

Attendance: Year to Date

Catkins 98.7%
Willow 94.7%
Beech 97.7%
Holly 92.7%



Well done Catkins and Beech Class!

HARVEST SERVICE 2ND OCTOBER

Our Harvest Service was a great success, our readers all read clearly and the singing was brilliant. Thanks you to all our parents who attended and a special thanks to all the parent helpers who helped us walk to the Church. Also we must thank Reverend Pete for welcoming us and giving such an uplifting service. All contributions will be gratefully received by Brighton City Mission.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest, our school photographers will be in school to do our individual photographs on Friday 2nd November. They are happy to take family groups including pre-school children from 8.45am.

SCHOOL ADVISER VISIT

We had our school adviser visit yesterday who came to assess the school against the Ofsted criteria and carry out a learning walk to validate our judgements. I am delighted to say that she validated our 'good' judgement and commented on the outstanding attitudes to learning in all classes.

I think this is such an important message to spread as everyone works very hard to ensure lessons are planned to meet the children's needs. The children work hard and are engaged in their learning, they respond really well to their teachers and support staff.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

We still have a few Data collection forms missing, if yours is one please send it into school as a matter of urgency.

PARENT TODDLER GROUP



We would like to set up a parent/ carer and toddler group to support local families and share our fantastic resources. If you have a pre-school, toddler or baby and would like to come along to a group which would be run by the school we are keen to hear which days and times would be best for you. Ideally we would like to get this up and running after half term.

Please could you pop into the school office and sign up for which times would suit you best. Alternatively you can call or email the office and they will add it to the survey.

LUNCH MONEY

Again this academic year we will not be giving lunch to children whose lunch money is in arrears. Parents will have to provide a packed lunch.

THANK YOU

A very big thanks to all the parents who have contributed things from our wish list. Your generosity is really appreciated!

HOLLY CLASS HINDLEAP WARREN TRIP – 14th to 16th November

Please be aware that kit lists and medical forms will be coming home with your child next week.

BEECH CLASS FOREST SCHOOL

Please could Beech class bring a sock in on Wednesday (10th October) it has to be big enough to fit over their shoe and that is not needed back.

CONCERNS

If you have a concern regarding your child and another child in school, please come and speak to your child's class teacher first. We will then be able to help you and provide the right support. There have been occasions where parents have made comments about other children based on what they've heard from a 3rd party and this has been upsetting for all concerned.

LATENESS – A REMINDER

Please don't forget that school starts at 9am, our pupils are expected to be in their classrooms at this time for registration. Anyone arriving after this time will receive a 'late mark' which is included in their attendance data.

SPOOKY DISCO CHANGE OF DATE

The Spooky Disco will now be on Friday 19th (not 12th as in previous newsletter).

Please contact Catherine, Emily or the school office if you can help



MUSIC ASSEMBLY BY SUSSEX ACADEMY OF MUSIC

On Wednesday, Rob from SAM (Sussex Academy of Music) gave an assembly to the children on the opportunity to have music lessons at Firle. They can offer, piano, guitar, vocal lessons and possibly drums. Please see attached leaflet about SAM.

If your child is interested in starting lessons, you can enquire by...

- Calling 01273 465 122
- Emailing schools@sussexmusic.com
- Visiting www.sussexmusic.com/schools

Learning an instrument can be a fantastic way to help with confidence, creativity, social skills and academic development.

Children are encouraged to progress through the accredited Trinity Rock & Pop Graded syllabus. One-to-one 30min lessons are £14.50 per lesson and paired 30min lessons are £10.50 per lesson per person. Lessons are paid for in half-termly blocks.

The teachers are experienced and passionate real-life musicians; lessons are fun and engaging; and parents/guardians are kept up to date with weekly online feedback.

SAM is Ofsted registered and accepts payment via Childcare Vouchers, thus helping to keep the price of lessons to a minimum.

Please contact SAM on 01273 465 122 or schools@sussexmusic.com for more information.

We will continue to have the East Sussex Music service for flute and violin.

FLU VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

For parents of children in Reception to Yea5. Please return your consent forms if you have not already done so. Many thanks

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We raised £85 last Friday! Thank you so much to everyone who baked, helped, or came along. The relaxed atmosphere with parents able to sit and chat was lovely so we hope to do it again at least every term, linking with the class bake sales in the spring and maybe moving to the warmer hall in winter! Please do join us next time for a cuppa and a bit of homemade cake.

Meeting: Tuesday 2nd October

Thank you to everyone who attended or sent their apologies. Main points of discussion centred on financial clarity, funding processes and school needs, and alternative ways to support the school through parent skills and resources. Our next event planning was for the SPOOKY DISCO (please note change of date) and Minutes will be published shortly. If you want more information about how Friends of Firle works, just come along to a meeting or talk to one of us. Our details will soon be on our noticeboard outside the school office or we can be contacted via the school email address.

SPOOKY DISCO

Friday 19th October 6pm - 7.30pm in the school hall

This year it's even more "super" as you can come in a traditional costume OR as your HERO - regular or super, you choose!

Entry £2.50 per child. Crisps and water free. Parents welcome to stay.

Bags 2 School

This is a fundraising initiative that lets you clear out your cupboards as well as raise money for our school! A bag will be coming home in your child's schoolbag to be returned to school by Monday 12th November. To maximise our fundraising we have a jumble sale after the collection date and the charity then collect the bags from school. Our overall donation is weighted and we receive money based on how much we donate. The money is then spent on funds for the school!

Donations CAN NOT INCLUDE

- Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with or without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bring your donations into school and leave in the school hall. Please DO NOT bring anything in before half term!

If you'd like to donate any outgrown school uniform to be sold at the jumble sale please leave this in a separate bag.

If you're able to help out setting up the jumble sale and/or at the jumble sale please let Debra Vice-Holt know debraviceholt@yahoo.co.uk

Key dates

12th November - deadline to return bags

13th November - jumble sale (plus second-hand uniform)

14th November -bags collected

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 27th September 2018

- Catkins:** Arthur - for being endlessly enthusiastic and sharing your knowledge with the class
Ollie - for super maths work, at school and at home
- Willow:** Ollie - really stepping up to being in year 2
Beau - trying very hard at everything until he gets it right.
- Beech:** Muraad - for making a fantastic start at Firle!
Dolly - for concentrating really hard on her maths and for excellent work in handwriting
- Holly:** Jay - for making an excellent start to year 5 and working hard.
Connor - for excellent presentation and attitude to his work

DATE: 4th October 2018

- Catkins:** Tallulah - for wonderful singing in the Harvest Festival and for speaking so clearly in church
Erin - for working hard at everything at school and making progress already
- Willow:** Oscar - for always making Willow Class laugh
Ida - for trying hard with everything but particularly maths
- Beech:** Bea - fantastic progress in times tables and showing great resilience
Georgie - for being a brilliant role model and coming to school every day with a great attitude to learning
- Holly:** Soraya and Liam for excellent Maths work. They are making links and explain their ideas clearly

Dates for terms 1 and 2

October

- 16th 3:30-6:30 Parent consultation
18th 3:30-5:30 Parent consultation
19th Friends of Firle Spooky disco 5.30 - 7.00pm
Break up for $\frac{1}{2}$ term
29th return to school

November

- 2nd Individual Photographs 8.45am for younger siblings
Wk beginning 12th Anti Bullying week
12th Remembrance Day - At the Village War Memorial (Parents invited to attend)
14th - 16th Holly Class to Hindleap Warren
16th Take over Day
Children in Need
27th Open Afternoon 2pm
28th Big Sing 5.30pm in Eastbourne (Year 5&6 performing)

December

3rd Pantomime (in school for the children)

4th Coming of the Light 2pm - Firle Church (Parents invited to attend)

5th Open Morning 9.30am

8th Firle Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2pm

11th KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

12th KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

13th Christmas Dinner at Firle

17th Church service 6p.m (Reception children will form a tableau, all parents invited to attend)

19th Break up for Christmas holiday