

## Important Dates:

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> October – Holly Class Trip to Life Exhibition**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Catkins Parents 'Stay and Play' (pm)**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Holly Class Trip to Newhaven Fort**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Working With Others/RE Festival Afternoon**

**Last day of Term Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October**



## Attendance

Please can we remind you that registers close at 9:05 and school starts at 9 a.m. so to be prompt for the start of the school day. We have recently had our County adviser visit and we are unable to get 'Good' for our Behaviour, Safety and Welfare until our attendance and punctuality improves.

Since the start of term, our attendance currently runs at:

Catkins: 99.7%

Willow: 99.2%

Beech: 95.4%

Holly: 95.4%



**Well done Catkins!**

## Forest School

We are delighted to be running Forest School this year in all classes and plan to programme 6 sessions per class. Please see details below:

Helen Dascoli will lead the sessions and meet with teachers to make links, where appropriate, with the curriculum as much as possible. We will also use Forest Schools to incorporate language and our school values using a range of activities. It will cost £2 per child per session and we will send out a separate letter to each class the term before they start with more information. The following schedule has been planned.

**Term 2- Wednesday afternoons - Beech**

**Term 3- Wednesday and a few Fridays - Holly**

**Term 4- Fridays - Willow**

**Term 5-Wednesdays – Catkins**

We will need adult helpers so a rota will go up for each term for those interested to sign up. We will need to meet the adult pupil ratios for the sessions to take place. Children will need wellies, waterproof trousers, jackets and warm clothing to take part.

The Key Stage 1 classes will also be going on weekly wellie walks in Term 2 and details of this will follow shortly.

## Football Club

Mr Gratwick has offered to run a football club at lunchtimes on Thursdays for children in Holly class. He is already setting up matches with local schools so that the children can compete. The children will need shin pads, football socks and boots. If you are able to help on a Thursday lunchtime to take the children to the Recreation ground for this, please let the office know.

### Whole school - 'Brilliant Beginnings' for next term's topics

What do you already know? I wonder what you can find out. How could you share your knowledge with your class?

To encourage high levels of engagement and motivation for all Firle School learners, we are inviting all children to explore and research their next topic over the half-term holiday break. This could include chatting to/questioning family and friends, researching books/the internet or visits to local museums/art galleries etc. We would value your support in enabling your child/ren to record what they know and/or find out, in any way they like e.g. picture, poster, notebook, scrap-book, and video. Each classroom will have a fresh topic board, ready to display children's work in the first week back.

#### Class Topic Information



**Holly Stargazers Earth and Space** - investigating the planets and significant scientists/astronauts



**Beech Mighty Metals Magnets** - properties of different metals and materials. Forces - what makes toys and playground equipment work?



**Willow Splendid Skies Weather and the seasons** – how our environment changes. What causes different weather patterns – clouds, storms etc?



**Catkins Will You Read Me a Story?** - Fairy tale characters, castles and kingdoms, goodies and badies – engross yourselves in story land (books, panto, theatre, film). What traditional tales do you know? Can you remember repeated phrases (What big ears you have1) Can you re-tell a story in the correct order?

Children – remember, you will be sharing what you know and find out with your class. How will you do that? This is your chance to get creative!

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:



#### 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Catkins:** **Lily** for always being kind, helpful and thoughtful towards others e.g. by holding open doors and sharing. **River** for working so hard on following instructions.

**Willow:** **Tabitha** for always trying so hard in everything she does – some lovely joined up handwriting recently. **Tom** who is consistently remembering finger spaces in his writing.

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**Beech: Amy** for being a fantastic independent learner this week – for working incredibly hard and trying her absolute best in every lesson. **Fergus** for being a kind, generous and caring friend to everyone – he has been a great partner to anyone he’s worked with.

**Holly: Jayke** for progress in Literacy and working on the targets he has set himself. **Mali** for wonderful behaviour when practising for our church service – she worked hard on her reading.



### 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Catkins: Ollie** for being so polite and kind. **Charlie** for exploring and learning all of the time.

**Willow: Dolly** for trying hard at everything she does. **Edward** for working very hard every morning in his morning book and using the Word Wall to help him.

**Beech: Jayem** for being an effective team player in P.E. and in group work this week. **Maisy** for excellent concentration and hard work putting in the extra effort researching the detail for her digestive system poster.

**Holly: Solomon** for putting in so much effort to his letter writing as a character from the class reader. **Megan** for always following the Golden Rules and being extremely helpful in class.



### **Smart Watches**

We would like to request that smart watches are not worn to school – as amazing as they are they are actually very distracting in class.

### **Readers**

Holly Class would welcome any adults who would be able to give some time to hear readers please!

### **Cross Country**

Mrs Ricca will be starting a lunchtime cross country club in Term 2. If you would like to help with this please let her know.

### **Catkins 'Stay and Play' and Support from Parents**

Catkins Parents - Please 'stay and play' with your child from 2.15pm on **Tuesday 18th October**. This will be an opportunity for you to visit our classroom and outdoor learning environment, as well as to contribute to your child's Learning Journal before Parent's Evening.

### **Working with Others**

**Reminder- On Friday 21st October**, we will be using WWO skills to work as a team. We will be building shelters in the nature reserve, as we learn about the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

If you have any old sheets or large pieces of fabric that you no longer need, please send them into school. If you would like to help at this event (from 1.15pm) please let your child's teacher know.

### **New Intake September 2017**

We will be holding Open Mornings/Afternoons for any parents/carers who would like to visit to find out about our school and have a tour. These will be held on 17th November at 9.15am and 24th November at 2pm

Please come along if you, or anyone you know, is considering options for children due to start school in September 2017.

# Spooky Disco!



FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL will be holding the annual Spooky Disco on Friday 21st October in Firle School Hall from 5.30pm - 6.45pm

Dress up & dance your scares away!



DISCO ENTRY £2.50 to include a drink and packet of crisps.

Everybody welcome!

