

**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins: 87.76

Willow: 98.46

Beech: 94.07

Holly: 90



**Well done Willow Class! You surpassed the 95% minimum target!**

**Ofsted!**

Following our Ofsted inspection on the 20<sup>th</sup> April we have been judged as continuing to be a GOOD school. We have received a very positive letter from the inspector, which has been sent to parents and carers, which clearly identifies all the really good work being carried out here at Firle. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of the children and staff at Firle, as well as grateful for the on-going support we receive from parents and carers. We will be continuing to work together to ensure the children at Firle have the best opportunities to fulfil their potential and make good progress, as well as enjoy their education in a safe and caring environment.



**SATs week!**

Our Year 6 children have worked very hard this week as they tackled each test with determination and resilience. They celebrated today with a well-earned treat after the final test. They have been well-supported by the adults and children in school, as well as by parents and carers getting them to school ready for each day.

We would like to express a special thank you to Collette our cook for coming to school early to provide a hearty breakfast before each test - it was really appreciated and enjoyed by the children who attended (and staff too!).

So well done and thank you to everyone!



**Mental Maths Drop-ins for parents and carers**

Before the end of term we would like to invite you to 'drop-in' to your child's class to experience a mental maths session led by the class teacher, so you can experience how children are taught maths at the start of each daily maths lesson. For Willow, Beech and Holly these will be from 9.10-9.30am (approx.) and will run on the following days:

**Willow Class** -Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Beech Class** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Holly Class** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

For **Catkins** it will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2.10pm and will be followed by.....

### **Catkins Café and Learning Journey Share**

This will follow on from the Catkins 'drop-in' maths session at 2.30pm. You will be able to enjoy food made by the children and then share their Learning Journeys. The Catkins Class cake sale will then be held straight after school, when we will be raising money for Friends of Firle and Starfish Malawi

### **Catkins Cafe Role-Play**

If you have any children's aprons (waiter/waitress role-play), candle sticks or plastic flowers that we could borrow, please could you send them to Catkins Class or to the office?

Thank you.

### **Catkins Class Bake Sale 24<sup>th</sup> May (Change of date)**

Catkins parents please bake and bring along: Ness Tarr and Lisa Barrett are your class representatives if you want some guidance as to what to make.

### **Parent Forum**

This will be take place next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in the school hall. If you are available please come along to join our discussions.

### **CENSUS DAY!**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May the school has **another** census day. This is when we record the number of children on roll for each year group and how many take school dinners. Our school funding depends on this. This is particularly important for our infant meals as we are funded for them in our school budget. A copy of the menu will be sent with this newsletter. Please can you encourage your child, if possible, to have a school dinner on this day if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you!



### **Beech Class Bake Sale**

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May it was the Beech Class bake sale out by the trim trail where we sold a lot of cakes! We raised £101.56 (which Friends of Firle have said was a record!) and after the bake sale there were barely any cakes left! We loved the cakes because they tasted amazing, particularly the Rocky Road ones. We thank all of Beech class for helping to bake cakes for the sale and also everyone who bought them!

THANK YOU!

**Written by Polly, Jasmine, Edie and Noah**

### **Patina Moving On Parade**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm, representatives from the Patina Moving On Parade will be visiting the school to reveal to the children which wonder of the world we will be representing at this year's parade. This will be followed by a session when children will generate ideas for their costumes. If there are any parents able to help at our making workshops later in Term 6, then please come in and join us. Your input will be much appreciated. Please let the office or Mrs Anderson know if you are able to attend.



### **Football Tournament and Football Kit**

Next Tuesday 16th May we will be attending the first ever Alfriston Primary School football tournament at Downs Leisure Centre in Seaford. Our football team, made up of children from Holly Class, will be representing us and possibly building on their recent success when they beat Alfriston in a match here at Firle.

We are so pleased to be sending them wearing - for the first time- our brand new football kit! It looks brilliant in our school colours. The kit has been generously sponsored by parents of children at Firle in the form of Caburn Maintenance & Building Services and The Chilli Pickle restaurant. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for this support - the children are SO excited about wearing it when they play.

