



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you this afternoon in church for our Harvest Festival. We are walking from school at 1:30p.m and the service will start at 2p.m. Thank you very much for all your donations, these will be taken to City Mission Foodbank next week and will be used to support many families.

We are about to go into week 8 which seems like a long term and I'm sure everyone will be ready for half term on 25th October! Thank you very much for your support this term as the children have settled in to the new academic year. It is so important for us to all work together.

Next week we have Holly class out at Glyndebourne on Tuesday. We have been informed that it is suitable for 10+ years which is why we are taking just the years 5 and 6. All classes will have trips during the year and teachers will let you know when these are coming up.

Please make sure that you have signed up for parents evening on Tuesday or Thursday (or Wednesday for Holly Class). This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled in to the new academic year and the areas of learning to focus on. Please keep discussion time to 10 minutes so that appointments aren't delayed for other parents and carers. If you wish to discuss something at length then please arrange another time to catch up with the teacher, thank you.

The term will end with the Spooky disco next Friday after school in the village hall. Please can you make sure that there are no scary masks as they have previously upset the younger children. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Cherry Class who had the highest attendance percentage over the last 2 weeks, well done!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

OCTOBER 2024	
Tuesday 22 nd	Holly to Glyndebourne
	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 th	End of Term 1
NOVEMBER 2024	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 2
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Remembrance Day
	Open Afternoon 1.15pm
Tuesday 12 th	Flu Vaccine
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th	Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 27 th - Friday 29 th	Holly Class to Hindleap Warren

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



Golden Book

Week commencing 7th October 2024

PIPS Dotty for trying so hard and persevering with listening on the carpet. It's tricky but you are doing so well, well done!

Bluebelle for working so hard with remembering all the letter sounds. Really aspirational and trying your best.

CHERRY Rupert and Andrius have been working so hard this week. Always engaging on the carpet and answering questions and sharing ideas with their partners. They have persevered with their work and have been brave in taking on challenges.

BEECH Polly and Luna for their aspiration in their writing. Both girls have been working hard to make sure that their handwriting looks beautiful and their writing looks beautiful and their writing is the best that it can be.

HOLLY Martha for her aspirational leaning in all areas of the curriculum. She always gives one hundred percent and shows a positive attitude when it comes to editing and revising her work.

Scarlette for the mature way in which she goes about her work. She is efficient, resilient and is willing to take risks in her learning.

Week commencing 14th October 2024

PIPS Hunter for fabulous reading this week, super sounding out and excellent letter spotting.

Romy we are so impressed with how hard you are trying to sit beautifully and listen carefully on the carpet.

CHERRY Archie has shown such perseverance and enthusiasm for his first full week at Firle. We are so happy that he has joined our class and we are enjoying getting to know you! You have tried so hard at all of your new lessons and playing kindly with your new friends.

Louis has been working so hard on all of the school values this week. He has worked so hard staying calm and being ready to learn. He has been persevering at his maths and English and has been making wonderful progress.

BEECH Edelyne for her aspiration and enthusiasm this week. Edelyne has been taking ownership of her learning and choosing a learning space in the class where she will do her best work! She was also spotted singing with enthusiasm during singing assembly!

Edward for his kindness and helpfulness in class. Edward cares greatly about the organisation of the classroom and helps his peers keep resources tidy and respected.

HOLLY Blake for the aspiration he has shown in improving his handwriting. His progress has been truly astounding!

Arthur for his aspirational learning in maths. He works incredibly hard - always seeking challenge and showing resilience when faced with problems.

DCAT

After our consultation in the spring this year we are continuing to explore DCAT as an academy trust that our federation may join. It is very important for us to secure the future of our small schools and this will involve working in a larger partnership. DCAT have been in to both Laughton CP and Firle CEP to carry out their due diligence in the curriculum and teaching and learning. They are due to carry out a visit for finance, HR and health and safety after half term.

Once they have completed their visits and reported their findings back to their trustees they will make a decision as to whether they see our schools as a good fit for their trust. We will keep you updated on any decisions as and when we hear more.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks for all of your contributions. Brighton City Mission is very grateful. Is there a parent who would be will to transport our donations to the City Mission Food Bank please, they used to collect from us but now don't have enough staff. Many thanks.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our parent consultations are on **22nd** and **24th October**, please book your appointment on the Arbor App. Mr Carter's 2 parents' evening are on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The school nurse team will be coming into school on the afternoon of 12th November to administer the flu nasal spray. To complete a consent form please go to: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. Enter the following school code SX114525 and click 'Find School'



ANXIETY AND WORRY WORKSHOP

Please let Mrs Horan know if you would like to attend a workshop on children's Anxiety and Worry, if we have enough interest we are very happy to arrange this one morning during school time.

