

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 96.43

Willow: 94.23

Beech: 93.33

Holly: 83.33



End of Term

As we come to the end of a very busy term we would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support of the school - whether it is getting the children here every day ready to learn, or giving up your time to accompany us to the woods, or carry out a fund raising activity.

In preparation for Term 5 and the start of the summer term we would like to remind you of the following:



Summer Uniform

When we return to school on the 18th April children can wear their summer uniforms. This means girls can wear green gingham summer dresses and boys can wear smart dark grey/black shorts (no jean type trousers/shorts). Children should continue to wear black shoes -no trainers, crocs or open toed sandals please.

Sun Safety

We will be spending as much time as possible out of doors over the summer terms - for play and lunchtimes, P.E. lessons, clubs, the Golden Mile, story time, science and art lessons etc. To ensure the children are as safe as possible you may want to:

- Put sun cream on them before they come to school
- Send them with a named sunhat
- Send them with a named bottle of water (we do have cups in class, but water bottles can be taken outside on hot days)

Easter Holiday

We hope all of the children and their families have a happy and restful Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 18th April.

Firle Football Team

Last Thursday Firle Football Team beat Alfriston Football Team by 3 goals to 0. The first 3 minutes stayed around the centre circle, but once Firle got the ball we were on the attack! The first goal was from Jayke Geer, the second was an own goal and the third was scored again by Jayke. Our goalie Thomas Moore saved 3 goals. For our next match we should have our new strip and hopefully our winning streak will continue! Thank you to Mr Gratwick for organising this!

Cross Country

On Friday 17th March, we took a group of years 4, 5 and 6 children to a cross country tournament at Ringmer Community College. Ten schools were participating and both our girls' and boys' teams came sixth in their races. All of the children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. They represented our school well and made us all proud. Well done!

We would like to say thank you to Jonny Denis for providing some training sessions for the children prior to the tournament and to the many parents who came and supported their children.

O2 and NSPCC e-safety Workshops

Thank you to the parents who attended the e-safety talk this morning. The team from the NSPCC gave assemblies to all the children, as well as a workshop to Holly class on Safeguarding and how to keep themselves safe.

Dates for your diary.....

8 - 11th May 2017 KS2 SATS (please don't book any time off during this week, thank you)

18th April First day of Term 5

26th May Last day of Term 5

1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

17th May Oral Health talks for KS1 and KS2

6th June First Day of Term 6

27th June Healthy Eating Talk for Willow and Holly

21st July Last day of Term 6

Sign-up sheet for field supervision volunteers

There is a sheet in the main entrance for parents/carers to sign to volunteer to help supervise the field at lunchtimes over the summer term. Supervision will be needed from 12.45-1.15pm daily. If you could offer to help cover some lunchtimes it will help us to ensure the children have a daily opportunity to play on the field.

Thank you.

Parking and speeding

We have been approached by some of our neighbours to politely remind anyone who drives to Firle School not to park in the lane behind the school at any time of the day - even when collecting children from after school clubs. This road is only available for residents to park in.

We have also been approached by a concerned parent to say they have seen some cars speeding on the Bostal, so please remain vigilant when you and your children are crossing here.

For increased safety and if no parking is available in the Bostal, please use the village carpark.



A massive congratulations to everyone. We raised £98.20 for Comic Relief!

Holly Class Patina Fund Raiser

On Wednesday 22nd March Holly Class had a fundraiser and there were ten stalls. Thank you to everyone who brought cakes for the cake stall. There was a Choc Cup game, apple bobbing, guess the number of sweets in the jar, a target game, sponge throwing, guess the name of the teddy, the hand books, bracelet making, and a unicorn stall, as well as face paints. Well done Holly Class! You managed to raise £194.09 to go towards the Patina Parade. Thank you to everyone who came to the fundraiser to support Holly class.

Working With Others

We had great fun practising our WWO skills (specifically taking turns to speak, sharing ideas and listening), as the children were randomly grouped across the whole school. They then worked in small groups to create a parachute and casing to protect a fresh egg, as it was dropped from the school roof by the Easter Bunny! As well as WWO skills, the children worked on their problem solving skills.



R.E. Day

On Monday 27th March each class learned more about the meaning of Easter and its importance to Christians.

Catkins - the theme of new life within the Easter story

Willow Class - Palm Sunday

Beech Class - Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper

Holly Class - The Stations of the Cross

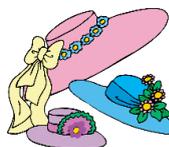
The learning was explored through a variety of activities, and culminated in a sharing assembly.



