



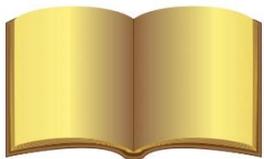
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for term 3 and a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a good Christmas and managed to get some rest in between entertaining some very excited children! We know there have been quite a few bugs going around this holiday so we do hope you managed to stay well. The weather looks like it is turning cold this weekend so please do ensure children come to school prepared as we still want to ensure they have plenty of fresh air during the day.

This term's Topic webs will be going out either at the end of today or on Monday so please keep a look out to find out what your child will be learning this term.



Congratulations to Cherry Class who had the highest attendance this week.



Golden Book

Week commencing 11th December 2023

PIPS and CHERRY

To all Pips and Cherries for their wonderful Nativity performance. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you.

BEECH

Jules for his aspiration in Maths. Jules has shown the hard work and determination needed to master new skills in maths.

Winter for being respectful in class both to adults and within her learning environment. Winter always takes pride and care in everything she does.

HOLLY

Arthur Inglis Hall for being such an aspirational learner. He listens carefully, works hard and challenges himself in every lesson.

Erin for showing great perseverance in her written work. She listens carefully to feedback and takes on her new challenges with gusto.

Week commencing 1st January 2024

PIPS

Beau and Fern for showing real aspiration for learning and coming back to school with such a positive attitude

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note all dates can also be found on our website at firleprimary.eschools.co.uk)

January 2024

Monday 8 th	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 9 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 10 th	French Club
Thursday 11 th	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 12 th	Street Dance Club
Monday 15 th	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 16 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 17 th	French Club
Thursday 18 th	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 19 th	Street Dance Club
Monday 22 nd	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 23 rd	Modelling Club
Wednesday 24 th	French Club
Thursday 25 th	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 26 th	Street Dance Club
Monday 29 th	AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 30 th	Modelling Club
Wednesday 31 st	French Club
February 2024	
Thursday 1 st	Spanish Club Year 4 Swimming
Friday 2 nd	Street Dance Club
Monday 5 th	Children's Mental Health Week AITC Football Club Modelling Club
Tuesday 6 th	Parents' Evening Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th	French Club
Thursday 8 th	Parents' Evening Year 4 Swimming
Friday 9 th	Street Dance Club HALF TERM

CHERRY

Trinity for coming back after the break with a really positive attitude to all of her learning

Orson for trying really hard in all his learning

Wilf for your excellent efforts in reading!

BEECH

David for his hard work in maths today. David has been taking pride and responsibility in his own learning.

Martha for respect and being ready to learn even with other adults in the room

HOLLY

Jacob and Beau for their helpful and hardworking attitudes. They always strive to do their best whilst also helping those around them

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please can you make sure that all children have a coat and hat/scarf/gloves, suitable for the weather conditions. We will always try to get children outside in the fresh air at break times whenever possible.

Can we also remind you that we are a NUT FREE school and packed lunches from home must not contain any foods containing nuts, including chocolate spread, cereal bars etc. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits - Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore ok in school.

CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM - THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2024

On Thursday 18th January 2024, it is national School Census Day and, in an effort, to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) on that day, the menu will be Fish and Chips. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day. Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs. To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 18th January, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day. It is the number of children in Key Stage One eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 18th January. Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. We hope that it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

From Thursday 11th January, our year 4 pupils will be attending swimming lessons at Wave Leisure in Lewes from 9.30 to 10.30am. They will travel to and from the pool by bus and will be back in school in time for lunch.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If we need to close the school due to severe weather etc. then we will first put a message on our website and contact the Local Authority for our school name to be put on their school closures list on their website. We will also email parents and carers as soon as possible and encourage the message to be shared via What App groups. If the school needs to be closed, for any reason whilst the children are in school, we will email first and then start calling families to cascade the information. It is really important that we have the correct contact details for you so please make sure that any change in email, phone number or address has been received by the school office for our records, thank you.



COLLECTION AT 3.15PM

Please let the school know if you have made arrangements for someone different to collect your child at the end of the school day. Without permission given to school, we are unable to release children with another adult. School pick up is at 3.15pm. Please do contact the school office in the event you are running late to collect your child.

CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT

Please find attached the CLASS+ Coffee and Chat Sessions during January - February 2024.

SMALLWORLD TOYS

If you have any spare small world toys in good condition, to support role play and imaginative play, please send them into Cherry Class.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs begin again next week, they are:

Monday	Football, Modelling
Tuesday	Modelling
Wednesday	French
Thursday	Girls' Football (lunchtime), Spanish
Friday	Street Dance

HELP NEEDED

Elderly local lady is looking for help 4-5 days a week, 8:30-1:30 (end time flexible). Good, healthy cooking a must, light housekeeping, errands. Contact Sara Cabot sresnow@me.com for details.

Have a lovely, restful weekend from Mrs West and Mrs Brown