

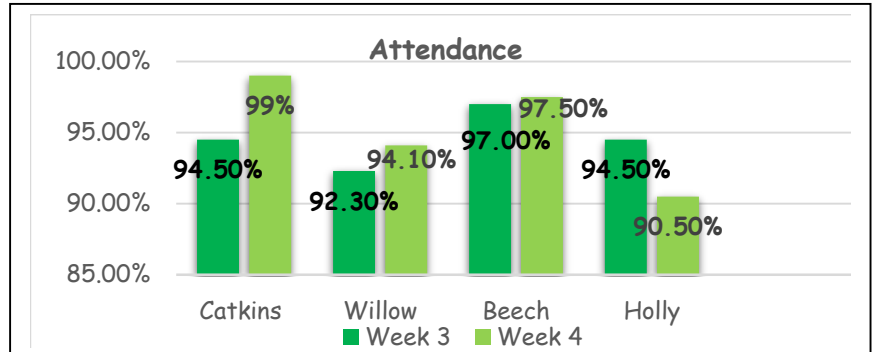
**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a really busy couple of weeks with lots going on. Thank you for your support in attending events and preparing your child/ren for these.

The weather has definitely got a lot colder so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for playtimes.

**ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Catkins and Beech.  
Our school target this year is 96.5%.



**GOLDEN BOOK**

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in our Golden Book which is shared in our Celebration Assembly.

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

- Catkins -** Izzy for designing and making a wonderful butterfly  
Dahlan for brilliant contributions to the castle building - working hard at creating battlements
- Willow -** Bea for working so effectively to build a turret for the castle  
Ollie for contributing good ideas for the castle building (tunnel and dungeon)
- Beech -** Fin for fantastic building design - definitely a budding architect  
Flynn for good teamwork and engineering skills during making a class den
- Holly -** Jasmine and Connor for excellent effort and enthusiasm throughout STEM week

**Diary**

**January 2019**  
29<sup>th</sup> Reception Screening  
30<sup>th</sup> - Cooking Club

**February 2019**  
5<sup>th</sup> KS1 Visit to Lewes Castle  
6<sup>th</sup> Cooking Club  
7<sup>th</sup>- Thrive parent 'Pop in'  
12<sup>th</sup> - Games afternoon  
12<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations  
13<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations  
Year 6 health questionnaire  
**15<sup>th</sup> -End of term 3**

**25<sup>th</sup> - TERM 4 STARTS**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

- Catkins -** Arthur for wonderful Maths generating your own number sentences  
Tallulah for working hard on sensible sitting and good listening
- Willow -** Cress for remembering to read at home to practise what she has done in class  
Hopi - She has been 'on fire' with her maths - trying really hard to answer lots of questions
- Beech -** Eva for fantastic enthusiasm for topic work, and wonderful written work - including homework  
Lloyd for excellent concentration and progress in reading, really pushing himself to work through any tricky words
- Holly -** Soraya for excellent writing in role as part on our English work on Shackleton  
Amani for making good progress in writing. She always works very hard

**PARENT FORUM**

Mrs Brown and Mrs Filtness will be running a parent forum/ Pop in to share information about Thrive and how we will be introducing it at Firle. **This will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm**

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

We have parent consultations on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** 3.30pm-6.30pm and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 3:30pm- 5.30pm. The signing up forms will be in the foyer from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January. If you are unable to come into school to sign up, please contact the school office who will try to make an appointment around your preferred time.

## **MATHS POP IN SESSIONS**

It was great to see so many parents joining in with their child's maths lesson this week in our 'Pop in' sessions we hope it was useful for you to see how mastery is taught. The emphasis is very much on children being able to problem solve and reason rather than calculating with larger numbers. There is a lot of visual and concrete resources to help aid understanding and fully explore the concepts being taught

## **MORNINGS**

Please can everyone be aware that messages to staff need to be kept brief in the morning. They are to be given to the member of staff on the ramp or the nearest support staff as teachers are in the classroom settling the children. It is important that if you have a longer message that you email or telephone the school. Some parents have commented that whilst they are trying to give quick messages, they can't as others are having more detailed conversations. Thank you

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We have 2 safeguarding governors across the federation Mrs Kathleen Swaine and Mrs Gemma Collins.

