



**Firle CE
Primary
School**

Newsletter 4 Term 2
Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support over this last term, it has been a very busy one and we know that here has been a lot of illness, particularly in this last week. We hope you all enjoy a fabulous Christmas with family and friends and look forward to hearing all about it when we return to school on 6th January.

We have had some lovely events in December, bringing everyone together. Our Christmas Party was great fun and raised over £1200 towards resources, a huge thank you from us all for your generosity. The Coming of the Light Service- my favourite, was very special and the children were so responsible holding their candles. The infant nativity was really good fun and the children learnt so many songs and lines to retell the story, well done.

The children in Year 5 and 6 took part in a wonderful performance at Glyndebourne called 'One Voice'. They sang with the operatic choir and other local schools, it really was magical.

Yesterday, the juniors sang to our local residents spreading the Christmas spirit and this afternoon we have our service in church at 2p.m. Please see further details about these events in this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Holly Class who had the highest attendance percentage for last week and Cherry Class for this week.



DATES FOR YOR DIARIES

JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 th	Term 3 starts
Thursday 9 th	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 10 th 9.15am	Open Morning
Monday 13 th	After School Clubs start
Thursday 16 th	Census Day, Pizza Menu, Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 23 rd	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 30 th	Year 4 Swimming
FEBRUARY 2025	
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 11 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evening, Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 th	End of Term 3
Monday 24 th	Term 4 starts
Remaining INSET Days for 2024/2025 21 st & 22 nd July	

(also available at <https://firleprimary.eschools.co.uk/>)



Golden Book

Week commencing 9th December 2024

PIPS Romy I'm so proud of this Pip for trying so hard to have a HUGE voice in the Nativity. It's a really bit deal to speak in front of everyone and you have overcome your nervousness in rehearsals. Well done Romy.

Ava - Oh Ava you have been such an amazing help in our classroom getting ready for the Nativity. You have been really kindly helping Hunter get his headdress on each time. You Superstar!

CHERRY Max has been an outstanding member of our Nativity, learning all the actions and words to the songs and making a huge effort to sing to his fullest.

Hector has been showing off his phonics and maths knowledge he has been learning by setting off on his work independently. We are so proud of how you are working so hard in all your subjects.

BEECH Luna for her aspiration in all her learning. Luna always strives to do her best and pushes herself to complete extra challenges during lessons.

Maisie for her perseverance this week. Maisie has really impressed us with her hard work; completing all her maths work and her reading comprehension papers this week. Keep up the amazing work Maisie.

HOLLY Otilie has shown great character when facing challenges in maths. She has worked hard, not once giving up, and has developed confidence and achieved many successes in her maths lessons. Well done Otilie!

Fletcher for the fantastic progress he is making in maths. Fletcher listens carefully and works incredibly hard. This has enabled him to quickly pick up concepts and then apply them to problem solving activities, where he has also used his mental maths skills to great effect.

Week commencing 16th December 2024

PIPS Dotty for being such a Positive Pip! Thank you.

Bluebelle so proud of this Pip for making such a fabulous effort with reading. Merry Christmas to all the Pips!

CHERRY Rupert for being such a wonderful member of Cherry class. You are such a lovely, kind and clever boy. Keep making everyone smile at your new school.

Neve has been so helpful and kind this week. She has been super kind to her friends and Pips and is always the first to offer help.

BEECH Phoenix for his kindness towards others. Phoenix has such a kind heart and cares for his friends very much, making sure that they have what they needs and putting others first. Thank you Phoenix.

Edelyne for her amazing attitude to learning. Edelyne is often spotted being kind and also making sure that others are treated fairly. She has also been a superstar in learning her 4 times tables!!

HOLLY Martha and Scarlette for showing great perseverance in both their work and their day to day schooling. They have been under the weather lately but have soldiered on. Well done girls!



