

**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins: 98.09

Willow: 99.44

Beech: 98.89

Holly: 98.41



Well done Catkins, Willow, Beech & Holly

**Children in Need**

Please remember we will be having our fundraising event next week on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - We will be paying £1 to dress up as a character from history and spend the day doing historical activities related to our characters.

**Bonfire Day!**

Willow and Catkins Classes welcomed Laughton School last Thursday, and together the children had an exciting and eventful day, as they launched their topic (Crunchy Leaves and Muddy Puddles) with activities in the woods and at school. Topic related workshops included fire-building, making autumn leaves, singing and dancing. Huge thanks go to the leaders of the workshops:-Mrs Sison, Dan Vice, Richie Crago, Catherine Moore and Helen Thomas.



**Southover Manor Trust Grant**

We are delighted to tell you we received confirmation this week that we have been awarded a grant of £5000 to help us build a gazebo and develop the garden area behind the school next to the hall. As you know we have limited indoor space and we will be developing the area into an additional learning space with a sensory garden, homes for minibeasts and areas for growing plants. Classes can sit and work in a sheltered area for stories, to carry out different lessons including science, art and creative writing etc.



We are absolutely thrilled that the children of Firle CEP School will have this lovely additional area to use for their learning and are very grateful to Southover Manor Trust for this award.

### Website Update

If you have visited our school website recently you will have noticed that while it appears to look the same, there have been some changes in organisation. These changes have been made in response to consultation with parents/carers at Parent Forum meetings, (next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm in the school hall), as well as school staff.

This is still a work in progress - some parts may have nothing there when you click on them - we are working to gradually put this additional information on the website.

We will also be updating the photographs.

We are working with our website designer and the changes are being made in stages following their guidance.

### Homework Sharing

The following are the days on which each class shares their homework, so please be sure to send their work in to school on these days.

Willow - Wednesday

Beech - Tuesday

Holly - Wednesday

### Lunch Money Debt

We would like to make a plea to all parents/carers to pay your lunch money (£2.10 daily) on the day your child has lunch. You can pay a week/month/term in advance if that helps.

Persistent non-payment causes extra work for the staff here having to chase up payments - time which could be spent carrying out other tasks for the benefit of the school and children.

If lunch money isn't paid for 3 consecutive days we will ask you to send in a packed lunch and we will be unable to provide a school meal until the balance is paid. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals (Beech and Holly class), please go to <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/> or come and speak to the school office.

### After School Clubs

From now on Mr Fox Wilson will open the school gate at 4.10pm to let parents in to collect children from after school clubs and will be closed at 4.20. This is because the gate is now permanently on the magnetic lock.



### Winter coats!

Now we are truly into the shorter, colder and damp days we would like to request that you send the children into school every day with a coat. We try to get the children outdoors and playing



every day - usually the only weather that keeps us in is heavy rain. Sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces are available for sale from the school office if you need those too.

Thank you!

**YoungMinds** is the UK's leading charity championing the wellbeing and mental health of young people and is supported by Chartwells our school meals provider. Next week Collette will make Yellow Biscuits which will be on sale at breaktime on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November for 50p each to raise money for this worthy cause.

### **Vacancy**

Laughton CP School have a vacancy for a school cook. This is 28 hours per week, Monday - Friday (term time only). Please contact the school kitchen for an application form on 01323 811727 between 9am and 2pm.



### **Alfriston Pre School Bonfire**

We have been asked to advertise the Alfriston Pre School Bonfire this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm at the Berwick Inn - there is a prize for the best Guy Fawkes!

### **Friends of Firle**

Friends of Firle have a Facebook page - please check this out information about Friends of Firle events! This Facebook page is for Friends of Firle events only.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Bags2School**

Bring in your BAGS now!

Friends of Firle are holding a HUGE JUMBLE SALE on TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER and EVERYTHING IS 50p! Bags will then be collected and we will get money for every kilo. If you can help on Tuesday after school for half an hour please stay!

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Non-Uniform Day in return for the children bringing in 3 things for the Christmas Fair.

**Raffle tickets** have been sent home in bookbags and are also now available at Firle Village Stores priced at 50p per ticket or £5 per book. Additional tickets are available at the School Office.

**Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December from 11am - 2pm** We are getting there, but **please** email Catherine [cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk) or Emily [emily.bailey@mac.com](mailto:emily.bailey@mac.com) if you have not already been told what you are doing on the day.

It's going to be fantastic!!



**Help needed to erect Marquee for Christmas Fair**

Help is needed to put up the marquee in the school playground for the Christmas Fair.  
If you can spare an hour or so 2pm Friday afternoon (1<sup>st</sup> December) then please text Daniel (Josephine & Barnaby's Dad) on 07799 414291  
Many hands make light work!

**Dates for your diary.....**

17<sup>th</sup> November official Children in Need but **CHANGE OF DATE** - as Holly are at Hind Leap Warren on this day, we will have our Children in Need fundraising event the following week on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
24<sup>th</sup> November Height and Weight check Year 6 and Reception  
27<sup>th</sup> New Intake Open Afternoon 2.00 – 3.00pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Talent Show in school  
30<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform day for a fine of donations to the Christmas Fair  
**Cooking Club** 29<sup>th</sup> November Group B



**December**

2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair  
4<sup>th</sup> R.E. Day & Parent Forum 2.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> New intake Open Morning  
5<sup>th</sup> Big Sing

**Cooking Club** 6<sup>th</sup> December -everyone (groups A and B)  
7<sup>th</sup> Coming of the Light Church Service 2pm  
11<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime 10am  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Nativity 9.30am  
14<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch/jumper day see attached menu  
18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas holiday  
20<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

**INSET dates for 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Details of these events will follow.....



Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

**DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

- Catkins:** Each and every one of you for being so friendly and welcoming to the Laughton children and for being so enthusiastic all day!
- Willow:** All of Willow class for being really excellent listeners on Bonfire Day!
- Beech:** Gabri - for good focus in lessons and always doing her best  
Polly - for following our Golden Rules and always doing her best
- Holly:** Liberty - for always being so helpful and making fantastic progress in maths  
Lucy A - for her hardworking attitude and good progress being made in all subjects

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- Catkins:** Elias - for trying your hardest and having a go! I have noticed great progress in your learning  
Shea - for great progress with his writing. Shea is now writing his name independently
- Willow:** Cress - for working very hard on her writing and maths  
Monty - for working really hard and persevering with his handwriting
- Beech:** Emren - for his excellent attitude to maths, really using his resilience to tackle tricky work  
Jayem - for his excellent behaviour and always trying hard in every lesson
- Holly:** At Hind Leap Warren!