

**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins: 92.65

Willow: **99.23 WELL DONE!**

Beech: 94.4

Holly: 92.4



We will be taking part in Red Nose Day this year by "Dressing to Impress" - How much red can you wear? Children are invited to dress in as much red as possible and pay a £1 donation to Comic Relief. The £1 will be collected in class at the start of the day. Children can still wear school uniform if they prefer.

Catkins will be making flapjacks in the morning and selling them to parents after school.

The rest of the children will be taking part in a 'Design a Red Nose' competition. The winner from each class will have their design laminated so they take it home, as well as win a prize.

We will also photograph the children of Firle School in the formation of a giant Red Nose and display this, together with the total raised, in the main entrance.

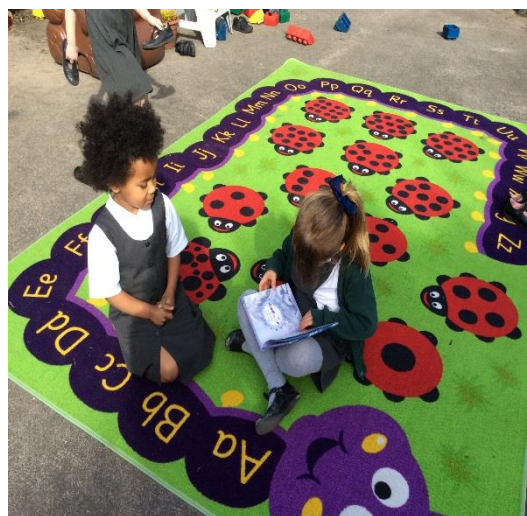


Thank You

### *Thank you to Friends of Firle from Catkins*

Some of the money raised through events organised and run by Friends of Firle, with the support of the parents and carers of Firle School, has been used to improve the learning environment of Catkins.

Here are some pictures of the items purchased so far.....





### **Phonics and Spelling Drop-ins**

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to join their children for these taster lessons last week. We have had some very positive feedback. If you weren't able to join us on this occasion please don't worry, as we plan to run sessions on this and other aspects of the curriculum in Terms 5 and 6.

### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to join us yesterday at the Parent Forum meeting in the hall. The minutes of this meeting will be sent to all parents and carers via email.

The next Parent Forum meeting will be in Term 5 - date and time to follow.

### **Staffing Update**

We are very pleased to be able to confirm that Miss Line has been appointed to teach Beech class for Terms 5 and 6. This is wonderful news as Miss Line is a valued member of the team here at Firle and has developed really positive relationships with the children in Beech class. This means they will have the stability and continuity they need to support their learning to make progress until the end of the school year.

### **Attendance update**

Thank you for the efforts being made to get children to school and in their classes by 9am at latest. From 8.45am children have opportunities to do maths and spelling tasks to keep skills sharp and embed learning, as well as responding to feedback from teachers on work in their English and Maths books.



### **100% Attendance Awards**

At the end of Term 4 we will be distributing certificates and a small prize to the children who have managed to be at school every day during Term 4. We will do this at the end of Terms 5 and 6 too.

### **Home Learning Policy**

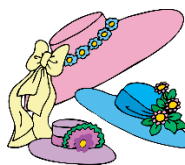
Please find the updated version of this policy on our website in 'Policies'. You will find included detailed explanations about KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts for Maths homework) and spelling at Firle School. If you have further questions about this policy, or KIRFS and spelling, please speak to your class teacher.

### **Shoebox Request**

For our Easter Working with Others event, we need approximately 25 shoeboxes with lids. If you have any that you can spare, please send them in to the office as soon as possible. If you have any unwanted fabric or craft items at home, that would also be useful.

### **Holly Class Patina Fund Raiser**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March Holly Class are doing an Easter fair to raise money for Patina (which is the Year 6 moving on parade). There will be a variety of games to play, cakes to buy, prizes to win and much, much more! It will start at 3:15 and will end at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. If anybody would be able to donate second hand books for the book sale, or cakes for the cake stall, we will be very grateful. Thank you.



### **Easter Hat and Garden Competitions**

All children are invited to get creative and design, make, and parade an Easter Hat, decorated however they wish on the theme of Easter. There are prizes for winners and runners-up in every year group.

If hats aren't your thing, you can make a traditional Easter Garden, no bigger than a tea-tray in size. Gardens will be displayed in the playground at the time of the Easter Hat judging on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am

### **Friends of Firle Curry and Quiz Night**

**Tonight!** Don't miss out on a great night's entertainment! Loads of curries, 'desserts for donations', prize raffle and a cash bar!

### **ESFRS Poster Competition**

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service are holding a poster competition and are asking local children up to the age of 11 years old to design a poster to help us spread our Water Safety messages and what water safety means to them! The message is 'Be Water Aware' and the poster could be aimed at people undertaking activities which are often perceived as low risk near water. Pictures should be drawn on one sheet of paper and the design should fill as much of the page as possible. The child's name, age, school and contact details should be on the back of the poster. The deadline for the entries is midday Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Unfortunately we are not going to be able to return any of the pictures. Entries should be posted to:

Andrea Janes, Water Safety Poster Competition, Community Safety Department, Eastbourne Community Fire Station, Whitley Road, Eastbourne BN22 8LA

### Easter Forest School

For children age 6 - 11 years Spring is in the air and Talking Trees are running an Easter play scheme to give children the opportunity to learn woodland skills such as: den-making, wood craft and fire-making. We will be singing, listening to stories, playing games, cooking on the fire and most importantly spending time in a beautiful bluebell wood developing our own special relationship with the natural world. Dates: 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April Cost: £30 per day or £50 for both days. Time: 10am - 3.30pm Venue: woodland near Berwick. Contact Helen on [helendascoli@gmail.com](mailto:helendascoli@gmail.com) for information or to book a place.

### Dates for your diary

28<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt - details to follow - parent helpers needed please  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Easter Hat and Garden Competition  
 30<sup>th</sup> March NSPCC Safeguarding morning for parents and children  
 March 30<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Easter Service  
 March 31<sup>st</sup>: INSET Day and start of Easter holiday for pupils  
 8 - 11th May 2017 KS2 SATS (please don't book any time off during this week, thank you)  
 18<sup>th</sup> April First day of Term 5  
 26<sup>th</sup> May Last day of Term 5  
 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday  
 6<sup>th</sup> June First Day of Term 6  
 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of Term 6

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

#### DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> March

- Catkins:** Hopi and Cressida for showing great resilience with their writing. They just keep on trying and trying!
- Willow:** Bea - working independently on lots of activities (including working apostrophes!)  
 Fin - he has a great attitude to work and will move away when anyone tries to distract him.
- Beech:** Louisa, Ami, Annabelle, Fergus, Jay, Noah, Edie and Amy - for fantastic independence and motivation in maths every day this week.
- Holly:** Finn - writing, he is showing enjoyment and enthusiasm towards his writing.  
 Kit N.D - always helpful and polite. He is working hard on his targets



#### DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> March

- Catkins:** Harry and Ollie for wonderful progress in their writing. They have shown great resilience and have not given up trying.
- Willow:** Lloyd - for writing sums in his maths book all by himself  
 Noah - I have noticed that Noah is working really hard at everything he is doing and showing lots of enthusiasm
- Beech:** Edie and Jasmine - for some fabulous homework this week!
- Holly:** Jorji - all round progress in her work. Well done!  
 Hugo - works hard to follow our golden rules. He is always polite, friendly and helpful.



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.



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