

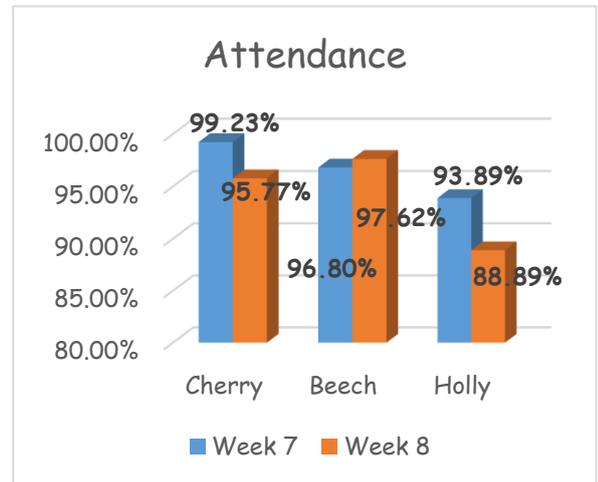
Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, this term flew by. I know everyone is ready to have a break and recharge their batteries but I would like to thank you all for helping make a great start to the school year. We hope you have a good rest over half term and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 4th November. Please be aware that we have 2 INSET days next term which are **Monday 18th November** and **Friday 20th December**.

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.

17th October 2019

- Cherry** **Alex** for sitting brilliantly on the carpet and listening well
Erin and Lowen for always challenging themselves to try something harder
- Beech** **Matias** for fantastic listening and helping others by holding the door open
Cressida for a fantastic story and hard work
- Holly** **Iliana** for constant kindness and hard work with English
Monty for acting on marking to get better

24th October 2019

- Cherry** **Stanley** for doing some amazing writing with Ms Ness and trying very hard in maths
Torren for always working hard at school and riding her bike brilliantly (without stabilisers) at home
- Beech** **Bea P** for always trying her hardest and helping others in a kind, friendly and cheerful way
Dolly for fantastic work on RE day showing enthusiasm and respect

HEALTH AND SAFETY- AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If we have to cancel a club for any reason, we will try to give you as much notice as we can. If, for any reason, we need to let you know on the day please be assured that we will look after your child until you are able to collect them by putting them into another club running on that day or by assigning them to a member of staff in a classroom or the office with an activity.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

28th - 1st Nov Half Term

NOVEMBER

- 4th Flu Vaccinations
 6th Individual Photo's
 8th FoFS meeting
 18th **INSET**

DECEMBER

- 7th FoFS Christmas Fair
 20th **INSET**
 20th - 6th Jan Christmas Holiday

If your child is not attending club on a particular day then please can you inform the school office so that no time is wasted in searching for them. Many thanks.

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 have been sent home. **Please make sure you register online.** If you do have any problems, you will need to contact ParentPay directly. Any outstanding amounts for dinners **must be cleared** by the end of term so the kitchen can update their records.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We hope you found these meetings useful in knowing how your child has settled into the school year and what their targets are. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child's class teacher and they will meet with you in term 2.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS- FINAL REMINDER

We would like to remind you that **the deadline for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2019-** during half term. If your child is in year 6 you will need to apply for their school using the online application, which can be found here:

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

POPPY APPEAL

From after half term, poppies will be on sale from the office, leading up to Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November 2019.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

We would like to remind you that individual photographs are being taken on Wednesday 6th November 2019. If you would like photographs of your children with siblings who are not at Firle School, these will be taken first, before the start of school- please make your way to the hall as soon as the gate opens at 8.45am

FLU VACCINATIONS

Thank you to everyone who returned their forms regarding the flu vaccinations. Just a reminder that these will be taking place on Monday 4th November, the first day back after half term.

NEW MENU

Chartwells new Autumn/Winter lunch menu will start on Monday 4th November.

Please see the attached copy or visit the school website. If you require a paper copy please feel free to ask at the office.

THE CHILDREN'S FOREST

Congratulations to Eden's mum, Helen, our former Forest schoolteacher, whose Forest School book has just come out. The co-author, Anna, also used to be a Forest School teacher and mum of Oran, a former pupil at Firle.

Full of activities, songs, facts about trees and animals and a story for every changing season, it is a celebration of the forest. There is a copy in the office to look at- if you would like to order one please let the office know. Cost £25. Please leave a message if you would like a dedication.

COURSE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Managing Demand Avoidance in Young Children

Please see a training opportunity below

Date: Monday 2nd December 2019, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: The Atrium, Gildredge House School

Managing a child with extreme anxieties and demand avoidance is very challenging. This talk offers practical ideas to help...

Learning Outcomes:

What is the difference between challenging behaviour and anxiety?

Exploring individualised approaches to managing children with demand avoidance

An awareness of how the flow of the day can affect a child's ability to cope with their emotions.

Exploring practical techniques to manage emotions, including; visual aids, drama, using dens, the power of play, and relaxation techniques.

