

**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins: 98.19

Willow: 90.71

Beech 95.68

Holly: 95

WELL DONE! Catkins, Beech & Holly



**End of the Year**

As the end of term rapidly approaches we would like to thank all the children, staff and parents - especially the Friends of Firle School for all their hard work and support this year. It has been a really successful and happy year at Firle. We have maintained our judgement of 'good' at our Ofsted inspection in April, as well as creating some wonderful memories, including the Halloween Disco, the Christmas Fair, learning in the Forest School, Football Tournaments, our Bake Sales and our whole school walk and trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre last month - to name only a few. We hope everyone enjoys a good rest over a well-deserved summer holiday, in order to return refreshed and ready to do it all again on the 6<sup>th</sup> September!

**Staffing from September**

From September the classes will have the following teachers and TAs:

- Holly Class - Mrs Anderson & TA Mrs Sison
- Beech Class - Mrs Coburn (M-Th), Mrs Sparham (Fridays) & TA Mr Dawson - all week
- Willow Class - Mrs Fitzpatrick & TA Mrs Filtness
- Catkins Class - Ms Ricca & TA Ms Ness

PPA cover will be provided by the Sports Coaches, Mrs Filtness, Mrs Sison, and Mr Dawson.

**School Uniform**

We would urge you to check our School Uniform Policy on the website to ensure any purchases you make ready for September are correct. Thank you.



**Sports Day 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1.30pm**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Firle Primary School had a very exciting and competitive sports day. Every one enjoyed themselves and had an excellent day. There were loads of running races, obstacles courses and hurdles. There was an overall house winner and that was Sparrow Hawks!

The final scores were as follows:

Sparrow Hawks - 155 points

Peregrine Falcons 115 points

Kestrels - 105 points

Kites - 103 points

I hope that all the parents/carers enjoyed joining in with the mother/fathers races and hope you all had a nice day.

By Grace



## Website Film

We had an amazing day yesterday filming our school for our website. We are so grateful to those who so generously gave up their time to do this - especially Jules Vogado for organising this, for her patience on the day and generally being inspirational! We also want to thank Richard Gravett for giving his time to film it for us, as well as Anne-Marie Lean-Vercoe for doing the sound and Helen Sadler for helping with running the day.

We also want to give a special thank you to Noah Bailey for lending us his 'drone' and using his expertise to film our children from overhead in our playground.

It was a challenging day because this is an incredible undertaking - and we are all quite tired - and hot - here at Firle (!).

The children of Firle School made us really proud because they were very cooperative and followed direction well - even when they had to do second takes! They found the experience very exciting and enjoyed making their own film!

We are all looking forward to watching the film and will be so proud when it is on our website to show what a great school Firle is!



## End of Year Farewells

Sadly it's that time of year when we have to say goodbye to children and adults who will be leaving us at the end of term.

### Year 6

We would like to say a big thank you to our current Year 6 for working so hard this year and making such a wonderful contribution to our school. We wish them the best of luck as they move on to the next stage of their education in September.

### Goodbye Miss Line

Sadly Miss Line will be leaving Firle School on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We will be sorry to lose her and would like to thank her for all her hard work this year. We also want to wish her the very best of luck as she takes up her new teaching post in September!

### More Goodbyes!

Unfortunately we also have to say goodbye to Emelia, Bella, Flint and Freya who are leaving us this term to start new schools in September. We will miss you, but wish you good luck at your new schools!



## Parking!

A number of the local residents have had trouble parking and turning their cars around recently due to people parking in the resident area directly outside the school gate. Not only has this

been frustrating for them, but some have medical needs and need to park directly in front of their homes and have been unable to.

Please can we remind you that the road from the Bostal up to the field is for residents only parking and the entrance to this road should not be used as a turning point for cars. This is posing a health and safety risk and the police have been notified by some of the residents.

In addition one of our neighbours with a house on the Bostal has reported one or some of our parents parking on their drive, as well as an incident on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July when they found their wing mirror had been damaged following the drop off time at the start of the school day. Apparently two cars were attempting to pass each other and one had to mount the corner of the resident's drive - hitting the wing mirror. If you have any information about this incident we would be grateful if you could let us know.

