

Newsletter – Term 1 8th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that we are now able to have our first whole school event with parents and carers, this will be our Harvest Festival on Friday 15th October. We welcome you all to St Peter's, Firle Parish Church at 2p.m on this day. Please can we ask you to wear a face mask if attending this event. This is usual practice for the church and it will enable us to welcome everybody. We are collecting for the City Mission in Brighton and they have particularly asked for donations of sugar, size 6 and 6 plus nappies, gluten free, vegan and vegetarian products, however, any non-perishable food will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Please can we remind you that **Friday 22nd October is an INSET day** so the children's last day of term 1 will be on Thursday 21st October.

We have another **INSET day in term 2 on Monday 22nd November.**



ATTENDANCE Well done to Beech Class who achieved the highest attendance last week and Holly Class this week.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 27th September

Holly Henry and Hopi for always putting up their hand in class and giving things a go

Beech Kiki for her excellent reading. She has worked hard and is Becoming far more fluent
Chloe for bring such positive energy to class, always helping Others and working hard

Cherry

Week commencing 4th October

Holly Pearl and Willow for not giving up with their maths or being afraid to ask for help

Beech Jacob for his hard work and focus this week
Erin for always working hard and being an excellent classroom helper

Cherry Martha always has a very positive and kind attitude to the other children
Abeni - amazing writing about the BFG

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Evening will take place remotely on **Tuesday 19th October 3.30 until 7pm and on Thursday 21st October from 3.30 until 5.30pm.** Please make sure you have booked your 10 minute slot on the website. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty booking.

WHATSAPP

All classes have a Whats App group and if you would like to be part of the one for your class then please contact the school office who will find out who arranges the invites. The school does not set these up or see any of the messages. They are a helpful way to remind each other of school and class events. Please make sure that anything you post is well intentioned and would not cause offense to others. If you are feeling upset about something that the school has done then please contact the school rather than discuss it over social media so that we can direct the appropriate person to support. Thank you.

OPEN SESSIONS

We have our first open session for parents and cares with children due to start school in September 2022 on Tuesday 12th October 2021. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. Please book with the school office on 01273 858260 or email firleoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you.

Diary

October

12 th	New to EYFS open day - 9:15am & 13:30pm
15 th	Harvest festival
19 th	Parents evening 3.30 - 7pm
21 st	Parents evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
22 nd	Last day of term INSET DAY

November

1 st	Children back to school
3 rd - 5 th	Holly class - Hindleap Warren
10 th	New to EYFS open day - 9:15am & 13:30pm
11 th	Remembrance Day reflection
12 th	Children in Need day
W/C 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
22 nd	INSET DAY

MACMILLAN AFTERNOON

Thank you all for your donations and purchases of coffee and cakes, we made over £70!

COFFEE



GATES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We still have parents and carers coming to the back gate during school hours despite messages in newsletters and notices in the gate. Please can you use the **front entrance** and wait to be greeted by our office staff. Do not lift your child over the gate. It is vitally important for us to know that children have arrived safely. Many thanks.



HAPPY YELLOW DAY

It was lovely to see the children wearing yellow today at school to help raise awareness of young peoples' mental health. Thank you for all your support with this.

READING ARMY

We are looking for an army of parents and carers to help Reading Army. This would involve attending 2 workshops, phonics and one on early reading support, then coming in to a regular time/times each week to help a specific year with reading. It would be hearing children read on a 1:1 within the classroom area or supervised outside of the with another member of staff. Training would be provided



set up a one on school at group basis classroom by staff.



We want to ensure that children are heard regularly and build their confidence to read independently. After the pandemic we have noticed that this needs to be a priority for us this year.

If you are able to join this dynamic army then please email the school office. We will then create a google form to see what dates and times work best for training and reading support sessions.

Many thanks in advance.

LILLEY LOVETT THEATRE GROUP

Do you know a child who loves to perform? Would you like to help build your child's confidence? Lilley Lovett Theatre Group is a place for children aged 4 to 18 to have fun, make friends, develop their performance skills and nurture a life-long love of theatre.

Why not come along to a performance of **Alice in Wonderland Jr** on 29th or 30th October at the Laughton Parish Hall. Find out for yourself what makes us stand out from other theatre schools in the area and see why children love being part of the Lilley Lovett Theatre Group family.

Tickets are selling incredibly quickly so buy yours now to avoid disappointment.

More details can be found on the attached flyer and on our website www.lilley-lovett.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

The photo supplement of the new EYFS children will be in The Argus and on sale in all Newsagents and supermarkets on Tuesday 12th October. If anyone is unable to purchase a copy after Tuesday they can call 08007314900 for back copy requests.

PHOTOS

The children had their individual photographs taken on Tuesday this week and you will receive the orders forms today.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The school nurse team are coming in to give Flu vaccinations on 19th October. The consent system has changed so please use the following instructions to give your consent.

Click on the following the link: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.

3. Enter your school code: **SX114525** 4. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent – Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP. Thank you.

If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

The Friends of Firle are currently working hard on raising funds for 'Project Playground'. We have had 3 companies in to quote for new equipment and an outdoor classroom and are now finalising the design. Further details will follow shortly.



Don't forget the **Car Wash on 16th October**, FoF are desperate for people power for car washing on the day and have a sign up sheet on the back gate. Last year they made £500, which was fantastic. If they don't get enough helpers they will have to cancel it so please sign up asap. Thank you

Please see a FOFS Charity Logo design entry form attached. This is a competition for the children and parents/carers to come up with a design that can go out on headed paper, marketing e.t.c. The deadline for entries is 1st November. It can be anything within the square

The Friends of Firle AGM and next meeting will be on Thursday 18th November at 9a.m in the school hall. They would also like to invite all new Reception parents and carers for a cup of coffee and a biscuit in the school hall on Thursday 11th November at 9a .m. Preschool children can come along too.

Friends of Firle need people to replace Helen and Fay as Co-chairs and someone to support Laura, the treasurer. The more people that help out the easier the job is. Ideally they would like to have people assigned to different events during the year to share the load. The Friends of Firle School is a great way to get involved in school life and make a difference towards your child's experience of school. It can be anything from planning events, coming in to help on projects, talking to the children about what they want and fundraising through bids and helping out at events.

MATCH FUNDING EXPLAINED!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work we are all doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the match funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for FOFS Charity.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the us detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for Friends of Firle School Charity and help us raise money for the new playground, smart board and laptops.

If you are able to help us this way, please let us know and we can discuss your companies' requirements. friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com helen.sadler@me.com (Helen mobile 07789112721)

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Helen, Fay and FOFS Charity Team!

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown