

Term 6 2020-2021- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. It has certainly been an unusual school year and we hope that we can have some time to reflect on what we have all learnt from it and also celebrate the success we have achieved.

It is a very busy term and we have a lot planned from Arts Week, Patina, Secret Garden Picnic, Sports Day, Transition events and much more to squeeze into these last 5 weeks. Please make sure that you have the dates from the diary on your calendars at home as there are a lot to remember!

**ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Cherry Class the highest attendees this term. Thank you for your continued effort to arrive promptly at school before the gate shuts at 9am.

**GOLDEN BOOK**

Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May

- Holly** Lily beautiful presentation in all her work, she always puts just a little but extra effort in, to do the best she can  
**Kalani** resilience and kindness, never gives up, even when maths is tricky. Also amazing work in French and continuous kindness
- Beech** **Levon** for his positive contributions to class discussions and also for the hard work he puts in on a daily basis  
**Beau** for his cheerful, positive attitude. Beau works hard and has offered some great contributions to our maths lessons recently, showing great reasoning skills
- Cherry** **Scarlette and Alex** for being fantastically kind friends  
**Martha** doing a wonderful maths club in the morning

Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June

- Holly** **Dolly and Noah** for all their hard work in Maths  
**Beech** **Dahlan** for his hard work and focus in all areas of the curriculum  
**Dexter** for his excellent work in Maths  
**Cherry** **Erin** fantastic writing and remembering to use full stops  
**Maisie** always trying hard to answer questions - having a go!  
**Winter** working really hard on her handwriting - producing beautiful cursive writing

**SECRET GARDEN VISIT**

Following on from our topic last term, 'The Secret Garden', we will be taking the children for a picnic to a Secret Garden at Firle Place, next week. The children will leave school at 11:30am and eat their lunch in a beautiful walled garden before returning to school at 12:30p.m.

KS2 children (Beech and Holly classes) will be going on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and the infant children (Cherry Class) will be going on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The two junior classes will be kept in 2 separate bubbles for the duration of the picnic and we have identified two separate seating areas for the children.

<u>Diary</u>	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents' Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Secret Garden Picnic
17 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Secret Garden Picnic
24 <sup>th</sup> June	KAR transition day
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers' Service
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Patina at Laughton
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Patina at Laughton
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Patina at Laughton
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Patina
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Yrs R and 6 Height and Weight Checks
	FGB Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Sessions
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Holly Class trip to Blackland Farm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Cherry Class at Glynde Pool
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Pips' Parents to Visit
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent report drop in
21 <sup>st</sup> July	FoFs Summer Fayre

On the day of the picnic for your child/ren, please either send them into school with a packed lunch, or email the office to order a school packed lunch, (either cheese or ham). These need to be ordered by the end of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 so the kitchen can place the correct order for stock.

Before walking to the garden, children will wash their hands and staff will take hand sanitiser with them to use before food is consumed. Children will then wash their hands on the return to school.

### **HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECK**

Reception and Year 6 children will have their height and weight measurements taken by the school nurse team (NCMP) on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 10am.**

### **CLASS PHOTOS**

Class photos were taken this week and order forms have been sent home with your child today. Please can all orders be returned to the school office by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We have noticed some variations coming into school recently and ask that you ensure that your child/ren follows the school uniform policy. This is-

Green cardigan or school sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt or shirt (with which school tie may be worn)

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

Green gingham summer dresses from April to October

Plain socks/tights in white/green/grey/black

All black shoes (no trainers, crocs or open toed sandals), flat heeled black boots may be worn between October and March. (We appreciate that some children have grown out of their school shoes so please try to replace or find some alternatives that are as close to possible)

Hair to be tied back at all times

Make-up and jewellery are not allowed apart from simple stud earrings and watches (no nail varnish)

Next academic year we will run a uniform draw 3 times a year where children who are wearing the correct school uniform have their names put into a hat. One child is then picked from each class and wins a £3 WH Smith voucher. The children don't know when the draw will take place, so need to be consistent in wearing their uniform. Don't forget that second hand uniform is available from Friends of Firle School.

### **SPORTS DAY**

Our sports day will take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** at we hope that the new guidance to be issued on 21<sup>st</sup> June will allow us to invite parents to spectate! We will send a letter home about this next week.