We would urge our parents to remember driveways are private property and that if you accidentally damage a car you should inform the owner or leave a note etc.

Firle is a village school and as such an integral part of the village community - we would really appreciate it if you could help us maintain good relations with our immediate neighbours. These incidents do actually cause a lot of additional work for staff at the school - time which would be better spent on school related matters which benefit the children.

Please use the village car park and walk up the path to school when arriving and picking up your child. Thank you.



#### **Our Football Experience 2016-2017**

After 4 weeks of training we had our first game of the year vs Alfriston in the spring and it turned out well - we won 3-0. Our best striker scored 2 goals and the other one was an own goal. We continued training for 3 or 4 weeks until our amazing coach (Mr Gratwick) organised a tournament, we came third in our group (1-1 vs Alfriston, 1-2 vs Laughton and 0-3 vs Park Mead).

We had 7 players at this point as we continued to play games. We had further matches and tournaments in July. We won 2-0 vs Laughton, lost 2-1 vs Park Mead and lost 5-1 vs Alfriston. That was our last game of the year and the last game ever for our 3 year six players (Grace one of our best Centre Backs, Thomas our incredible Goal Keeper and Jake C our top assister and multi position player). Our players that will continue to play and win games from September are Jayke G, Stanley, Joel, Liam, and Liberty.

By Jake C, Stanley and Jayke G.

#### **Parent Drop-ins 17<sup>th</sup> July 3.15-4.30pm**

If you would like to discuss your child's report, the past year, or next year, please remember to 'drop-in' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July after school!

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Service 21<sup>st</sup> July**

This will take place at St. Peter's Church at 2pm. Children can be taken home from here after being checked off on the class register by the class teacher. We will take children who aren't collected from the church back to school to be collected in the usual way.

#### **Parent Forum Reminder**

This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 9-10am - we hope to see you there

## Dates for your diary.....

- 17th July 9am Parent Forum in the hall
- 17th July Transition Story/Circle Time in new September classes
- 17th July 3.15-4.30pm Parent drop-in session to discuss reports and meet new teachers
- 18th July 9.30am - 10.30am New EYFS pupils Teddy Bears Picnic
- 18th July 1.40pm Peter Pan dress rehearsal for the school
- 19th July KS1 Fun Day
- 19th July Performance of Peter Pan for parents/carers 6.30pm
- 20th July Holly Class night out
- 21st July Leavers Service 2pm at St. Peter's Church in Firle
- 21st July last - day of Term 6
- 6th September - Children return to school for Term 1**
- 15th - 17th November Holly Class Trip to Hindleap Warren

### INSET dates for 2017-18

- 4th September 2017
- 5th September 2017
- 20th December 2017
- 2nd January 2018
- 20th July 2018

Details of these events will follow.....

### Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

#### Date: 6th July



**Catkins:** Charlie & Sorcha - for applying themselves so well to their painting activity: - painting a picture of their special place.

**Willow:** Freya - for being a good friend to everyone.

Edward - for working out a system to help him in maths and using it systematically

**Beech:** Amy-- for trying hard, not giving up and being very sportsmanlike at sports day.

Maisy - for working hard at swimming. Maisy followed instructions and tips and focused herself really well!

**Holly:** Liberty - for her amazing help and support in the classroom.

Emilia - for wonderful artwork when completing a self-portrait.

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Catkins:** Barnaby & Cressida for working so hard on their reading and continuing to make progress.

**Willow:** Tabitha - for always sitting, listening well and being ready to learn.  
Monty Mitchell - for working hard and persevering with his maths passport targets.

**Beech:** Conor & Lucy - for fantastic poetry writing about under the sea

Holly Class were unable to attend due to play rehearsals.

A photograph of the children mentioned in the *Golden Book* and *Celebration Assemblies* is on display in the main reception. If you would like a copy of the photo, please ask at the school office.