

## Newsletter 2 Term 4

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a good break over the holidays. The next 2 terms tend to get very busy so please check the diary dates below to add to your calendars. These include our whole school walk on 9<sup>th</sup> May and a number of class and year group visits.



Congratulations to Pips Class who had the highest attendance for the week before Easter and Cherry Class for this week.

#### TERM 4 ATTENDANCE

Well done to:

Louis, Maisie B, Frieda, Hector and Martha. Finn C, Edward, Tallulah, Maisie G, Ted, Jude and Phoenix H, Polly, Izzy, Ferne, Edelyne, Shea, Dylan Finn M, Wilf, Phoenix R, Lowen, Stanley and Bella who all achieved 100% attendance in term 4.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
(Please note all dates can also be found on our website at <a href="http://firleprimary.eschools.co.uk">firleprimary.eschools.co.uk</a> )	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Modelling Club
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	French Club
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Club
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Street Dance Club <b>FOFs Silent Disco</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	AITC Football Club
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Modelling Club Beech Class to visit a Hindu Temple
<b>MAY</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	French Club
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spanish Club
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Street Dance Club
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 1 and 2 visit to the synagogue Patina Football after school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Walk



## Golden Book

#### Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**PIPS** Finn for aspirational learning and working together. Brilliant collaboration with other year groups making a hat for our Working with Others afternoon and for his hard work, perseverance, independently making his Easter Garden.

Hugo for his aspirational leaning, always being ready for learning and making huge progress with his reading.

**CHERRY** All of Cherry Class for their working together skills on Monday at Laughton

**BEECH** Abeni and Torren for their wonderful WWO skills on our trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. Both girls paired up with Laughton children and showed real maturity and kindness - I was so impressed girls!

**HOLLY** Stanley for being a cherished member of Holly Class as well as our school community as a whole. He embodies all of our school values and we all feel very fortunate to have been given the chance to get to know Stanley so well.

Ruben for being an aspirational and resilient learner. He works hard and never gives up - an admirable quality!

#### Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**PIPS** Hector and Ferne for their aspirational home learning. They worked hard at home to make fantastic transport out of recycled materials. Ferne made a super rocket and Hector made an army tank.

Rupert for aspirational learning. Rupert has spent all week making a wonderful giant book with a lot of imaginative ideas.

**CHERRY** Max for being courageous and having a fabulous first week here at Firle Church of England Primary School

Edward for being kind, supportive and helping Max settle into Cherry class.

**BEECH** Ottilie, Eve and Luna for their wonderful first week at Firle Church of England Primary School. They are such a great addition to our class and have already shown kindness, working together skills, respect and courage.

#### **HOLLY**

Levon and Fletcher for not only their fantastic attitudes to learning, but also their attitudes to life! They are cheerful, positive and helpful children who are always ready to learn or lend a hand - a pleasure to have them in the classroom.

#### **STAFFING NEWS**

Next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, will sadly be Mrs Moss' last day at Firle, as she has a new appointment at a school in Lewes. Mrs Moss has worked across both schools and has been a valued TA and HLTA, supporting our children and providing a nurturing presence both in classes and the playground. We would like to thank her for all she has done for us and wish her well in for her future.

Sadly, Mrs Miller, who has been at Laughton for 23 years and Firle for 7 years, is going to retire at the end of the summer term. We are very sorry to see her leave but know she will have lots of fun in her retirement! Mrs Miller has been a tower of strength in the school since she started and has not only led Laughton and Firle in her business management but she has also supported other local schools when they have had staff absences or needed mentoring. Mrs Miller has used her expertise in financial management to enable our small schools to be well resourced despite the lack of funding in education. She is a very valued member of staff and will be greatly missed.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Groves who is moving to Wales to retire. Mrs Groves joined Firle CEP initially as a Year 5/6 teacher and has been the music lead across the Federation since September 2022. She has enabled the school to be more involved in music opportunities such as the Brass Sparks programme where the children in years 5 and 6 learnt the cornet and also the One Voice project at Glyndebourne. She has also led musical performances in school. We wish her lots of luck in her move. Her last day will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **EASTER BONNETS AND GARDENS**

