

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 98.5 **WELL DONE**

Willow: 97.3 **WELL DONE**

Beech: 95.6 **WELL DONE**

Holly: 98 **WELL DONE**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Thank you everybody!**



Pancake Races

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our pancake races on Shrove Tuesday as we had originally planned, but it did go ahead on Wednesday. It was very successful and the rain held off for us. All the pancakes were eaten and everyone had fun! We would like to thank Friends of Firle for organising this traditional event, as well as all the people who helped by making the pancakes for the children.



Clubs - A Polite reminder:

Please would you let the office know if your child will not be attending a club for any reason and/or if they are being taken home by another parent.

Chess Club - you will know that chess club numbers have now been restricted and a termly charge is being made to go towards equipment. Please ensure that your son/daughter attends every week. We are also on the lookout for more parent helpers.

Cooking Club - there will be no cooking club on March 8th but both groups should attend on Wednesday 15th March for a Ready, Steady, Cook competition.

Phonics and Spelling Drop-ins for parents next week

We want to give you a flavour of the learning your children participate in each week. If you have the time we would be really pleased to see you at one of these sessions:

6th March 9.10-9.30am Willow

7th March 9.10-9.30am Catkins

8th March 9.10-9.30am Beech

9th March 9.10-9.30am Holly

After the register the teacher will deliver a short spellings/phonics session to the class. You will then have the opportunity to do an activity with your child. If you have any follow-up questions, or suggestions for further activities, please let one of us know, write it on a piece of paper, or bring it to the Parent Form meeting on 16th March at 9.15am in the hall. We value your feedback because it helps us develop as a school.



Football Kit

Some of you may be aware that Mr Gratwick is running a Football Club during Thursday lunchtime. We have some really talented footballers - girls and boys. Mr Gratwick has arranged for us to participate in a football tournament next term and has other tournaments planned.

Unfortunately our existing football kit is not complete and some has shrunk. Therefore we would like to get new kit, so the team will look the part when they represent Firle at the forthcoming tournaments.

These are challenging times for schools financially, so we thought we would ask if any parent or relative of the children at Firle might consider sponsoring part, or all of the cost of the new kit.

The estimated cost for ten players (they play seven-a-side), plus kit bag is £159.00

Please contact us via the school office if you would be interested.

Thank you.

Entry to school during the school day

Please use the front entrance to the school during the school day i.e. after children have been dropped off and before they are picked up at home time. This is to help us manage entry to the school more effectively during these hours, as well as to help us maintain the security of the site. Please continue bringing your children to school at the start of the day and collecting them at the end of the day in the same way as now. Thank you.

A Message from Ringmer Community College

Calling all budding Chefs! Do you enjoy cooking or have an interest in food? Or perhaps you haven't cooked much yet but would like to try? Why not come along to Ringmer Community College and join our exciting twilight cookery course for Year 5 and 6 students. Have fun cooking come tasty dishes whilst developing your cooking skills and take your efforts home for your family to sample. We'll supply the ingredients if you supply your enthusiasm! A 5 week course, starting on Wednesday 19th April 2017 between 4:00pm - 5:30pm cost £25. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills under the guidance of the Food Technology Learning Leader at the college, get to know the school and have fun! If you are interested please contact Mrs Carol Palmer by email at cpalmer@ringmeracademy.org by Monday 20th March 2017

Repeated Polite Request

This week we had a telephone call from an irate resident. He had observed someone he believes is one of our parents allowing their dog to foul on the field without cleaning it up.

Just in case this has happened we would like to repeat our request to all dog owners to clean up after their dogs. This will help us maintain good relations with our neighbours, as well as ensure the field remains clean for the children. We currently do Football Club on the field on Thursday lunchtime and as the weather improves we will use the field more often.

Thank you.



World Book Day 2nd March 2017

It was great to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters yesterday. All costumes were very imaginative, from Peter Rabbit to Jo March, Little Red Riding Hood and Timmy the Dog! They completed a range of book related activities during the day. Thank you to all the parents for the efforts you made in preparing the children's costumes. They were fabulous!