VIOLIN LESSONS

If any child would like to take up violin lessons a new violin group with Mr Giles will be starting in January. Some children have recently had taster violin lessons at school, but anyone would be welcome to join at this point. Violin lessons are offered through Create Music. Mr Giles has worked as violin teacher at the school for over 20 years. To contact him please

email stephen.giles@createmusic.org.uk or to register for lessons please sign up here: <https://createmusic.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people/lessons-at-school/>

KS2 TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Mr Carter and Miss Partono will be taking their classes to visit the Natural History Museum on Tuesday 28th January. Please sign up and pay for this trip on the Arbor app. Many thanks



EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

Our Reception and Infant Children performed their nativity to parents twice on Friday. Both performances were exceptional! Well done children and many thanks to Mrs Dyer, Ms Ness, Mrs Sadler and Mrs Sison. You can see plenty of pictures of our website.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING

A reminder that year 4 will start their swimming lesson in January. Please remember to give permission and make payment via your Arbor parent portal by the end of today.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for your very kind donations for Chailey Heritage, we saw many and varied Christmas Jumpers!

CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to Middle Farm who very kindly donated our beautiful Christmas Tree. Our School Council made a very proficient job of the decorating!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to Claire and Caitling from Chartwells for cooking a delicious Christmas dinner this week, everybody enjoyed it.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 is on **Friday 10th January 2025 at 9.15am**. So that we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01273 858260 or email firleoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

HARVEST DONATIONS

We wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for the wonderful donations that you gave to Brighton Food Bank. These donations have been greatly appreciated and will bless so many people across the city.



FOOTBALL CLUBS FOR TERMS 3 AND 4

Please use the following links to book your child's place.
After School

Club: <https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-FIPS-34>

Girls Lunch

Club: <https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASCG-FIPS-8>

ALL ABROAD! TO 'LA FIESTA MAYOR DE SANT ANTONI' is an interactive, multi-sensory, immersive experience, including an original immersive 360° VR headset tour - coming to the Studio @ Depot Cinema, Kitchen & Bar on FRI 3RD JAN (11-7pm) AND SAT 4TH JAN (11-5pm), FREE, just drop-in!

This experience aims to 'transport' visitors to an exhilarating neighbourhood festival in Barcelona, to feel like you're really there, amidst human towers, dancing giants, fire runners and more - with some typical local flavours to sample too!

Come and see what our immersive experiences are all about! It's also a chance to speak, practise or even learn some Spanish!

<https://www.allabroadbus.org/la-fiesta-mayor-sant-antoni>



HOW ARE YOU REALLY FEELING?

A new campaign has launched in Sussex to encourage people to look after their mental wellbeing over the winter months and seek support when needed. Did you know that around 220,000 thousand people living and working in Sussex are thought to have a common mental health condition? However, the true number is thought to be much higher as this only accounts for those people who have accessed services. The 'How Are You Really Feeling?' campaign, which runs from **Tuesday 10 December 2024 to Sunday 12 January 2025**, is designed to raise awareness of the range of services and resources available in Sussex to support people with their mental wellbeing over the Christmas and new year period. It also aims to make mental health a positive part of everyday conversation by encouraging everyone to regularly check-in with themselves and those around them. To find out more about the campaign, and for support and resources, please visit www.how-are-you-really-feeling-sussex.nhs.uk. If you would like more information and advice about what people can do this winter, go to www.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/get-the-right-care, and for additional mental health guidance, the Every Mind Matters website is a very useful resource: www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters.

NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions

without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out, donated gifts and came along to the FOF Christmas Party last Saturday. Despite Storm Darragh making things pretty bleak outside lots of people came along. It was a really fun afternoon and really showed the wonderful spirit and togetherness of Firle School. We hope you had a lovely time too.

Additionally, we also raised £1256.50, all of which will all go into helping the school. So thank you very much for your generosity - it is hugely appreciated. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year, whatever you are going to be doing. Friends of Firle School x

Kind regards

Mrs West and Mrs Brown