

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is here and it is absolutely glorious to be outside enjoying the warmer weather. We hope it continues into our Easter holidays that start next Friday.

This is the last newsletter for this term and we have got quite a lot of information in, particularly regarding next week's events. There are also a number of attachments!

We are still being impacted by Covid at both schools and thank you for your support and patience when things don't go as planned. Please see the letter attached from the Director of Children's Services regarding this.



ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Holly Class who attained the highest attendance last week and this.

GOLDEN BOOK

Week commencing 14th March

Cherry

Maisie for coming into worship every day this week

Bella - always making the right choices and having a big smile on her face

Beech

Abeni - brilliant maths work and explain how she worked out problems

Beech
independently

Chloe hard work in every lesson. She is being resilient when she works

Jacob for being such a wonderful friend in Beech class. He has such a lovely smile coming into

Holly

class! Also, he has been spotted by staff being a brilliant role model to the younger children

Charlie - great ideas and team work during STEM week

Matias - great effort during class discussions. He really joins in and has a go

Week commencing 21st March

Cherry

Bax, Jules and Iris, always producing incredible homework

Beech

Izzy and Tallulah for working hard and taking pride in their work

Holly

Ollie H for a big improvement with punctuation

Henry for his use of commas in his writing

UNIFORM DRAW

We had our first uniform draw today and have a winner from each class. Well done to all the children who were in the correct uniform and to the following whose names were drawn-

Holly- Fin

Beech- Emily

Cherry- Martha

Each child won a £3 WH Smith voucher. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

TODDLER GROUP

Ms Ness will be running our Toddler group again after the Easter holidays starting on **Thursday 21st April from 9 until 10am**. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend and let friends and neighbours know, thank you.

CHAILEY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Last Wednesday we had a visit from a member of staff from Chailey Heritage special school. In assembly Joy Dyson made links between the pupils there and at Laughton CP School in terms of things we like to do, for example swimming, horse riding and moving to music. Chailey Heritage Foundation is the charity that we will now be supporting across the Oak Tree Federation. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know.

Chailey
Heritage
Foundation

Diary

March

30th Yr 5 Forest School

30th 9:05 Easter Bonnet parade

2:30 Parents and carers coffee and chat with Friends of Firle

31st Cherry Class Science Trip

April

1st Last day of term

1st Easter Church Service 2pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs have finished this week and will begin again during the week commencing 25th April. Please see the attached letter if you would like to sign your child up for a club.

PARENTING SUPPORT

Please see the helpful parenting guide with free workshops offered by East Sussex and a list of local events to visit, attached. We have also attached the Brighton & Hove Albion Easter holiday soccer schools programme and the available HAF activities over the holidays for those on free school meals.

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to everyone who donated last week to our Red Nose Day events, run by the School Council. They did an amazing job in planning and organising them. We raised a staggering £277.58!

HISTORY COMPETITION

Miss Partono has extended the deadline for the Women in History competition. Please have all entries in by 28th March, thank you.

CHERRY CLASS TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX

This trip will take place on Thursday 30th March, thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to come with us, Mrs Fitzpatrick will let you know individually whose names came out of the hat! If you need help with payment for the trip please contact the school office.

BIKEABILITY

Congratulation to Bea, Arlina, Lily and Tabitha who all passed their cycling course this week.

Anyone who missed it can join a course in Eastbourne by contacting cycle.training@eastsussex.gov.uk. They also run classes to learn to ride a bike as well.



EASTER SERVICE

This will take place in St Peter's Church at 2pm on Friday 1st April, everyone is very welcome. There will be a collection organised by Reverend Pete on behalf of the Red Cross for those struggling in the Ukraine.

If you are able to help walk the children down to the church please can you let the school office know. We will be leaving school at 1:30p.m.

You are able to take your child/ren home straight from Church so please let us know if you are coming so that we can make sure that they take everything with them. Thank you.

END OF TERM EASTER ACTIVITIES

The Friends of Firle School will be running their Easter Bonnet and Easter garden competition again this term. If your child would like to make an Easter Bonnet and /or an Easter Garden then please bring them in on **Wednesday 30th March** as we will be starting the day with an Easter Bonnet parade.

Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch. The children can come into school wearing the bonnet they have made at home and will go straight in to class to be registered. The staff will then bring them out to the playground and we will have a little parade so that the judges can see all the entries. There will be a winner from each year group.

The Easter gardens will go on display and there will also be a winner from each year group. The Easter Gardens will also go to Church to be displayed at the end of term service.



VISITORS

Yesterday Katherine Knight, who is Stanley's mum took our assembly and gave a brilliant talk on her career as an engineer. The children learnt that to help fight climate change, she has designed a process to store carbon dioxide, a bad gas, in rocks under the sea! Some of our older girls were definitely interested in investigating engineering as a career after listening to Katherine. Many thanks.

SCHOOL DINNERS AND PARENT PAY

Please could everyone ensure that their parent pay accounts have no outstanding balances by the Easter Holidays as Chartwells are unable to run on a credit basis. Unfortunately, if there are still balances owing at the start of next term, children will need to bring in a packed lunch from home until this is paid. Thank you.

SCHOOL GATES

If you arrive at school anytime between 9am and 3.15pm, please come to the front gate, where a member of staff will come out to meet you. If you ever leave the premises, please be careful not to let anyone in and ensure that the gate is shut, we need to know who is on site at all times, many thanks.

SCHOOL BUS

Please can you make sure that playdates don't involve children coming back on the school bus, who don't have a school bus pass. The company are not insured to take any additional passengers who do not travel on the school buses, thank you.

HEAD LICE

We had a had a case of headlice in Cherry class. Please can we ask parents and carers of all classes to regularly check their child's head and comb through to avoid nits spreading, thank you.

ALL ABOARD! BUS HOLIDAY CLUB please see the attached flier

All Abroad! Bus aims to 'transport' children abroad through the languages, tastes and cultures of food, primarily from French-, German- and Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

EASTER MUSIC COURSE

This Easter, Create Music is running a HAF course for budding musicians who want to join a rock band. 'Make Some Noise!' is a free holiday course for children aged 7-12 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Attached is a flyer and application form, 'Make Some Noise!' offers 4 days of rock and pop workshops for children age 7 - 12. Delivered at the Performing Arts Centre (on the East Sussex College campus, Mountfield Road, Lewes), participants will have access to high-quality facilities and instruments and will be supported by a team of expert tutors from Create Music. Pupils will have a chance to try drum kit, guitar, ukulele, keyboards and vocals. They will welcome those with no experience or those who can already play an instrument. Activities run from 09.30-13.30 from Monday 4 - Thursday 7 April 2022, Lunch will also be provided for all young people. You can find out more information and apply online via the [website](#)

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2:30-3:30p.m



Friends of Firle and Mrs West invite you to come and find out about the rest of this year's events and the new playground. Coffee and cakes on sale (any donations of cakes welcome). Pop along for a chat

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown