

## Newsletter 2 Term 4

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have had a busy week with lots of different activities going on. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up in their chosen colours to celebrate World Book Day yesterday. There has been some great discussion and writing about different emotions and feelings going on in classes. We hope you enjoy a relaxing Mothering Sunday this weekend. Please remember that next week we have our parent and stakeholder consultations with DCAT please use the link below to raise your questions and come along to one of the meetings on Monday or Wednesday, see further information below.



Congratulations to Beech Class who had the highest attendance last week, and both Cherry and Beech classes who had joint highest attendance this week.

## Golden Book



### Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**PIPS** Beau for showing great perseverance after being poorly and always aspiring to do his best

Caspian for perseverance when he finds things tricky, for aspiring to do well in his learning and homework with his CVC words AND for trying hard to be respectful towards his friends and adults.

**CHERRY** Fred for his consistent patience and kindness towards his peers demonstrated on a daily basis.

Aida for working hard and taking pride in her presentation when documenting her learning.

**BEECH** Abeni for all of her amazing qualities that contribute to her wonderful attitude to learning. Abeni perseveres in all that she does and I am always in awe of this.

Martha for her kindness to others, especially during group work when she shows a real maturity in supporting her peers to feel included and listened to.

**HOLLY** Carrera and Izzy for working so well together in keeping our classroom clean and tidy and ensuring it is the best possible learning environment.

### Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**PIPS** Rupert has been using his hands to sound out and blend words during phonics. He has been engaged and persevering and joining in well.

Isaac for showing perseverance and working hard. He concentrated so well on his CVC words yesterday and did the task independently.

**CHERRY** Ted for the cheerful way he comes in to school and how he is always eager to make a start with his learning.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note all dates can also be found on our website at [firleprimary.eschools.co.uk](http://firleprimary.eschools.co.uk))

MARCH	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Street Dance Club
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>STEM week</b> AITC Football Club Modelling Club Consultation Meeting at Firle 6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Modelling Club
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	French Club Consultation meeting at Laughton at 6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Club
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Street Dance Red Nose Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Modelling Club
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	French Club
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 swimming Spanish Club
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Street Dance Movie Night in the Village Hall
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair all week Pips and Cherry Around the World Day at Laughton
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 and Reception Height and Weight Reception Vision Check
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class Trip to Fishbourne
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 swimming Easter Bonnets and Gardens Easter Service

Trinity for working independently on her newspaper article about Sunny, the main character from the book Meerkat Mail.

**BEECH** Martha, Maisie, Lexie and Finn for their amazing efforts during swimming this term. I have had some fantastic feedback from all staff.

Lexie also needs another mention for her marvellous maths work this week. She is a fractions SUPERSTAR!

**HOLLY** Arthur for the calm, mature and stoic way in which he handles his asthma in school

Archie for his aspirational learning in all areas of the curriculum. He shows great focus and works incredibly hard.

### **CONSULTATION**

Following on from our recent email regarding exploring the possibility of joining an Academy Trust to ensure our schools remain sustainable, we would like to make sure that the entire school community has had an opportunity to ask questions about what academy trust status means for the Oak Tree Federation. We are therefore holding a meeting where we would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about this on Monday 11th March 6p.m meeting at Firle or Wednesday 13th March 6p.m meeting at Laughton. Parents and carers are invited to join either meeting. We have included a link below to an online form where you can provide anonymous feedback. We would be grateful if you could submit any comments or questions to us by 29/03/2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/akerHX45Qp>

We will also be hosting a separate meeting for parents with SEND children (date to be confirmed) as this has been requested by some of our parents in the federation.

### **BEECH CLASS TRIP TO FISHBORURNE ROMAN VILLA**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Beech Class will be exploring in and around the grounds of Fishbourne Roman Palace and in addition to this all children will take part in a 'Roman Life' workshop where they will learn about what people did at Fishbourne 2,000 years ago, as well as giving children a chance to try a variety of hands-on activities including spinning wool, writing on wax tablets, mosaic-making, arch building and role play in the replica Roman kitchen.

### **STEM WEEK**

Next week is British Science week. The overarching theme for this year is Time. British Science Week.org 2024 have set a task to make a poster; their annual poster competition. Please see the following link for more details: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

If your child would like to enter, please can they bring their entries into school by Monday 18th March 2024. The school council will then blindly judge the posters and we will enter the best five. Key rules:

- Entrants can be teams or individuals - teams will be judged in the age category of its oldest member - any prize awarded will be split across the team.
- Each school/group can enter a maximum of five entries. We encourage you to run the competition with larger groups but to select the top five to enter from your school. If you send more than five entries, we will only be able to include the first five in the competition. You can award further prizes within your school-level competition if you wish.
- Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only and you will need to take a photo or scan of it to send electronically.
- Work must be original and created by the student(s) - please do not use any templates.

If you need A3 paper, please ask your child to ask their teacher and we can give them some.

### **RED NOSE DAY**

Red Nose Day is taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will send out further details next week about what the school council plan to take place in school as part of this event.

### **ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE**

Please see the attached

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#### WORLD BOOK DAY

Children and staff really embraced World Book day yesterday by either dressing up as one of Colour Monster's representations or by wearing clothes in a colour representing a particular emotion.

As mentioned in our previously, we have been working hard across the federation to embed the Colour Monsters into our classrooms to allow children to develop their self-awareness and be able to name and explain different emotions and the feeling linked to each emotion; this all contributes to being able to emotionally self-regulate and promote emotional literacy. We also had time to relax with a book and share our favourite reads with others. We would like to say a huge thank you to parents/carers who came in to celebrate world book day with us.



Claire our cook and her new assistant Kaitlyn served a special menu for World Book Day, Toad in the Hole!

#### PIPS and CHERRY CLASSES AROUND THE WORLD DAY

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March Pips and Cherry Classes will be spending the day at Laughton for their Around the World Day. Please drop your child at Laughton Primary School (BN8 6AH) at 9am and collect at 2.45pm

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately, we have not had enough interest to start either the Outdoor or Arts and Craft after school clubs.



#### BOOK FAIR

After school each day during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March, the book fair will be available for you to visit.

#### SCHOOL HEALTH VISIT

On 26<sup>th</sup> March the School Health Team will be visiting us to do height and weight checks for year R and 6 and vision checks for year R.

#### EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Our annual Easter Service will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. We would be grateful for any help walking the children to St Peter's. Please come to school for 1.30pm if you are able to help.



## EASTER BONNETS AND GARDENS

Our Easter Bonnets and Gardens competitions will take place at 9am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All the children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet or an Easter Garden and the best in each year group will win a prize.



**IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?** It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

### **Coughs and colds**

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### **High temperature**

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

### **Chickenpox**

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### **COVID-19**

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either: have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

### **What to do if your child has tested positive**

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

### **Sore throat**

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

### **Vomiting and diarrhoea**

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Kind regards, Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown



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Primary  
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"THIS IS A WONDERFUL  
HOLIDAY CLUB, FULL OF  
FUN & FRESH AIR!"

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"I LOVE THAT ITS PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITY NOT BASED ON  
TRADITIONAL SPORTS"



**The  
Outdoors  
Project**  
Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

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"THAT WAS SO MUCH  
FUN, CAN I GO AGAIN  
TOMORROW?"

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"LOTS OF GOOD  
OLD FASHIONED  
GET DIRTY PLAY!"

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

# NERF BUNNYNATOR & KIDS VS INSTRUCTORS

# SUPER MARIO DAY

# YOSHI EGGS & BOWSER'S FURY

# GIANT EASTER EGG HUNT

# HOT CROSS BUN TOASTING

# EASTER ISLAND BIG HEADS

# BUSHCRAFT FIRELIGHTING

# SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

# GOLDEN EGG BATTLE ROYALE **BOOK NOW!**

<b>LOCATION</b>	LEWES & LINDFIELD (2 SITES)
<b>DATES</b>	TUES 2ND APR - FRI 12 APR
<b>TIME</b>	9AM - 3PM
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	AGES 5-11 (Years 1 to 6)
<b>PRICE</b>	£37.50 A DAY





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