverance (at Firle) and resilience (at Laughton). Do you know how this tradition began and which festival Lent is leading up to? See if you can find out and let me know what you're giving up, either via eschools or back at the Hub school after the holiday. Good luck!

*Ms Ricca*

## CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

The children have been celebrating Chinese New Year today and are wearing red as a symbol of this. Mrs Brown even managed to find red pyjamas. Pupils have enjoyed making crispy Spring Rolls and Chinese dragons in the school bubbles. The Year of the Ox, with key characteristics of perseverance, hard work and resilience, couldn't be more apt this year.

## VIEW FROM MY WINDOW COMPETITION

Mrs Coakley was delighted with the number of entries for this competition. The pieces of art were all fabulous and this made the judging incredibly difficult for Mrs Sison from Firle and Mrs Rieman from Laughton, who are both keen artists. They wanted to give everyone a prize as they were so impressed with the creative flair displayed. They have managed to agree on our winners and we would like to say a huge congratulations to Arthur and Sam from Laughton and Izzy and Isabel from Firle. They have each won a fantastic art box which can be collected from school after half term.

There were also a number of commendation certificates for children they felt needed mentioning as they were so close to winning. These pupils were;

Firle- Eva, Arthur

Laughton- Woody, Ben, Henry (Yr R), Nancy, Alice P, Dora and Esta (joint picture)

Thank you to all the children that entered we will make sure they get a celebration certificate.

We will display all the entries on our website shortly

## PARENT SURVEY

Thank you very much for all those that took part in our parent survey on RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) last week. It was great to get your feedback and it has enabled us to review our policy taking the points raised into consideration.

We have attached the draft policy with this newsletter for you to have a read over at half term and we will be having a parent forum on this policy with a presentation on Monday 22nd February at 2p.m.

The link can be found below

Many thanks to Mrs Groves, our PSHE lead, who has attended a lot of training and led on this new guidance for schools to ensure that we are taking the right steps to introduce the new statutory framework for our schools.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9895869412?pwd=K1pqOHhac3dKY2RMcXNvbzVMWjRlFUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 586 9412

Passcode: 077403

With warm regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

## CLASS LEARNING

### Cherry Class

Marley eating snow



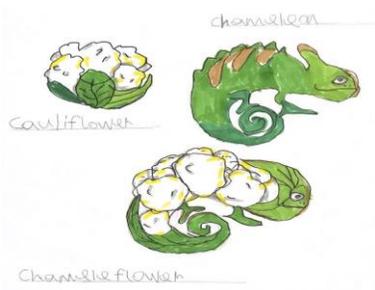
Finn's bird box



Tallulah and her mini snowball

### Beech Class

Levon's fantastic foodimal for his story project this week!



Lowen's creation- he calls it 'England's Edible Ammonite'

Holly Class

Bea's iguana raft

