

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this term. It has been a busy one and the topics have really caught the children's interest. We break up for half term next Friday. We would like to remind you, we have an INSET day on the first day back after half term, Monday 24th February, so please make sure you have it in your diaries.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 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.

30th January

- Cherry** **Chloe** - amazing maths work and perseverance
Maisie - having a go at tough maths problems
Kiki - Being fair and mature when playing King Ball (a great example)
- Beech** **Eva** - fantastic progress in her maths this term. Eva is flying! She is also showing real enthusiasm in her own progress, what a great quality!
Harry - A positive role model in class. Making good decisions and being kind to others.
- Holly** **Fergus and Eden** - For fantastic descriptive writing

6th February

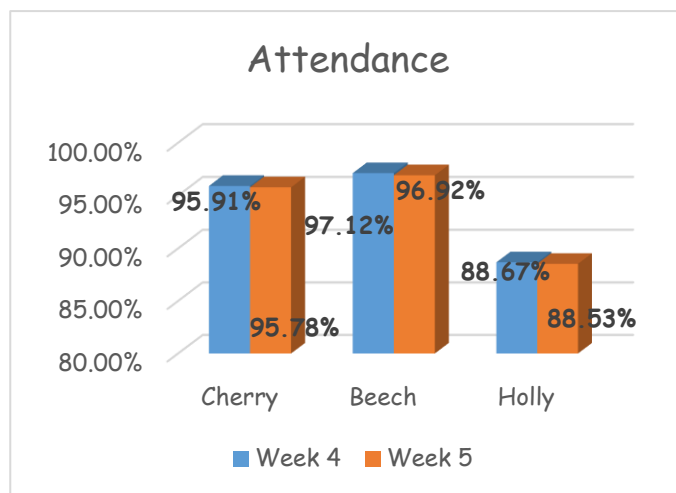
- Cherry** **Stanley** - Being really brave coming into school
Levon - Being really great at working in a group
Abeni - For doing yoga all by herself
- Beech** **Eva** - Respect and hard work during RE day. Eva became Noah for a hot seating activity and it was amazing.
Dolly - For kindness through supporting classmates.
- Holly** **Lloyd and Jimmy** - Excellent focus and concentration on detailed Chinese garden designs.
- All of Holly Class** - For a successful day at Glyndebourne yesterday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward. The results for School Council were announced in assembly last week. Congratulations to our new school council who are as follows: Ollie G, Emily, Dahlan, Jayem, Gabri, Felix, Phoebe, Lily H, Kai, Willow. There are already coming up with some great ideas to enhance our school and are working hard on their plans with Mrs Groves.

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Dates for Your Diary

February

- 10th KS1 Joint Topic Day at Firle
 11th Parents' Evening
 12th Parents' Evening
 14th Break up for half term
 24th **INSET day**
 25th Children back to school
 25th Pancake races

March

- 6th Firle Factor
 13th Red Nose Day

April

- 3rd Last Day of term
 20th Children back to school

Other INSET days
Wednesday 22nd July

GLYNDEBOURNE VISIT

Year 6 were lucky enough to have been invited to an all-expense paid visit to Glyndebourne as part of their Arts Award. The children were really focused and engaged all day and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. They behaved brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. Well done Holly Class.

Thank you very much to Debra, our Chair of Governors for setting this up for us.

'It was really fun and we learnt a lot about using different vocal chords. We also learnt about how the designer decided on what sets to use. It was a great way to bring Laughton and Firle together. We hadn't been told so it was a nice surprise.' (Esther)

'It was good and we got to see all the costumes and wigs. We got to design a costume for a character from The Magic Flute.' (Elsie)

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TOPIC DAYS

Last week, Holly class shared a topic day with the year 5&6 class at Laughton. They enjoyed some wonderful sessions on calligraphy, cooking and modelling with clay. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet with others as well as using the expertise of our federation staff.



'It was really fun. I really enjoyed modelling with clay- we made figures from the Terracotta Army.' (Esther)

'I enjoyed counting to 10 in Chinese and then we painted the characters 1-10.' (Elsie)

KS1 SUPERHERO DAY

On **Monday 10th February**, we will be having a KS1 Super hero topic day here at Firle. The KS1 children from Laughton will join Cherry class and everyone will get to enjoy a variety of activities, including super hero art, fitness, music and dance. They have the opportunity to mix with and meet new friends from Laughton CP School and we are sure they will enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing all about it in our next newsletter.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The sign-up sheets for our parent consultations on 11th & 12th February are in the foyer by the school office. Please come and make an appointment to see your class teacher. If you are unable to get into school to sign up for an appointment, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a suitable time for you.