A full report of the tournament, together with a photograph of the team in their kits, will be in the next newsletter. Good luck!

### **Friends of Firle**



### **Summer Disco Next Friday!**

Slip on your flip flops and grab those sunnies, it's a summer holiday party inside, even if it's raining outside! [From 6pm to 8pm in Firle Village Hall \(please note NOT school\) for only £2.50 entry which includes a drink and a packet of crisps.](#) PLUS A BAR FOR GROWN UPS! Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase so there's something for everyone. *Holiday clothes encouraged, but no swimwear please.*

### **Sports Equipment Update**

You may have noticed lots of fantastic new sports equipment in the school on the playground and field recently. The School Council had put in a request and, thanks to additional funding from Glynde and Beddingham Fete, Friends of Firle have been able to help buy lots of loloballs, space hoppers, skipping ropes, stilts, and much more. The kids are LOVING playing with everything in the playground and on the school field, thanks to parent volunteers at lunch times. There is still a need for more and for some sort of permanent and accessible storage for all the new items, so look out for a fundraising sports event after half term, involving the whole school.

Thank you  
Catherine

### **Safeguarding**

Following on from our recent whole school e-safety training by the NSPCC we thought it would be helpful if we followed this up with a reminder of the information and help for parents available on their Net Aware website.

## O<sub>2</sub> 😊 NSPCC Net Aware )))

To help parents know how to keep children safe online, the NSPCC has developed Net Aware, a guide primarily aimed at parents, featuring the most popular social networks, apps or games that children use most frequently. The purpose of [the Net Aware guide](#) is to provide parents with the information they need to understand their child's online world and help them [keep their children safe online](#).

You can easily find age ratings, parent and child reviews and how likely it is that a child could find inappropriate content.

[Share Aware](#) has also been developed to help parents to work with children so they understand the implications and potential dangers of sharing information on the internet.

## Dates for your diary.....

- 16<sup>th</sup> May Football Tournament in Seaford
- 16<sup>th</sup> May Parent Forum 2.30pm in the school hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Oral Health talks for KS1 and KS2
- 19<sup>th</sup> May School Disco at Firle Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May Bikeability Year 6
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Catkins Café and Catkins Class Bake Sale **BAKE SALE CHANGE OF DATE!**
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Patina presentation to Holly
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Last day of Term 5
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 Safety in Action at Newhaven Fort
- 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June First Day of Term 6
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Whole School Walk to Firle Beacon **CHANGE OF DATE!**
- 17<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday) Firle Vicarage Open Garden Teas
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June whole school trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre
- 27<sup>th</sup> June Healthy Eating Talk for Willow and Holly
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Willow Class Bake Sale
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Sponsored fundraising event on school field for sports/play equipment
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Patina Moving On Parade (Year 6)
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Firle School Summer Party - Selmeston Village Hall from 3.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of Term 6

Details of these events will follow.....

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

#### DATE: 4<sup>th</sup> May

- Catkins:** Harry - for such good progress in reading and not giving up (now you can read 'look' by sight!  
Ollie - for being a good friend and for sharing so well. On our trip to Lewes you didn't mind whose partner you were!
- Willow:** Edward - for working hard in our cricket session



- Beech:** Elsie - always having a great attitude to work and trying her hardest  
Flint - or always making such an effort with his homework  
Oliver - for never giving up in swimming lessons!
- Holly:** Noah - wonderful effort and progress in his writing  
Liberty - helpfulness, always willing to do jobs and the class

**DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> May**

- Catkins:** Juliet - for making such a good start in Catkins Class and for always trying your best  
Lily - for always trying your hardest - you are aspiring and resilient in your learning and your friendships
- Willow:** Monty Woods - fantastic maths problem solving  
Bella - excellent progress in maths (especially multiplication and division)
- Beech:** Felix - for making a real effort in his writing this week!  
Gabri and Joel - for settling in well since arriving in Beech Class
- Holly:** Emilia - always putting 100% effort into her work  
Megan - polite, friendly and helpful at all times

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.