

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter this school year and it has been a very different kind of year. I don't think anyone could have predicted last September what we would be asking from our children, parents, staff and governors to achieve over the coming year and I continue to be astounded by the amazing grace in which it has all been done, with the children at the centre of any decisions made.

We would like to thank you for all your support over this time and congratulate your children on the resilience, creativity and kindness they have shown.

This last term has been a positive return to school life and learning. We have all learnt things through the lockdown period and don't want to lose the good things. We have had teaching staff and support staff meetings across the federation this week to see what we have learnt and what we want to carry forward and plan using this feedback to improve our provision for your children in the next academic year and beyond.

A letter will be going out next week to explain our plans for September and term 1.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a lovely summer holiday to relax and stay safe with one another and we very much look forward to seeing you in September.

GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children, who have been mentioned in our Golden Book.

Bubble 3 (Holly) - For every single pupil in Bubble 3 for a fantastic and collaborative Term 6 together. They have all really worked together as a team and had a fabulously positive end to the year. Well done!

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Bubble 2 (Beech) - Dolly- For her positive attitude to everything.

Arlina- For her improvement in reading and great progress in writing

Bubble 1 (Cherry) - Levon, Fletcher and Charlie- For their amazing tidying up at the end of the week

Brilliant Bubble 4 - Shea- For his fabulous problem solving in the maths lesson on perimeter

YEAR 6

This is the last newsletter for our lovely Year 6. They have been a fabulous year group and we are so proud of all they have achieved in their time here at Firle. They have grown into confident individuals ready for the next stage of their education.

It has been great to have the opportunity to see many of them in this last term and for those at home we have missed you and wish you all the best for the future- please keep in touch.

Today, the Year 6 children have enjoyed the glorious weather and spent an exciting morning in the woods building dens and cooking treats in the Dutch oven. This afternoon they have enjoyed a huge water fight on the field. The teachers seem to have come off worst! The day has been filled with non-stop laughter and has been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.

We would like to wish them lots of luck at their secondary school and will plan a reunion when we are able to next year.

Diary

July

21st Last day of term

September

7th Children return
to school

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You have been amazing Year 6 and we will miss you lots.

Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast

Our year 6 pupils are invited to come to school early on the last day of term, 21st July at 8.15am to partake of a delicious breakfast for the very reasonable price of £1.

Year 6 Leavers' Procession

After lunch on Tuesday, we are going to have a socially distanced presentation, within school, for Year 6 on the playground so we can say a fond farewell and celebrate their time here at Firle. The other bubbles will be able to watch on and share in this presentation from around the playground. After the celebration event, each pupil will light a candle and process up to the school gate to leave school for the last time. We will make sure we take some photos to share and invite parents to be ready on the other side of the gate to take a photo of their child too, as they leave on Tuesday.

BEECH CLASS CARDS TO CARE HOME

'Thank you so much for the lovely pictures- I have had staff in tears! They are so warmed and grateful for them- please extend our thanks to the students.

The staff have put them up around the office to remind them to smile

Thank you again,'

PREMIER SPORT SUMMER CLUB

Unfortunately due to not enough take up Premier Sport have had to cancel the summer sports club they were planning to run. They should have contacted you individually, if you had signed up for it, to either offer a refund or allocate a space at their one in Lewes. If you would like a place at a summer club please see the attached and book through premier Sport. This club will run at Southover Primary School.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND LAPTOPS

Please can any school reading/ library books and lap tops/iPads be returned to school before 12 noon on Tuesday 21st July. Thank you.

LUNCHES IN SEPTEMBER

We intend to return to providing a choice of hot school lunches in September and aim to get a new menu out to you at the start of the new academic year, once we have it sent from Chartwells. The cost of a school meal for children in KS2, is £2.10. We would like to remind all parents of children going into Year 3 that schools meals are paid for from Year 3 onwards. We will share the information about the parent pay system with you in September.

FOOD BANK

We sent an email out earlier this week regarding the food bank and would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. We would like to remind you that we are able to support any families that may need it with a food box. If you feel that this is something you would benefit from, please contact Friends of Firle or the school office before Tuesday 21st July and we can make up a box for you. Any requests will be treated in the strictest confidence. Food boxes can either be collected from school or delivered if this is easier.

TRANSITION

This week the children in school have had an opportunity to meet their new teacher at a distance outside. We are aware that it is a very different time and we would normally have done a lot more of this had circumstances been different. We also recognise that it may be difficult for those children at home to have that contact with their next teacher and will miss not saying goodbye to their old teacher.

To ease this process the children have completed a pupil passport whether they are at home or school so that their next teacher can learn a bit about them before they start. We will also be arranging times in the new term for their old teacher to come and visit them in their new classes as new guidance allows staff to work across classes but not mix class groupings. We will be sending a letter out next week explaining the systems in place for September. This can change on guidance given and we will notify you in the holiday if there are other changes so that you can help prepare your chil/ren for their return in September

STAFFING

As well as saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 6, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Moss who has been supporting Holly Class since January. Her hard work and support with the children has been invaluable. We wish her all the best for her next adventure at Priory. We know some of the children are excited that she will be there.

Wishing you a very happy weekend.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Thank you for all of your brilliant support this year, you are all amazing! We've raised over £4500 together which is a huge amount especially as we haven't been able to do anything over this last term, so THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has been bringing in food donations to the food bank at school.

Thank you to everyone who has been clocking up their miles for the Community Mileage challenge, how many have you managed? Buzz and I have done 207 miles since we started! Here is the link for your donations. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rikki-begley>

Thank you for coming round to our house to buy the Harvey's and Burning Sky!

Thank you for signing up to EasyFundraising to make donations while you shop online, this has been a great success this year! With easy fundraising we have raised £69.03. So far we have 16 people shopping via easy fundraising, so if you haven't already then please sign up here and download the app, its really easy! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecoeps/>

Thank you for also using The Giving Machine as you shop online, our The Giving Machine total historically is £406.20. You can sign up here <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/firle-church-of-england-primary-school/support>

I am really sorry to let you know that very sadly we are saying goodbye to Lucie as Co-Chair and to Ness as Treasurer, I'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to them for all their hard work and dedication to Friends of Firle, it's been a wonderful year (despite all of the challenges that Covid 19 has brought) and we have had an excellent Team. Thank you so much Lucie and Ness xxxxx

If you are interested in being part of the Friends of Firle Team then please get in touch with freindsoffirleschool@gmail.com or helen.sadler@me.com or call Helen on 07789112721.

Our committee (Team) is small but effective! However, we do now need a few more people to help us and we REALLY need a new Co-Chair and Treasurer!

We would really appreciate your input and help with putting on events, coming up with new ideas and finding innovative ways to raise money to support our children and families at school. You may not realise but you are automatically part of Friends of Firle as your children attend the school!

It's really good fun working together to put on exciting events and the more people we have on board to help the less work it is for everyone - we've done some new things this year from Dog Agility at Bentley, to Lego Walks, Bucket Shaking to the brilliant This Is Me book, a Film Night with Alfriston
We had high hopes for a fabulous Summer Party and are desperately sad that we haven't been able to put on anything including Firle Factor which will be back next year. We are hoping to have a get together when it is safe for us all to meet up to celebrate the Year 6's!

You've all been so generous with your foodbank donations and I'm sure you are totting up your mileage to add to the Community Miles.

Perhaps you fancy baking a few cakes and selling them to friends and family over the summer hols to help raise much needed funds for the school?

Onwards and upwards for next academic year.

Please join our Team!

Enjoy your summer and thank You once more!

Friends of Firle