FOOD IN SCHOOL

Could we please take this opportunity to remind all parents that we are a **nut free school** and as a result, nuts and any foods containing nuts are not allowed in school. Please bear this in mind when making packed lunches, snacks.

Could we also remind you that KS2 children are allowed to bring in snack for playtime but this must only be either a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks e.g. carrot sticks, pepper, cucumber. Please avoid fruit based items such as winders or fruit yo-yos. Finally, could we remind you not to put chocolate bars or sweets into packed lunches- chocolate biscuit products e.g. Penguins are fine. Generally, as a rule of thumb, items in the biscuit aisle are fine; however, items in the confectionary aisle should not be included.

CHARTWELLS

On **Tuesday 25th February**, to acknowledge Pancake Day, we are offering a change in dessert to a pancake with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream. The rest of the meal will remain as per the Autumn/Winter menu for that day. Please see the menu attached.

STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Mr Speller who has joined us as part of his student teacher placement. He has settled in really well and is a great support to Cherry Class. He will remain with us until 27th March 2020.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown

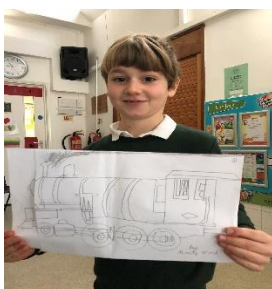
TRAIN DESIGN COMPETITION EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Thank you so much for all the entries to the Friends of Glynde Station (FOGS) train competition!

Our winners from Firle School are Winter, Monty M and Cressida who all have a beautiful cup to mark the occasion!

As you can see from the photos - the designs were taken straight to Thomas at Glynde Forge to start the process of getting them made in metal for the platform.

Thank you to everyone who entered. We will try to use every design we received somewhere on the station!



Best wishes
Helen and Janet

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th February - FILM NIGHT - VALENTINES DAY FIRLE VILLAGE HALL (JOINT WITH FRIENDS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL) doors open 4.45 - film starts at 5 (food provided in the interval)

· A letter and flyer will be coming home next week for our Valentine's Day film night: our first joint event with Friends of Alfriston school.

· The film will be announced next week - either Toy Story 4 or Smallfoot depending on the votes cast by your children!

· Tickets £5 per child (or buy 2 get one free for families with 3 children or over) to include a hot dog or pizza, popcorn, and drinks.

· This is a pre-ticketed event only and tickets will be limited so return your form and payment promptly. (after it comes home next week!)

· Bar and snacks available for parents (in the kitchen area)

· Profits will be split equally between Firle and Alfriston

SAVE THE DATE

- **FIRLE FACTOR** - 6th March
- **FUN RUN** - 16th May
- **FISH AND CHIP QUIZ** - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
- **RAGS TO RICHES** - (not Bag to School anymore) keep stashing your outgrown and unwanted clothes in a plastic bag in the back of the school shed if you have a clear out - we will have an update about this soon. But we do want your second hand clothing please (again, ask friends, family and neighbours for theirs too)
- **PARTY PACK** - really is coming soon! Bunting, tablecloths and napkins just being made so watch this space and get ready to hire it out!
- **WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO ORGANISE A CAR BOOT SALE? WE CAN HELP BUT NEED SOMEONE TO LEAD IT....**
 - Have you signed up to EASYFUNDRAISING? It's really simple and your donations are anonymous. All you do is shop normally and Friends of Firle get money! Its great! Tell your friends and family
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecoeps/?invite=YBVAM2&referral-campaign=c2s>
 - Did you know we have a whole load of Firle School second hand uniform for sale. Please speak to your class rep, or Teresa to access this. We are hoping to get a rail set up with an honesty box, to make it more accessible for everyone.
- **The AMAZON WISHLIST** is still live and will be open constantly as essential new items are needed
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YAZ5OR67A1FL?ref_=wl_share
please share with family and friends and go shopping for the children and teachers (you could do it via the easyfundraising site and have a double whammy of giving to the school!) - Mrs Sison needs a new trolley for Forest School, biodegradable glitter is needed, along with sellotape, highlighters, binbags, felt tips, sand, clay, glue sticks - all sorts and something for every budget - do take a look.
IF YOU WOULD HAVE A FAB FUNDRAISING IDEA OR WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT, THEN PLEASE EMAIL FRIENDSOFFIRLESCHOOL@GMAIL.COM OR SPEAK TO HELEN OR LUCIE, OR YOUR CLASS REP.

Best wishes
Helen and Lucie