Willow Class



Catkins Class



Easter Hat and Garden Competitions

We held the 'parade' in the hall this year as it was a wet morning, the results of the competitions are as follows:

Easter Hats

	Winner	Runners up
Reception	Harry	Amber and Sorcha
Year 1	Tom	Alex and Lily
Year 2	Olivia	Emerald
Year 3	Phoebe	Flint, Ellie and Oliver
Year 4	Edie	Lauren and Liam
Year 5	Scarlet	Mali
Year 6	Billy	Tom and Kit S

Easter Gardens

Winners	Runners up
Eden	Chloe and Megan
Lily	Kit and River
Jarron	Ami and Becky
Grace and Jasmine	Lily and Tabitha

There were some beautiful designs - thank you for all your hard work and creativity!

Friends of Firle Curry and Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the fantastic Curry and Quiz night on Friday 17th. The atmosphere was relaxed though the competition was extremely close, with a final winning team of locals. The food was absolutely delicious, with an amazing range of dishes, chapattis and chutneys followed by some stupendous desserts and all washed down with a few glasses of wine or beer. Huge thanks to all those who helped in advance or on the night, and to Dawn and Alun Sperring of The Chillpickle restaurant in Brighton who donated our raffle hamper. Friends of Firle School raised almost £600 which might be our best ever, and we must thank Firle Stores for selling so many tickets!

After School Clubs for the Summer Term

Please complete and return the application form for clubs and send it back to school with the appropriate payment during the first week back to school after the Easter Holiday. Thank you.

Unwelcome Visitors

We have recently has a couple of outbreaks of both head lice and worms in school. Please check your children regularly and investigate any itches!

Cricket News from Firle CC

U9 & U11

During the winter, three of our members have been on coaching courses and are about to receive their ECB level 2 Coaching badges, this is part of the clubs commitment to the growth of junior cricket at Firle. With this in mind, we have also entered two sides, an U9 & an U11 side into the local East Area 'softball' League, both teams can be mixture of boys and girls. The U9s will be coached by Jon Wilcox, and the U11 by Andy Bird. Both teams will be supported by Pete Warman and myself, and we ask all parents to try and help during match days. We are very grateful to Jon, Birdy and Pete for taking most Monday nights out in Jan/ Feb and March to achieve their coaching badges, and I firmly believe we can all benefit in the years ahead.

League matches for these two sides will start from 1st May, and we are just finalising details for these games. Junior sessions will start a few weeks before this, details to be confirmed.

Membership fees will be in line with last year, with reduced fees for additional siblings.

U6 - U8/9

In addition to this, for younger players, we have joined the ECBs All Stars Programme, which is very casual and is aimed at 5 - 8year olds.

Sussex are currently promoting it in some local schools including Firle and Alfriston and we are one of the designated HUBs on the A27.

This starts from 25th May and runs for 8 weeks. It is there to encourage parents involvement too. Course costs £40 for 8 weeks. All kids receive cricket goodies including a cricket bat, ball, backpack, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap - great value.

If your children are 8 and have been attending our sessions for the last two years, we would suggest they aim to be part of the U9 set up. If you have an U9 that may benefit from a less competitive form of cricket this may also work better for them.

Any questions please feel free to ask me.

To be part of this, we suggest signing up online, details are on this link:-

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/02cf2e15-49cb-4493-9f4b-86c05707068d>

Any questions, this link should help ?

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/all-stars-cricket-parents-questions-and-answers>

EASYFUNDRAISING

We would also like to ask for your help in raising some revenue for the club:-

Do you shop online? If so, can you do it through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise a free donation for FIRLE Cricket Club every time you shop!

Here is the link:- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firlecc/>

Please spread the word to your friends on the school gate.

BBQ.... we pray for good weather this season, but we can always do with some more volunteers to run the BBQ and bar, so again please let me know if you are happy to help.

From Shaun Treloar

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 23rd March 2017



- Catkins:** River and Hopi - for following our Golden Rule of being fair and kind to other children when they were upset
- Willow:** Tom - has a good attitude to learning - he always knows what he needs to do to improve his work
Monty M - has made fantastic progress with him reading - lots of practise
- Beech:** Connor, Soraya, Lauren and Liam - for showing resilience, dedication and sportsmanship at the cross country event
- Holly:** Sol, Noah, Thomas M, Kit S, Jayke, Stanley, Kit ND, Billy, Jake C, Lucy, Liberty, Mia, Emilia, Jorgi and Flora for showing wonderful resilience and determination at cross country last week.
All of Holly Class - for raising a fantastic £194.09 at our Patina Fundraiser

30/3/17

We had no Celebration Assembly today due to our NSPCC Safeguarding assemblies in the morning and going to church in the afternoon.



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.

Job Vacancy - MDSA - 2 hours per week

We are **STILL** looking for someone to join our team of lunchtime supervisors on a Monday and Tuesday during term time each week. If you would like some more information or to apply, please speak to the school office.