Newsletter - Term 6, 30th June 2017

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 83.33% Willow: 97.69% Beech: 92.96% Holly: 96%





WELL DONE! Willow & Beech

Whole School Trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre

Last Friday everyone from Firle School bundled onto two coaches and went out for the day to Herstmonceux Science Centre. The children had such an interesting day - the activities included:

- A Science Show about Sir Isaac Newton and his laws
- Hands on, interactive science activities to explore
- Team bridge building
- A visit to the water park and lily pond
- Exploring the outdoor Discovery Centre
- Eating packed lunches in the sunshine
- A visit to the shop! Hugely popular with all the children!!

It was a perfect day because we had fun while we learned lots of new things, and the weather was lovely!

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came and supported us with ensuring the children had a happy day, and returned safely to school after their adventure.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 took part in a very special Leavers' Service at St. Andrews Church in Eastbourne yesterday. They represented Firle brilliantly and we are very proud of them. We would like to thank the parents who kindly transported children to and from the church, so everyone could take part.

Parent Forum

Change of date - this was due to take place this Monday 3^{rd} July at 9am, but unfortunately we need to change the date to Monday 17^{th} July from 9-10am instead. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope to see you on the 17^{th} July. Please let us know if you have anything you would like added to the agenda.

Catkins Class R.E.

Next week we will be thinking about special places in the lead up to R.E. day, when we will focus on the church being a special place for Christians. I will be asking the children to think about a place that is special to them and to discuss this place with the class. This could be home, their bedroom, a favourite holiday destination etc. It would be helpful if you could discuss this with your child, and if you have any relevant photos that your child could share, please send them in next week. Thank you!

Mrs Ricca





Sports Day 3rd July 1.30pm

As you are aware from our 'Dates for your diary' section on some of our previous newsletters, it is Sports Day on Monday afternoon. Please check your emails as details of this event have been sent to you. Thank you.



Website Film

Hello, we are planning to make a short video for the Firle C of E School website, to be filmed on Thursday 13^{th} July.

The aim of the video is to try to capture and portray the essence of our school, and why it is so lovely and unique - through the people, the environment, activities and more. To help us in planning specific content for the video, it would be great if you could kindly email us with your thoughts on any or all of the following:

- What do you and your kids love about Firle C of E School?
- What 3 words would you use to sum up the school?
- What are the best things / activities your child(ren) have done there, or the best memories from their time there (so far)?

Please email answers to these or any other related thoughts to the school office by Wednesday 5th July.

Please note that families who have asked their children not to appear in public photos / videos with the school will not be in the video. Please inform the school office if any other families/children may prefer to opt out.

Please also let us know if you can or would like to help in any way!

Many thanks, Julia Vogado (Mia & Jasmine's mum)



Forest School

The dates for Beech class's remaining forest school are:

Thursday 6th July, Thursday 13th July and Friday 14th July. Please make sure that you send your child into school with appropriate clothing for the woods. On Friday 14th parents and carers are very welcome to join us in the woods to see what the children have been doing. Please note that



we are always in need of parent helpers at Forest School. If you are able to come please either tell Mrs Sison or speak to the office staff. Thank you.

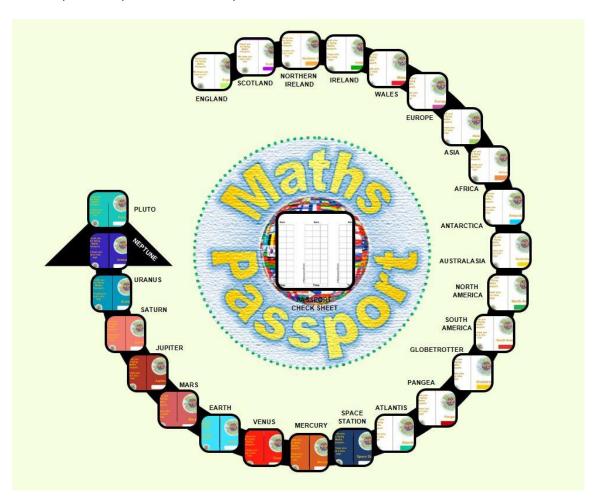
Thank you!

We would like to say a special thank you to Helen Thoms for running Forest School this year with all the children at Firle School. The lessons have been so interesting and a wonderful opportunity for the children to extend their learning at the Nature Reserve.



Maths Passport Workshop

Following our discussions we thought it would be helpful to include the progression of passports as it appears on the website, for your information. The children begin their journey in England and can potentially travel all the way to Pluto!







Football Matchagainst Laughton

Huge congratulations to our football team, who beat Laughton 2 -0 on Tuesday 27^{th} June. The whole team played brilliantly to set up the two goals scored by Jayke Geer, and Thomas Moore prevented Laughton from scoring on this occasion.

Attendance Information for 2017-18

Currently East Sussex is the county with the 3rd worst attendance nationally. Consequently there is an increasing drive across the county to address this. As now, we will continue to monitor and follow up on attendance during the next academic year. We will continue to unauthorise holidays taken in term time and are moving towards fining those who do take term time holidays.

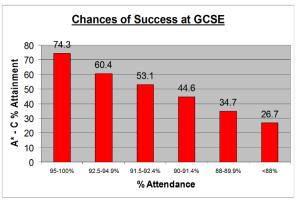
We want to make you aware of this in advance of booking your next annual holidays. It is worth noting that learning time lost due to holidays can never be made up.

What is Good Attendance?

190 Learning Days Each School Year

175 Days for Family Time, Shopping and Holidays!





Red Nose Day 2017

We have had official confirmation and thanks for the £435.36 raised by Firle School for Red Nose Day early this year. We are displaying our certificate at the school office. Well done and thank you everyone who contributed!



Dinner Money

Just a reminder that a school lunch costs £2.10 each day, payable in advance please.

Dates for your diary.....

3rd July (afternoon) Sports Day

5th July 2pm - 3pm New EYFS pupils & parents/carers transition session

7th July Patina Moving On Parade (Year 6)

13th July 9.15am - 10.15am New EYFS pupils transition session

13th July (afternoon) Reserve Sports Day

13th July Transition morning - children to spend time in new classes ready for September

14th July Firle School Summer Party - Selmeston Village Hall from 3.30pm

14th July Individual Pupil Reports out to parents/carers

17th July 9am Parent Forum in the hall PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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

18th July Holly Class night out PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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: 15th June

Catkins: Juliet - for being so kind and thoughtful and for working so hard.

Elias - for coming into school so sensibly in the mornings

Willow: Flynn - for doing the most amazing writing

Lloyd - for being really calm and focused making our shakers



Beech: Soraya - for helping and supporting Maisy at forest school and sharing her

knowledge

Lauren, Amy, Jasmine and Gabri for collecting, identifying and displaying their

leaves so well during forest school

Holly: Thomas Gale - for progress in writing, he has worked very hard on this over this

term so far

Lucy - for excellent behaviour and attitude to learning

Date: 30th June

Catkins Pearl - for working so hard on your phonics

Harry - for wonderful phonics. You always pay attention and work hard in these

lessons Harry!

Willow: Henry - for trying really hard with his independent writing

Lottie - for doing lots of practice for her maths passport at home

Beech: Jay - for a fantastic morning swimming on Tuesday - Jay has also been a great

listener this week and followed instructions

Polly - for working so hard on her maths passport and being the first child to finish

it Beech class

Amy - for being incredibly independent this week, particularly in maths!

Holly: Year 6 - for fantastic participation at this week's leavers' service in Eastbourne,

well done to all of you!

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.