

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins 97.4

Willow 96.8

Beech 94.8

Holly 95.8

Well done Catkins, Willow & Holly



Anti-Bullying Assembly

Our School Council led an assembly this week to talk to the rest of the children about bullying. They worked hard together over several weeks to design a PowerPoint presentation, which included a range of information including what bullying is and the different types which can happen, as well as what children should do if they think they are being bullied in any way.

This was a really important assembly and the children listened really carefully and asked lots of different questions.

Well done to Stanley, Liberty, Ellie, Noah, Lily and Tom for their thoughtful work.



Art Competition Charity Fundraising

The winners of the competition were announced and received their prizes today in assembly.

Willow/Catkins category

1st Zelda, 2nd Alex and 3rd Cressida

Beech/Holly category

1st Connor, 2nd Gabri and 3rd Lucy A.

The art competition, together with the non-uniform day today, has raised an impressive total of £91 to be shared equally between our school link charity Starfish Malawi and the wildlife charity Animal Tracks.

Well done and thank you to Iliana, Polly, Ellie and Elsie for organising and running this fund raising event, and thank you also to the children and parents of Firle School for supporting them so enthusiastically by taking part.

Football Tournament

On Thursday 26th April we played a very intense match against Alfriston and managed to score 5 goals, 1 by Liam and 4 by Jayke, final score Firle 5 - 2 Alfriston. In the end it was a really fun game. Well done Jorji, Jayke, Joel, Liam, Oliver, Flora, Stanley, & Felix.

By Liam, Jayke & Jorji.

Christian Value

The Christian Value we are particularly focusing on in our assemblies and during discussions in class is that of Forgiveness.



Sun Safety Reminder

We want the children to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible during the summer term, but we want them to do so safely. Please help us by supplying children with:

- A **named** sunhat
- A named bottle of water - this can be taken on the field

It can be a good idea to apply sun cream before they come to school for sunny days.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up already to support us with taking the children to the field each day - we still have some spaces if you have time to spare. The sign-up sheet is up in the reception area.

Holly Class Trip to Hindleap Warren

Our current years 4 and 5 will be going to Hindleap Warren on a residential trip in November. Letters with details have been sent home tonight. Please note that your non-refundable deposit must be paid by the **end of April**.



Save Our School Music Service!

East Sussex County Council have announced that plans are being made to close the music instrumental service by 2019 because of a funding shortfall of £80,000. This will result in loss of valued music provision for thousands of children across the county and job losses for teachers and administrative staff. East Sussex Music Service, celebrating its 84th year, delivers music lessons to around 7000 children in schools. Nearly 1000 children aged between 4 and 18 attend area music centres each week.

Staff at the music service believe that the funding can be found or alternatively there are viable structures that the council can implement that would allow the service to continue.

This ePetition runs from 19/04/2018 to 20/07/2018.

<https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000014&RPID=501108222&HPID=501108222>

Hair

Please ensure that those children with long hair have their tied back when coming to school.



Morning Messages

If you have to give a message to Mrs Sison, Mr Dawson or Mrs Filtness, please do so early as they all need to be in class by 9am. If you are too late to see them messages can be given to the office staff.

Attendance Letters

Some of you may have received a letter this week letting you know your child's percentage attendance. Please do not be alarmed by this. We are required to let parents know when their child's attendance drops below 95%.

Punctuality

All children must be in class by 9am, otherwise they will be marked as late, if they are late after the close of the register at 9.15am, they will be given a 'U' mark which is an unauthorised absence! Thank you.

Parking Request

Please do not park at the mouth of School Bungalow Road at the rear of the school at home time, because it causes an obstruction and restricts visibility. We have had complaints from our neighbours and parents of this school.

Beavers

Flyer attached. Willow class had an exciting visit from David Floud from the Scouts Association who was promoting the relaunch of Ringmer Beavers.

Ringmer Rovers, Flyer attached for year 2 children

Kids' Kitchen

Kathy Martin will be holding her annual event on Wednesday 13th June

Friends of Firle

Please note that we are not holding a Summer Disco this year.

Open Garden Teas

Saturday 9th June 1pm - 4pm at The Old Vicarage in Firle

A beautiful garden open for one day only to the public in aid of charity by the Bridge family. Friends of Firle School provide teas to raise money and its one of our biggest earners but its HARD WORK!

We need people to provide plain sponges and scones as we have done in previous years but also to help in smaller shifts over the day to ease the workload. It's tiring whipping cream, spooning jam, pouring tea, cutting cake, clearing tables and washing up for hours! Please sign up on the noticeboard to bake or be there. ANY HELP WELCOME!

Firle School End of Year Summer Party

Friday 13th July at Selmeston Village Hall straight after school

We've booked the hall, now IT'S OVER TO YOU!



We are looking for a small group to organise this year's summer party (with support!) Please speak to one of us if you'd like to get involved. More details to follow soon...

Bag2School Co-ordinator Needed

We make hundreds of pounds from our Bag2School collections each year and the organisation involves little more than a couple of phonecalls. Could you take this on? Please speak to Catherine or email her cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk

Bake Sales

Beech 27th April
Willow 25th May
Catkins 29th June

Dates for your diary.....

May

KS1 test period
2nd Able Writers' Day at Laughton
2nd Catkins Welly walk
9th Willow & Catkins trip to Plumpton College Farm
14th -18th KS2 SATs
15th Eco Day at King's Academy
21st Bikeability
21st Parent Forum 2.30pm
23rd May Year 6 to Newhaven Fort
23rd Catkins Welly walk
24th R.E. Day
24th May Parent Book Look drop-in 2.45pm
27th Break up for half term

June

6th Hindleap Talk 3.15pm
7th Whole School Walk
New Parents' Evening (time)
9th Old Vicarage Teas
11th Sports Day
13th Kids' Kitchen
14th Albion Cup (years 3 and 4)
18th Reserve Sports Day
19th Taster Day at Priory
19th RE day
20th Holly Class Patina Fundraising Fair, 3-4pm, More info to follow.

July

3rd Leavers' celebration at Lancing College
6th Patina Parade

11th Transition Day
13th FoF Summer Party
16th Holly Class Show
Teddy Bears' Picnic
17th KS1 Fun day
18th Year 6 night out
Working With Others
Parent Drop in 3.15pm
19th Leavers' Service 1.30pm
LAST DAY OF TERM

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 19th April

Catkins: Levon - for coming back to school with focus and enthusiasm for learning especially Maths
Emily - for listening carefully to the message in assembly about how to be kind and helpful about other people's work in school and doing this in class

Willow: Lily K - for trying really hard with writing
Charlie - for having a go at everything

Beech: Lloyd - for being really good at following class instructions and working really hard on his writing
Monty - for working hard on his maths and having a great attitude to his work

Holly: Noah - for kindness to others. He is an excellent role model!

DATE: 26th April

Catkins: Ida and Beau - for good progress in Maths. You have both been practising in class and at home to extend your learning - with excellent results!

Willow: Cress - for amazing writing and trying hard to improve
Tabitha - for being a very trustworthy and responsible role model

Beech: Flynn and Fergus - for excellent team work during Forest School. They worked really well together building a den

Holly: Josephine and Megan - for being excellent role models and making fantastic progress

