



Newsletter 3 Term 2
Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the full swing of Christmas and it has been lovely to hear carols and songs being sung across the classes in preparation for performances.

We hope you are able to come along tomorrow to our fabulous friends of Firle Christmas Party 12-3p.m. Thank you so much for all your generous donations towards this.

The children are definitely getting in the Christmas spirit and loved the pantomime in the school hall this morning and our Coming of the light service yesterday was beautiful.

ATTENDANCE

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

DECEMBER 2024	
Saturday 7 th	Friends of Firle School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th	Infant nativity dress rehearsal One Voice Festival of Singing 7.30pm
Friday 13 th	Nativity Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 th	Working with Others Christmas p.m
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th	Resident Carols 2pm
Friday 20 th	Carol Service 2pm END OF TERM 2

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



Golden Book

Week commencing 25th November 2024

PIPS Gertie has been producing some beautiful writing this week. She wrote the names of her family on the new easel.

Bluebelle has been so kind to her friends this week. She has set such a beautiful example to both Pips and Cherries.

CHERRY Josiah has been using his five listening skills to be such a great role model for his class this week. He has been sharing great, thoughtful answers.

Fred has been practising his role as narrator and is taking the responsibility really seriously and is working hard.

BEECH Aida for her attention and enthusiastic participation in lessons. Her perseverance with her maths is inspirational.

Ted for this perseverance in his reading. He has made great strides in his writing as a result.

Week commencing 2nd December 2024

PIPS Dotty really proud of how resilient she was during the church service and so brave to stay with me even though Daddy was there.

Hunter so proud of Hunter for trying hard to slow down. He has so much enthusiasm and was getting carried away - but he has tried so hard and is taking his time. Well done.

A special mention to all Pips who were so determined and sensible as they held their candles during the beautiful Coming of the Light Service.

CHERRY

Jude has been kind, helpful and polite to his adults in class this week. Jude has been making a huge effort to keep calm when excited and make choices to help him be ready to learn.

Isaac has been working so hard and persevering to practice his lines for the Nativity, we are so proud of you making such an effort.

BEECH Bella and Jacob for their aspirational writing in English. Both children wrote amazing instructions using ambitious vocabulary and grammar choices. Keep up the great work!



EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

EYFS and KS1 will be performing their nativity play, 'Nativity', on Friday 13th December. There will be one performance at 9:15am and one at 2:15pm. An email has been sent regarding tickets.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 18th December as it will fit in with our Christmas dinner day. We will be raising money for St Wilfred's Hospice and Children are asked to bring in £1 donation towards the charity if they can.



PARENTPAY

Please would you make sure that your Parent Pay accounts are clear by the end of term. Chartwells are unable to run on a credit basis, and this needs to be cleared weekly. The total for next 2 weeks, if your child has a school dinner every day, will be £29.70. If you have an outstanding balance then you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit. Thank you.

UNIFORM

MyClothing, our uniform suppliers, have a 10% discount running at the moment:

Code = **UNIFORM10**

Expires 20/12/2024

ATTENDANCE

We still have a number of children arriving by the front entrance rather than the back gate in the morning. This is becoming increasingly difficult to manage and there is not always a staff member available to answer. Please allow enough time for your child to enter via the back gate in the mornings from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. KAR have informed us that they allow children to come into school from 8:15 a.m. This enables any younger siblings to get to school on time. Thank you for your cooperation. Being late on a regular basis adds up to a loss of learning time:

5 minutes late every day	3.4 days of learning lost every academic year
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10 minutes late every day	6.9 days of learning lost every academic year
15 minutes late every day	10.3 days of learning lost every academic year
20 minutes late every day	13.8 days of learning lost every academic year
30 minutes late every day	20.7 days of learning lost every academic year

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Please sign up:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/firle-church-of-england-school>

THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

The children in Holly class have been practising for their One Voice Performance at Glyndebourne next week and sound amazing. They will be attending Glyndebourne for a rehearsal in the morning, ready for their performance in the evening. To prevent families having to transport children to and from the morning rehearsal, we have arranged transport. We are very grateful to Create Music who are funding most of the travel cost to rehearsals to keep costs down. Therefore, the cost per child will be £4.50. If you haven't done so already, please give permission and make payment via your Arbor parent Portal today.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS: Tickets are available via the Glyndebourne website or over the phone to Glyndebourne Box Office on 01273 815000.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our Christmas Post Box will be in the foyer from Monday so that the children can post cards to their friends and teachers.



COMING OF THE LIGHT SERVICE

Our annual Coming of the Light Service was once again a very special occasion. The children sang beautifully and were so sensible with their candles, well done everyone.

CHRISTMAS MULTI SPORT CAMPS

Please see the attached

EASY FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to those of you who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising. If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Firle Church of England Primary School every time you shop online for Christmas. All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Argos, eBay and many more are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you. Join here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/firlecoeps/YBVAM2/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE941/facebook/>

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS IN TERMS 3 AND 4

Please see the attached letter and fliers.

HINDLEAP WARREN

Holly Class had a fantastic time at Hindleap Warren last week, you can see pictures of their adventures on the Galleries section of the school website.

APPLICATIONS FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Our last Open morning is on **Friday 10th January 2025 at 9:15 a.m.** Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The closing date for applications to primary school in East Sussex is 15th January 2025. Please cut and paste this link to apply for a place here at Firle Church of England Primary School:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-or-junior-school/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-or-junior-school-place>

Kind regards Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

