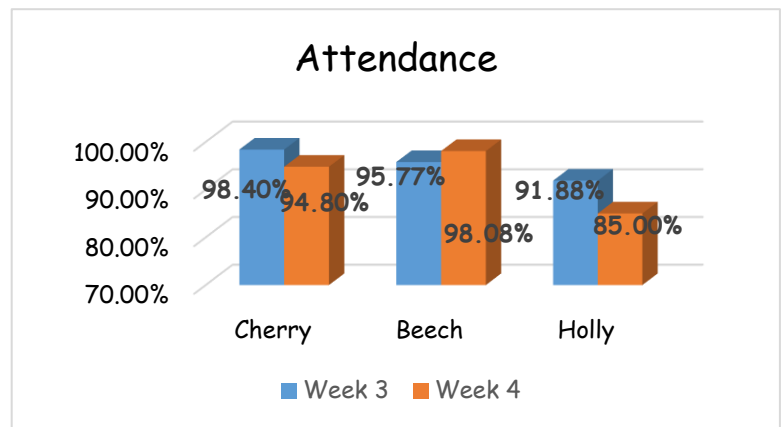


Dear Parents and Carers

The children are well and truly settled into their classes now and enjoying their topics linked to 'Anglo Saxons' in KS2 and 'Sounds of the Sea in EYFS and KS1.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Cherry and Beech. Our school target this year is 96.5%. Please can you make sure that your child is in school for 9.00 a.m. as a late registration affects their classes' attendance figures. Thank you



GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children, who have been mentioned in our Golden Book, which is shared in our Celebration Assembly.

September 24th

Cherry	Mabel and Zelda for being amazing buddies for our 'Pips' (Kindness) Phoenix for trying hard at everything he does (Perseverance)
Beech	Lily K - kindness to friends when they needed reassurance and support Kai - working together and kindness. Going round during lesson and offering help to friends
Holly	Felix - really helpful and trying his best Iliana - fabulous buddy and kindness to others

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

2 nd	Quiz at Brighton College
2 rd	FoFs Meeting 9.15am
14 th	Harvest Festival
15 th	Parent Consultations
17 th	Parent Consultations
24 th	Holly Class to Michelham Priory
28 th - 1 st Nov	Half Term

NOVEMBER

18th INSET

FIRST CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

Look out in both The Argus and Sussex Express next week for a picture of our new Reception starters.

DINNER MONEY

Please note that from Monday 4th November, Chartwells will be moving to the on-line cashless 'ParentPay' system and you will no longer be able to pay in school. ParentPay activation code letters will be sent home with your child at the end of October. Please make sure you register online. If you do have any problems, you will need to contact ParentPay directly. Please ensure that any outstanding amounts for dinners are cleared by Thursday 24th October so the kitchen can update their records.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If your child is not going home with the usual person, please let the school office know, as we cannot allow children to go home with other parents without prior notice.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The sign-up sheets for our parent consultations on 15th and 17th October will be up in the foyer, by the school office, next week. Please come and make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. If you are unable to come into school then please contact the school office who can arrange a time with you. Thank you.

BISHOP RICHARD VISIT

On Thursday 19th September, we had a visit from Bishop Richard, who led our worship; he talked to the children about his role as Bishop and focused on the Christian value of Trust. Following our worship, he also blessed the cherry tree that now stands by the entrance to our Cherry classroom. The children really enjoyed the time he spent here at Firle.



PARKING

We have had another complaint about parking from our neighbours. Please be considerate of others when leaving your car to collect your children. If another family member or friend is picking up your child please can you let them know not to park on the private road. Many thanks.

YEAR 5 QUIZ

Last night we had an Oak Tree Federation Year 5 team attend the Maths Quiz at St Andrews in Eastbourne. Flynn was our Firle representative along with George, Bruce and Louie S who were Laughton representatives. All the children did extremely well and Bruce and George came first, which is fantastic. Louie and Flynn came fourth and showed great focus and collaboration together. There were about 130 children in total; Lancing College came second and Brighton College came third. All 4 boys did really well and were great representatives for our schools. Well done Boys.



CENSUS DAY- Thursday 3rd October 2019

On Thursday 3rd October 2019, it is national School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day. The menu for that day will be Crispy fish and chips with baked beans and peas or Quorn dippers there will be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 3rd October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the amount of children in Key Stage One eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 3rd October.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

We hope it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who do not normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

CLIMATE CHANGE PROTEST

To show their support for the climate change protests last Friday and to play an active role in campaigning for the need for urgent climate action, the children in Beech Class and Holly Class took part in their own mini march. Supported by AnneMarie and her Mum, as well as Mrs Sison and Mrs Groves, the children took their banners they painted last year, down to the A27 and enjoyed the support they received from the vehicles passing by. The cars were honking and beeping as they passed the children, who really embraced the experience to be part of something so important.



FLUTE ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we were treated to a flute assembly, when Ms Gregg from East Sussex Music School performed a few pieces in assembly on both the flute and the fife. The children enjoyed the recital and a number of children expressed an interest to take up flute lessons at Firle. Information regarding these lessons should have come home with your child after yesterday's recital.

ALDI STICKERS

Aldi currently have a promotion, which gives primary schools the chance to win £20,000. Please ask for stickers when you spend over £30 at Aldi and send them into school.



CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school have the most up to date contacts for your child, as this is what we use in an emergency. If you have not already done so, please confirm your details with the school office. This is equally as important if your children are staying with someone else in your absence, as we need to know who to contact.

COATS

The weather is definitely turning more autumnal and a little wetter. We still have a number of children coming to school with no coat. We encourage children to go out to play as much as we can, even in drizzle, so please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable.

Equally, children doing Forest School will go out come rain or shine so please ensure that children come prepared, with old clothing, waterproofs and appropriate footwear. If children are not dressed for the weather the decision may be made to leave them at school with another year group.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION The deadline for applications is 31st October 2019

If your child is in year 6 you will need to apply for their school by the online application process opened on Thursday 12th September and you can access this on

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

GLYNDE PLAY STREET

Trevor Gardens, Mill Lane, Glynde will be closed to traffic and open for play on the following dates:
5/10 at 1 - 4pm and 3/11 at 1 - 4pm

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Thank you and well done to all who did a shift on the Dog Agility Course at Bentley last weekend... we raised £127 which is amazing!!

The organisers of the event were so pleased we were able to do it and have kindly invited us back to do a similar thing at the 'Firle Horse Trials'.

This will take place on May 9th & 10th 2020 and any volunteers will get a free ticket to enjoy the rest of the event, so keep your diaries free if you would like to help.

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents/carers as can make it to the first Friends of Firle meeting on WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2nd at 9:15 in the school hall.

We are aware this is difficult for many who work during the day and we will keep you posted on any plans for evening meetings.

FOF now have an email address that all members of the committee have access to.

If you cannot make the meeting and have any ideas you would like to put forward or any skills relevant to helping out please do get in contact at friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com

Thank you

Lucie Crago & Helen Sadler

Co-chairs Friends of Firle School