### **PE KITS**

Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school every day, with pumps or trainers. It is really important for them to get changed for physical activity and is safer in allowing much more freedom of movement. If your child uses their PE kit for an afterschool club, please send another one into school for PE lessons. From September we will be adopting our house colours as part of our PE kit uniform. House t-shirts with our school logo will be available from **My Clothing** our uniform supplier. If you would like your child to wear their house colours for PE before September, then just send in a plain t-shirt in the appropriate colour:

**KITES**      **PEREGRINE FALCONS**      **SPARROW HAWKS**      **KESTRELS**

### **YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY**

We are delighted that we have been able to confirm our booking for a residential visit to Blacklands Farm for Holly class. Parents will have received an email this week with further information. Please can we ask that you return the consent forms and payments to the school office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

We are inviting Holly class parents to an information meeting on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the trip.

### KS1 GLYNDE POOL DAY

We are planning a Glynde Pool and activity day at the Glynde cricket ground for all the children in Cherry class on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (subject to confirmation with the committees). We were unable to do this last year but it is a long standing tradition at Firle to have a summer's day at the pool followed by a picnic. Further details and requests for support will follow.

### GOVERNOR VACANCY

We still have a vacancy on our governing body and would be keen to hear from you if you are interested in this role. For more information please contact the school office or speak to Debra, our Chair.

### MINI MOVIES

A TV production company called The Chancer Collective and we're looking to cast a number of fun, outgoing, movie-loving kids of primary school age (and their families) to star in a brand new children's TV show for a major broadcaster. Flier attached

### SOUTH COAST MIGHTY HIKE

Thank you to all those of you who have sponsored Mrs Sisson who completed the Mighty Hike in aid of MacMillan Cancer Research on Saturday.



### FRIENDS OF FIRLE

The Friends of Firle are planning a lovely party for the last day of term at Glynde cricket ground and we hope to have a number of volunteers to support with this event as it will be a great celebration of completing the academic year.

In November we will be having a Friends of Firle AGM when the committee step down and a new one is reappointed. Members can stand again however, Helen has decided that she will stand down as Co-chair at that time and would like others to consider taking on the role. She has the following message for you below.

Hi everyone,

Just to let you all know I'm stepping down as Co-Chair of FoFS Charity at the next AGM in November. It's been an amazing 3 (? Or is it 2 the pandemic has thrown me!) years with Lucie and now Fay as co-chairs and FOFS really helped me focus on something really positive after my Mum died.

We've increased people actively on the team via WhatsApp, we've streamlined the bank accounts, we've set up and funded an awful lot of stuff for the children at school via the Amazon Wishlist, we've raised bucketloads (literally!) of money to fund equipment & events, and we are now officially a charity getting prepared to apply for grants to build a magnificent new playground. We've all done a fabulous job, building on what Catherine and Emily did. Thank you!

I love doing events and nagging everyone to help out, but I would really like to go back to offering a part of my week to helping in the classroom with the children and teachers at school (I'm qualified as an a primary school teacher) I really enjoy spending time in the classroom and feel this is best for me in 2022.

We all know it's a voluntary role and want the best for our children and with government cuts it needs us all to help by fundraising as much as we can to make our children's time in primary school as good as it can be! We are now sadly providing essentials alongside the 'nice to have' things.

If you can spare a few hours a week (1/2/3/4) then please join the Team... in an ideal world we would aim to do a monthly event ...maybe pulling names out of a hat to run just one fundraiser a year.

This would take the pressure off a 'committee' and making it inclusive and achievable for everyone (especially as so many of us work full or part time) alongside the big events e.g. Christmas fair and summer party where a team gets together to plan the event.

What we need are great ideas, new ideas, strange and bizarre ideas and we need people to invest a very small amount of time to enhance all of our children's experience and opportunity at primary school

I feel very strongly that a 'PTA' shouldn't be something that people just hear about and turn up to expecting something fabulous to spend a bit of money at... but should be something we all want to be a part of as it helps all of our children. Please ask Class reps (or me) to add you to the FoFS Charity Team WhatsApp group and think about anything you could do to help support the children and staff at school...

Literally any ideas... whether a lemonade stand, a cake sale, a fun run, a raffle, an auction, a sponsored walk, a smartie challenge, a book sale, a dressing up day! Anything! All new and challenging ideas are very welcome! If you can organise something then offer to do it.

This past year or so has taught us we need to pull together as a school community to make sure we all support each other. We are very lucky, we have an amazing school community. So next time you are hovering at the school gate waiting to collect or you grab a friend over a coffee, please try to come up with an idea to raise as much as you can for our amazing school and get the ball rolling.

I've loved being co chair and am really happy to run an event a year but I'm sorry but now the time is coming for me to handover to someone else to work together with everyone xxxx

Lots of love

Helen



## TODDLER GROUP

Please let friends, neighbours and family with preschool and toddlers know that we have started our toddler group in Pips Class on Wednesday afternoons and look forward to meeting them there. It is £3 a family which includes refreshments.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown