

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer terms. We have been so fortunate to have returned with such lovely weather, particularly now we are having worship outside! It is great to see all the children sitting in their class Bubbles with the birds and sun above us as we listen to stories and experiences which reflect our values.

Thank you for ensuring your child has returned in full school uniform, they look very smart.

We have reviewed our risk assessment and in light of the vaccine programme, lateral flow testing and increased opportunities for outdoor learning, Mrs Brown and myself are going to return to being in school for half of the week, offsetting each other. We will start this next week and the change will be that Mrs Brown will do the first part of the week and Mrs West the second. Mrs Filtness will be at Firle for the first part of the week too. We are always available by phone or email when we are in the other school but if you need to see us in person for a meeting then please note that we have swapped the ends of the week in which we will be in school. We will aim to alternate between 2 days one week and 3 day the next to ensure we share our time.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Green back to Firle and she will be working in Beech class with Mr Carter and Mr Dawson from Wednesday to Friday.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Cherry Class** for their 94.17% attendance. We are going to celebrate the highest attendees in our newsletters from now on and will share the classes' attendance termly instead. Thank you for your continued effort to arrive promptly at school before the gate shuts at 9am.

#### GOLDEN BOOK

##### Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- Holly** **Bea and Arlina** - both quiet members of the class who continually get on with whatever they are doing and try their best
- Beech** **Dylan** for his hard work and focus in all areas of his work. Dylan always listens well and contributes thoughtfully to class discussions  
**Chloe** has made a big effort to work independently and has done so with great results

##### Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

- Holly** **Henry and Fin** for amazing progress with their maths and times tables
- Beech** **Mabel** for being a good friend. Her caring, thoughtful behaviour has had a positive impact on those around her  
**Dexter** for his positive attitude towards his work. We have been particularly impressed with his willingness to tackle tasks.
- Cherry** **Phoenix. H** for trying really hard to listen in class. He is always making the right choices  
**Bella** for always being very polite - a lovely, friendly 'Hello' every morning

| <u>Diary</u>           |                                       |
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| <b>April</b>           |                                       |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | Forest School -Beech Class            |
| <b>May</b>             |                                       |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Bank Holiday Monday                   |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | Forest School -Beech Class            |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | Forest School -Beech Class            |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | Bikeability training all week- Year 6 |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | Last day of term                      |
| <b>June</b>            |                                       |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | Children return to school             |

#### COVID GUIDANCE AND LATERAL FLOW TESTING

All families are able to access the lateral flow tests now so please use this link to see where you can pick your tests up. All staff are testing twice a week.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Please also note that the current Covid regulations are that people can still only meet in small groups of up to 6 people outside, unless they are in a bubble with another family for a specific reason. We are aware that some children are talking about having play dates inside. Please refrain from this as we want to protect all members of our community. The end is in sight and we only have a short while to go so we don't want to spoil it now.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs start next week, please sign up with the club providers if you are interested in your child attending. You will notice that we now have a Street dance club for the infants on a Monday. Apologies for the dates on the letter as they were wrong, they should be May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.

We do need some more people to sign up for football club so that they have enough numbers for each group. Albion in the Community will run it for a while and hope to keep it going if more join. They are unable to run the Thursday lunchtime group now so we will try to sort something out in school and let those that signed up know.

### PE KITS

Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school everyday, 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. Thank you.

### WILLOW'S FUNDRAISING

We would like to say a huge thank you to Willow who set up a limeade and lemonade stall with some of her friends to raise money for our school. They raised £31.71. We look forward to spending this on something that the whole school can enjoy.

### PROJECT PLAYGROUND

We are putting the children's ideas for the playground and grass area into an overall design so that we can bid for funding. If you have an interest in this project then please let the school office know as we need help with design and making the best use out of the available space.

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' CELEBRATION

This year the theme for our year 6 Leavers' Celebration is 'Called by Name'. We have been asked by the organisers at Chichester Cathedral to create an art installation of a butterfly to symbolise the children's transition to secondary school. The Leavers' Ceremony will take place virtually in term 6.

### BIKEABILITY

This year our year 6 Bikeability will start on 10<sup>th</sup> May, a consent form has been sent home, please complete and return it to school as soon as possible.

### LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Well done to Monika, who has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust.



### LANGUAGE CLUB Hello! Bonjour! Hallo! ¡Hola!

Would you like your child (or children) to learn French, German or Spanish, in a fun way that immerses them in the culture, places and people of the countries where the language is spoken, at an after-school club during Summer term 2021? If so, please let me know your preferences for language, year group and day, by **Monday 29th March 2021**, either by email to [allabroadbus@gmail.com](mailto:allabroadbus@gmail.com) or by using the **Google form** shared through Facebook groups for parents/carers.

Thank you! Merci! Dankel! ¡Gracias! Jules Vogado \*All Abroad! Bus\* (and mother of Firle C of E Primary alumni!)



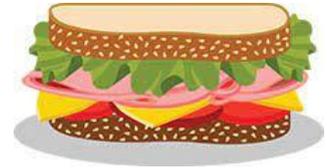
### DIABLOS



We have a number of children who enjoy learning tricks on diablos and it has been great for their focus and concentration. If you have any at home that an older sibling may no longer use and would like to donate to the school then please bring them in, in a plastic bag via your child to the office. They will certainly get lots of use in school!

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

You may not know that Colette, our cook offers a choice of sandwiches instead of a hot meal at lunchtimes. The children can choose from, cheese, ham or tuna. School meals cost £2.10 each day, payable in advance.



### GOVERNOR VACANCY

We 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.

### CRICKET NEWS

Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club are excited to announce that this season they are making cricket training FREE for all juniors (boys & girls) up to and including school year 4. Our fun and energetic softball training sessions start this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10-11.30 at Glynde Recreation Ground. They will continue every Sunday until the end of July giving your child the perfect opportunity to either continue their cricket training or give cricket a go for the first time. No equipment is needed as the club has plenty of kit for everyone. Our Clubmark accreditation means parents & guardians can be assured that their children will not only be well looked after, but also receive high-quality training from ECB registered, qualified coaches and assistants working in well-equipped facilities in beautiful surroundings. The club has a strong tradition of providing a pathway for our juniors to make the step up to senior cricket with many of our 1st XI coming through our junior set up.

Places are limited so please register your interest on our facebook page or email [robert.mouland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robert.mouland@yahoo.co.uk) and the club will send you all the details, including a junior welcome pack.

Kind regards

Rachel West and Vicki Brown.