About the Trainer:

Tracy Chadwick is the Founder of the Child Therapy Service CIC. As a teacher of social, emotional and mental health children, she understands the importance of having a greater understanding of mental health in young children. She also works as an SEN Consultant, with nurseries and schools, to establish resilient and positive well-being learning environments. She is committed to raising awareness of mental health in young children and looking at preventative ways families and professionals can adapt their settings to meet a child's emotional needs.

Refreshments are available, we just ask for a small donation

Ticket cost: £7.59

Available through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-demand-avoidance-in-young-children-tickets-71255650569>

HARVEST FESTIVAL CHURCH SERVICE

Thank you for all your food donations. City Mission, who were delighted with your generosity, collected the items last week. It was such a lovely service and all the children took part, singing and performing brilliantly. Many thanks again to Richie and Dan for the fabulous music.



We would like to share with you 'A Harvest Poem', written by Beech:

A Harvest Poem.

Who picked the wheat?

Me, me, me. I work all night till the job is done.

Who's the helpful farmer?

Me, me, me. I ride on the tractor till the sun is gone.

The combine harvester is coming out,

They cut the crops to give them out.

The crops say I'm ready for the birds to pick me up for a good day.

Oh look! Swallows flying south. It's Autumn, yay!

Autumn Harvest, swallows fly south

And sweet blackberry crumble is made to go in your mouth.

Beautiful fluttering birds fly south to get warm during the winter,

Australia, Africa and South America.

Birds get packed up to go in a flurry,

Apple pie drops in your hungry tummy!

There's hot porridge made with oats,

And fresh warm milk straight from the goats.

People shout,

"Bonfire night come, come, come because our fingers are getting numb!"

Shining, golden acorns fall to the ground

And round, juicy apples are easily found.

Squirrels prepare the acorns,

Conkers crack open covering the park like a layer of silk.

Hiding seeds and sweet blackberries in holes.

Thank you.

Thank you for the corn and the wheat and crops,
Thank you for the giving that never stops.

By Beech Class.

MICHELHAM PRIORY TRIP

Yesterday, we went to Micheham Priory. We wrote with a calligraphy quill, just like they would have done in Anglo Saxon times. After that, we went outside and learned about superstitions; Jimmy got struck by lightning (not really) because he didn't have a lucky stone! Then it was time for battle. We learned how to form a shield wall, and Steve helped Eva to hold the spear over the shield - they were quite heavy. After lunch, we looked at different tables of artefacts that had been dug up by archaeologists from the Anglo Saxon times. There were tables of jewellery, weapons, tools to make fire, and things that would have been found in people's homes.

Finally, was the burial ceremony. Jimmy and one of the girls from Laughton pretended to be dead and we all gave them gifts to help them in the afterlife.

We had a really fun day and learned a lot.

By Jimmy and Eva

HALLOWEEN DISCO

On Thursday afternoon, the school hall was taken over by pupils dressed as ghastly zombies, wily witches and a whole host of other grisly ghouls, ready to show off their hair-raising dance moves at the Spooky Disco. Everyone had a brilliant time, enjoyed making scary Halloween crafts and delighted in a range of funky dances and party games. A huge thank you to all the Friends of Firle helpers who worked so hard to put on a great event for the children.

HINDLEAP WARREN KIT LIST

We had a meeting about the upcoming trip to Hindleap Warren for Holly Class on Wednesday and Mrs Groves will be presenting some of this information to all of the children in Year 5 and 6 after half term. You will have received a kit list by email so that you can start to prepare over the half term!

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

Wow! , what an amazing SPOOKY DISCOthank you so much to all the helpers involved that made our first event such a success ! Perfect teamwork.

There was much fun had on the dance floor, wonderful web creations and colouring in the chill out room and a lot of pizza eaten!

A special thanks to all the staff who helped set up and stayed throughout.

FIRLE BONFIRE is this Saturday 26th October has you all know they have kindly offered for the school to be the cause for collection whilst the parade is on , if you have put your name down to shake a bucket then please contact Helen Sadler tomorrow morning for details : 07789112721- Helen

CHRISTMAS FAIR this year is Saturday December 7th and our first meeting to discuss all ideas is Friday November 8th at 2 o'clock, venue TBC. Please do come along as this is our biggest fund raiser !

Have a fantastic half term x

Lucie C & Helen S

CO - CHAIRS FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL
friendsoffirleschool@gmail.com



ARE YOU READY TO EXPLORE THE FUTURE?

Free interactive activities - open to all
Brighton Racecourse, indoors
Saturday 26 October
10am* - 4pm
*10-11am quiet opening



www.brightonwonderfest.com

Organised by the charity Curiosity Sussex / @CuriositySusx / curiositysussex.org.uk

Supported by:  Science & Technology Facilities Council  MPS  US UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX  BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL  CURIOUSITY HUB  RICARDO



BRIGHTON SCIENCE
October 27 - November 3 2019
**HANDS ON
HALF TERM**
Workshops and shows
all over Brighton

full programme on
www.BrightonScience.com

Rockwell
Collins

BRITISH
AIRWAYS
1360

eequ



WALRUS