Survey of proposed term times for 2018/1

You can access the East Sussex County Councils proposed holiday dates for the academic year 2018/19 and take part in their survey on the link below.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/east-sussex-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2018-19/>

Dates for your diary:

Red Nose Day 24th March

Phonics and Spelling Drop-ins for parents:

6th March 9.10-9.30am Willow

7th March 9.10-9.30am Catkins

8th March 9.10-9.30am Beech

9th March 9.10-9.30am Holly

Term 4 Parent Forum meeting 16th March 9.15am

22nd March after school Holly Class Easter Fair to raise money for Patina. *If any parents would like to be involved in helping Holly class raise money for Patina, please speak to Mrs Anderson.*

28th March Easter Egg Hunt

30th March NSPCC Safeguarding morning for parents and children

March 30th 9.30am Easter Bonnet Competition

March 30th: 2pm Easter Service

March 31st: 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)



Parent helpers needed for Easter Egg hunt in the Nature Reserve on Tuesday 28th March. (Time TBC) Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

Friends of Firle: News and dates for your diary

Dates:

Curry and Quiz night - Friday 17th March

Holly Class Bake Sale - Friday 24th March (Red Nose Day)

Easter Hat and Easter Garden competitions - Wednesday 29th March

Thank you to everyone for supporting our damp but dynamic pancake races on Wednesday! Everyone had fun shouting and cheering on all the brilliant runners, and there were even 3 brave little pre-schoolers who got a delicious pancake afterwards, too. Huge thanks to those who made and prepared all the pancakes.

Quiz and Curry Night Friday 17th March 7.30pm Firle Village Hall

A delicious selection of homemade meat and vegetarian curries on offer with accompaniments, plus desserts and a cash bar. Oh and a few questions to keep your brains active whilst you enjoy the food! (But not too taxing and lots of fun). Tickets £9 in advance or £10 on the night. Teams of 6 maximum for the quiz.

Any offers of help with the food preparation gratefully received and recipes can be provided.

Bake Sale

Holly Class will kick off our monthly series of Bake Sales on Friday 24th March after school. Please bake or bring something to sell if you have a child in Holly Class, or get them to make something themselves as they are big enough now!

Easter

Easter Hats and Gardens will be promenaded, displayed and judged on Wednesday 29th March in the school playground after registration. More details closer to the date, but anything goes in this creative and fun competition, with prizes to the winners.

Thanks for all your support - news soon of how our fundraising has been helping EYFS development in Catkins class and ask your children about the new playground equipment!

From Friends of Firle

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 23rd February

- Catkins:** Amber - wonderful progress in reading
Pearl - super working with others skills
- Willow:** Olivia - she has a fantastic attitude to work and tries hard at all she does
Tabitha - great balancing and making a sequence of balances in PE
- Beech:** Liam and Louisa - cooperation and great group work skills
- Holly:** Megan - wonderful progress in all areas
Lucy - excellent attitude to learning



DATE: 9th March

- Catkins:** Elias - for being so inquisitive and always keen to find out more
Bea - for always working hard and trying her best. Bea is making great progress in all her learning
- Willow:** Alex has been doing some incredible writing recently
Emerald has such a positive attitude to school - she tries really hard and always has a smile on her face
- Beech:** Fergus - for his fantastic writing this week! Fergus wanted to write and put 100% effort in!
Amy - for working so hard and independently in maths this week! For speaking clearly and audibly in class when presenting or speaking to adults



Holly: Scarlett - wonderful progress in writing
 Thomas M - following the rules and showing our Firle values at all times. An excellent role model.

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 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.

Parking

Please can you take extra care not to park too close to the junction and farm access areas at the end of Firle Bostal. This has caused some disruption to farm vehicles entering and exiting the site.

Thank you



Firle School Kitchen

I am sure you will agree that Collette and Wendy our cooks provide us with a brilliant service and tasty and nutritious meals. Like us, their company Chartwells has recognised their excellence by awarding them 93% in a recent audit of the service. Well done both.

Congratulations!



Lunch Money for Key Stage 2

We have reluctantly had to have a rethink about our lunch money debt! In future, if you owe 2 days lunch money (£4.20) or more, you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is repaid. Please consider treating the meals provider as you would any other retailer and pay for your child's meals in advance. Thank you.

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LEWES

LEWES LEISURE CENTRE
FRIDAYS FOR 10 WEEKS
STARTING 10TH FEBRUARY

7:30PM-8:30PM
8-13 YEAR OLDS



ALL SESSIONS
FREE!

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