

**Attendance**

Catkins: 100%  
Willow: 86.7%  
Beech: 84.2%  
Holly: 88.2%



Well done!

**Friends of Firle Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December 11:30am to 2pm**

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Our fabulous festive extravaganza is a favourite with everyone. We run activities for the children (and young at heart) inside the school hall, while barbeque and soup lunches are served outside in the marquee. Plus the traditional decorated jam jars, tombola, hamper and prize raffle, and not forgetting Father Christmas himself. Also this year we have a pop-up Christmas shop where you can buy and wrap reasonably-priced gifts for friends and family and to keep you warm, mulled punch for the grown-ups and hot chocolate for the kids.

**The Coming of the Light Service**

Thank you all for your attendance at this spiritual celebration, and special thanks to Reverend Pete for leading the service. Our retiring collection raised £27.73 for our link school in Malawi. We would also like to thank all those who helped during the service. We are so proud of all the children who behaved and sang beautifully and were very sensible when holding their candles.

**Lateness**

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a pupil feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes. Research shows a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Being late adds up to a loss of learning. All time out of school affects learning and achievement for pupils. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing:
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

### School Activity Dates for your diary:

#### Christmas Dates

**3<sup>rd</sup> December FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 11.30AM - 2PM**

**6<sup>th</sup> December** (at school) Alice in Wonderland Pantomime

**7<sup>th</sup> December** 1.30-6.20pm The Big Sing (Holly Class)

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.30-10.30am Nativity to parents

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** 9.30-10.30am Nativity to parents

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for charity

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Lunch Day

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Christmas Church Service

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** Last day of Term 2

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Easter Service

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

*Further information about all these events will follow.*



#### Christmas Carol Service

We hope you can join us for this service, at 6pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure all children arrive by 5.45pm for the Carol Service, with CATKINS ARRIVING AT 5.30PM.

Thank you for your support

#### Uniform Reminder

Thank you for sending children in smart school uniform in accordance with our policy. This is available on the website.

Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back at school and nail varnish must be removed for school.

School shoes should be dark black/brown/blue (no trainers, crocs or knee high boots)

Thank you.

#### Head Lice

This week we have had a couple of cases of head lice reported in school. Please make a point of checking your child's hair regularly and if you find evidence of an infestation please treat accordingly.

Regular daily combing with a louse or nit comb can clear lice infestations. A bright light and a magnifying glass are needed and the combing has to go on until no living lice have been found for two weeks. Lubricating the hair with a conditioner (wet combing) makes the procedure easier, particularly for curly hair. The comb has to be immediately cleaned after each pass to remove lice and eggs. This is best done by wiping on clean white paper or cloth.

#### Newspaper please!

To celebrate one of our school values, Working with Others, we will be having a whole school House event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will need newspaper to practise our turn taking skills to create a Christmas themed item. Please send any old newspapers to your class teacher at your earliest convenience, and until the end of term.

### **Cricket - message from Shaun**

Sussex CCC are currently running cricket Hubs across the area for juniors. Free Weekly sessions are currently being run on a Friday evening at Lewes Leisure Centre for girls aged U11 and boys aged U9. Well worth a visit.

### **A Message from Our Chair of Governors**

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor appointment here at Firle Church of England Primary School. If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor of the school, please complete the nomination form and return to the school office by 3:00 pm on Thursday 15th December 2016. All the necessary paperwork can be collected from the school office, alternatively, contact the office and they will email you.

### **MDSA**

Please be aware that we are advertising for a midday supervisory assistant to work for one hour each lunchtime, supervising the children in the dining hall and the playground. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position please ask them to contact the school office.

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



#### **18<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Catkins:** Cressida for good progress in her reading. Lily Working with Others - Lily is a great leader and understands how to work and play fairly with others. Elias is working very hard on his listening skills and on following instructions.

**Willow:** Georgie tries really hard at everything she does, she will always have a go even when work is tricky. Bella - amazing joined up handwriting.

**Beech:** Oliver for working hard in literacy and maths this week. Phoebe for always being so helpful in class and trying hard to be an excellent learning partner.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Catkins:** Amber and Willow for super writing to the elves and Charlie for being inquisitive all the time at school and at home.

**Willow:** Becky for being helpful and kind - supporting different children every morning with our date and weather chart. Eva for being an amazing teacher to the class with her weather chart.

**Beech: Ellie** - since September Ellie has been just fantastic! She follows all our golden rules and shows kindness all of the time! She is also making such an effort in her maths and writing recently! Louisa for improving her focus in Thursday's maths group this week. Louisa listened so carefully and followed my instructions. She felt really proud at the end for understanding and not giving up!

**Holly:** Hugo for working really hard on improvements to his reading and writing. The whole class for their 'have a go' attitude at Hindleap Warren. Well done to all!

Friends of Firle would like to thank you for your generosity. The jumble sale raised approximately £40 and the Bags2School £88. A Big Thank You!