The winners of our Easter Bonnets and Gardens competition were:

Bonnets: Ferne, Leonard, Milo, Marley, Izzy and Carrera

Gardens: Finn C, Jude, Edward, Martha, Fletcher and Carrera



#### **BEECH CLASS VISIT TO A HINDU TEMPLE**

During their RE days in terms 2 and 3, the children in Year 3/4 have spent time exploring Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. To enhance their learning further, we have the opportunity for the children to visit the Crawley Hindu Temple, one of the largest Hindu Temples in the South East. On their visit, the children will be invited to observe a service and can participate (or not) in the service as directed, clap, ring the bell and offer the plate with a lamp on it. After this, they will hear a talk on the various Deities (Gods), the ornate Temple structure inside and the Hindu way of life and culture. There will be a demonstration of how the Sari (Indian ladies dress) is worn, a discussion on the Indian language and alphabet and comparison with English alphabet and finally an opportunity to perform a ritual clap and Bollywood dance. You will have received letters home this week. Please could you make sure that permissions are returned to the school office by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### **YEAR 6 SATS**

Our year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests next month, the timetable is as follows:

- Monday 13 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Tuesday 14 May: English reading paper

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· Wednesday 15 May: Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

· Thursday 16 May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

We will need to make sure that movement around the school at the times of the test is limited to provide quiet conditions for the children to focus. It will also impact on staffing as some of our support staff will be needed as readers or prompts for particular tests. It would be helpful if you can remind your child/ren during this week that there may be some changes to normal routines, thank you.



### SATS BREAKFAST CLUB

During SATs week we will be offering the year 6 children the chance to come into school early for their breakfast. They can arrive at 8.10am, in plenty of time to eat and settle before the tests. The menu is attached.

### SILENT DISCO

Come and let your kids get their groove on with the very first Friends of Firle Silent Disco! Friends of Firle School are hosting a Silent Disco for the children on Friday 26th April from 4-6pm at Firle Village Hall. Help yourself to glow sticks and party paraphernalia to show off your best moves as you dance to a choice of at least 2 channels of body rocking music and top up those energy levels with pizza and squash, all included in your ticket price of just £7! Due to the number of headsets available, there are 60 tickets on sale on a first come, first serve basis so book your tickets today! (As headsets are limited, tickets are sadly not yet available to siblings not attending the school). To book your tickets, head to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoffirleschool/index.cfm?event=events>



### AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Please let the school office or your child's teacher know if you have arranged for another parent to collect your child from school. If we have not been informed we will have to contact you for confirmation.

### PATINA

Year 6 children have started raising money for **PATINA**. There will be a sponsored walk taking place this Sunday, from Lewes to Glynde via Mount Caburn for a picnic. Come and join in! Open to all. Please see the attached poster.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

As the warmer weather approaches here is a reminder of our summer uniform:

Green cardigan or school sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt or shirt

Smart dark grey/black school trousers, skirt or shorts (no jean type trousers)

Green gingham summer dresses

All black shoes (no trainers, crocs or open toed sandals), no boots

Hair to be tied back at all times

### HEALTHY SLEEPING HABITS

Please see the attached flier.

### ANXIETY EXPLAINED

Please see the attached poster about an online talk on anxiety.

### YEARS 3 AND 4 VISIT TO FISHBOURNE



Beech class children had a fabulous time at Fishbourne Roams Palace before Easter, they dressed as Romans, ground flour and wrote in Latin on wax tablets.

### TOPIC WEBS AND HOMEWORK GRIDS

These are sent home in the first week of each term so that you can see what your child will be learning for that term. They are also available on our website on the class pages and the Learning page.

### GLYNDE AND BEDDINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

Please see the attached fliers from Glynde and Beddingham Cricket Club which offers great training sessions for boys and girls.

### OUR NEW STORY SHED



We have a lovely story shed in the playground, many thanks to Harriet for organising this!

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs West and Mrs Brown