HOLLY CLASS TRIP

On Tuesday 22nd October Holly Class will be going to see Il Turco in Italia by Rossini at Glyndebourne Opera House. We were very lucky to get discounted tickets. We would like to thank Create Music who are funding the cost of the coach. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch please let Mrs Horan know today.



YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

Our year 6 pupils had the opportunity to go to Plumpton Racecourse last week to attend an event called Safety in Action. Children from over 20 primary schools in the Lewes district had the chance to test their skills in an emergency. The event was organised jointly by East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, Ambulance Service, Southern Rail and aims to teach children how to deal with different safety scenarios in relation to fires, accidents, electricity, dogs, strangers, water safety, roads and internet safety.



MAISIE'S REPLY

Last term Maisie in year 3, wrote a letter to King Charles about the Coronation wildflower seeds that she had planted. She has just received a reply saying that 'His Majesty is delighted to see that the seedlings are doing so well'.



THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December Holly Class will be performing at Glyndebourne Opera House. They will start to learn the songs for this next week with one of the musicians coming in

to school. Mrs Dry will then work on the songs in some of their music time in term 2. All children are expected to attend and further information will follow in how to obtain tickets.

GUY FAWKES COMPETITION

Firle Bonfire Society are holding a Guy Fawkes competition and have invited our children to take part. Please see the attached poster.



HEAD LICE

We have a number of children with nits at the moment. The NHS advise wet combing with a fine-toothed comb to remove them. If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child to use, and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work. For example: products containing permethrin, head lice "repellents", electric combs for head lice, plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL AGM

Many thanks to those parents who joined the ZOOM meeting yesterday. It was great to see people willing to get involved. Please speak to Finn (Torren's dad) or the school office if you are able to get involved. Emily (Rupert and Dottie's mum) is also going to be involved in events planning. They have planned the Spooky disco for 25th October

Christmas fair for 7th December

Film night in term 3 date tbc

Firle Factor for 21st March tbc

Summer party for 18th July

Your class reps are

Pips & Cherry - Ellie

Beech - Katie

Holly - Sarah

They will update your WhatsApp group to let you know of events coming up and help needed.

PENALTY NOTICES

Please see the attached flier regarding penalty notices. Please note that the fine has now increased. Fines can be issued for term time absences, irregular attendance and lateness to school.

LET'S ROCKET MENU

On Tuesday 12th November we will be having a special menu. Please note that no sandwiches or tomato pasta will be available on this day.



AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

Please see out new menu attached. Just to remind you that school meals now cost £2.97, this is for KS2 children only. All EYFS and infant children receive a free meal.

CAN YOU HELP

Many thanks for the positive response for help with the outside Pips area. Mrs Dyer and Mrs Sadler will be contacting you to share their list! Suitable times for you can be arranged through the school office. Also Pips class need some toy buggies and fully clothed baby dolls please, if you have any spare or no longer played with at home, thank you.

POETRY COMPETITION

Well done to our Poetry competition finalists Scarlett, Edelyne and Trinity. They all did extremely well and we are very proud of them, they represented our school beautifully.



A MESSAGE FROM FARLEY HOUSE

Dear Firle School, We're excited to share a special opportunity for your pupils and their families this October half-term! On **30th October, Farleys House & Gallery is hosting a free family day**, and we'd love to welcome children and their families from your school to join us for a creative, fun-filled experience with 'A is for Ant'.

'A is for Ant', the short-film debut by renowned British photographer Jack Davison made in collaboration with Oscar-winning set designer Shona Heath is their first project aimed at children. The Ant Bus is an interactive theatrical presentation of the project, combining performance, illustration and film performed in unexpected public places. We're thrilled to be hosting the 'Ant Bus' during its UK tour over half term and to extend the invitation to Farleys' first free family day to you.

Including a playful film screened on a customised 'Ant Bus', theatrical interludes and a collaging workshop, each 'A is for Ant' performance lasts approximately 35 minutes. Families are also welcome to explore our Sculpture Garden and exhibitions. This event is part of our celebration of 75 years since Farleys became a hub for avant-garde artists in 1949. This is our penultimate open day of 2024 and a fantastic opportunity to see Farleys before we close on what has been a remarkable year.

Event Details: Date: 30th October 2024, 10.30am-4.30pm (last entry is at 3.30pm)

📍 Location: Farleys Sculpture Garden, Chiddingly, East Sussex BN8 6HW

🎟 Entry: Free (advance booking required) [Select tickets - A is for Ant by Jack Davison - Farleys Sculpture Garden \(tickettailor.com\)](#) Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to book early.

They can reserve their spots here: [Select tickets - A is for Ant by Jack Davison - Farleys Sculpture Garden \(tickettailor.com\)](#)