## **STEM WEEK**

Last week we had our STEM week and there was a lot of investigating going on throughout the school in exploring science, technology, engineering and maths. We hope that you got to hear about some of it at home. We were really impressed with the children's research of a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician as they cat walked in assembly on the Thursday. We all learnt about people who we hadn't heard of before. Thank you to those parents who came to watch our STEM fashion parade.

## **KS1 TRIP TO LEWES CASTLE**

Our KS1 classes have been studying castle this term so to consolidate all that they have already learnt they will be going to visit Lewes Castle on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A minority of children are neglecting to wear their full school uniform. Please make sure that your child wears our distinctive green uniform to show off how proud they are to belong to Firlie Church of England Primary School. Uniform is a vehicle for upholding the school's reputation. It will send a positive message if pupils look smart and are all dressed the same.

## **PARENT HELPERS**

Have you a spare hour each week? If you are able, we would love to have some help in the classrooms, hearing reading and supporting the teacher. If you are able to help us please let the school office know, many thanks.

## **TRAFFIC**

We are having some issues with safety of children getting to school due to cars turning in the road leading to the school and at the junction. Please could you go to the end of the lane to turn your vehicle or park at the village car park and walk up the path to school. The school bus also needs to easily access their school drop off point. This is so important in the safety of the children coming and leaving school so we appreciate this guidance being followed, thank you.

### **WOODLAND TRUST, TREES FOR SCHOOLS**

We are very lucky to have been successful in our application to the Woodland Trust for Trees for School. They are letting us have, free of charge, 105 saplings including these species: rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow. Firle Estate have kindly let us use some land next to the nature reserve to plant our trees which will replace those lost in the devastating storm of 1987. We will be letting you have more details of our planting event nearer the time as we would like to get everyone involved, including all in the village.



### **PROCEDURES FOR BAD WEATHER**

Please can you make sure that your child/ren have a coat every day for school as we go out in all weathers. They are also able to wear tracksuit bottoms for PE in the winter months.

If we have severe weather conditions which affect the school opening, we will do the following

1. Post on the East Sussex website under 'Schools Closed' section
2. Text out through teachers2parents. Please can you make sure your phone number is up to date.

### **BUS**

Sometimes the school bus transport team put one bus on in the afternoons as it depends on how many children are returning by bus. When this is the case there may be some changes to your child's arrival at their stop.

Please be aware of this as they will may arrive earlier or later depending on the route the bus driver takes.

Thank you.

### **THANK YOU**

A massive thank you to everyone who has donated to our Amazon wish list we have had over £2300 worth of resources delivered to school. We have also had donations from local businesses and residents which we are so grateful for.

The Firle Friday Café team Colin and Gill recently gave a huge donation of £281 and we have already used some of this to help purchase headphones and some portable speakers so that we can make more use of our IT learning programmes. We are very thankful of your generosity and support towards our school. Every child is benefitting from your support.

### **LONG HAIR**

Please make sure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back. This is for reasons of health and safety and also helps prevent infestations of undesirable visitors.

### **PARENT AND TODDLER (0-5yrs) SESSIONS**

Parent and Toddler group has now restarted after the Christmas break. We look forward to seeing old and new faces popping along for a play and refreshments, Every Wednesday afternoon 2-3p.m (Term Time only). Drop in £2 (includes refreshments). Please continue to spread the word.

### **FRIENDS OF FIRLE**

#### **3 BANDS, 1 NIGHT**

Friday 8th February, Firle Village Hall

Come along and support Friends of Firle with 3 brilliant local bands, a cash bar, raffle and a night of dancing!