



**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins:	99.5
Willow:	97
Beech:	94.9
Holly:	94.9



## Firle Factor!

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our brilliant Friends of Firle parents for all their dedication and hard work organising Firle Factor yesterday. We all had a wonderful time and saw an incredible range of original and creative acts performed by our very talented children. We were extremely impressed by the talents and skills on display! Equally amazing was the level of confidence shown by the performers. Thank you also to all the parents and family members who came to share in this hugely entertaining event and support the children as they performed. Here are the names of the winners:

Mali and Josephine with 'There's a Hole in my Bucket!'

Runners up:

Jasmine, Soraya, Lauren and Edie – sawing people in half!

Jayke – cool dancing

Grace – singing

Jarron – Diablo skills

## Congratulations to you all!

### Phonics and Spelling Drop-ins for parents

We will be holding a drop-in session in each class for parents to sit in on a spelling or phonics session. This will help you to have a taste of how these subjects are taught and provide you with some further understanding about how you can support your child with spelling and reading at home. They will start at 9.10 am straight after children are dropped off and finish at around 9.30am. The dates for each class are in the 'Dates for your diary section' of this newsletter. We hope to see you then.

### Breakfast Club



We have had five indications of interest in a Breakfast Club here at Firle. We will review options and costings and consider whether we can provide this service and inform you of our decision in Term 4.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**



Thank you to all the parents and carers who are making the extra effort to get children to school and into their classes by 9am. Good punctuality maximises the learning time as teachers can begin to teach uninterrupted and this ensures each class makes a really positive start to the day.

We would like to ask if routine medical appointments e.g. dental check-ups, could be made outside of the school day whenever possible. This will help attendance figures for individuals and the school as a whole.

Thank you.

### **Clubs – A Polite reminder:**

Please could 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.

### **Uniform Sale 23<sup>rd</sup> February - straight after school**

*If you need an item to complete your school uniform you may find it at the uniform sale!*

Donations of outgrown uniform are also required, especially larger sizes of sweatshirts and fleeces.

Here is a reminder of the items of Firle school uniform -

- Green cardigan or school sweatshirt with logo
- White polo shirt or shirt (with which school tie may be worn)
- Smart dark grey/black school trousers, skirt or shorts (no jean type trousers)
- Green gingham summer dresses from April to October
- Plain socks/tights in white/green/grey/black
- All black shoes (no trainers, crocs or open toed sandals), flat heeled black boots may be worn between October and March.
- P.E. Kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain dark shorts, with plimsolls or trainers. As the weather gets colder each year children should bring sweatshirts and tracksuits in school colours

### **Polite Request**

We have been asked by residents to pass on a message included in the Parish magazine – and that is to please take care to clean up after your dog if you allow them to go on the field next to the school. Thank you.

### **Working in Partnership**

Our first staff meeting after the holiday will be shared with Laughton as we meet together here at Firle to work together to develop strategies, share resources and plan lessons/activities to further develop the teaching and learning of Maths at Greater Depth in both schools.



**Dates for your diary:**

Return to School: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
 Parent Evenings: 28<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March  
 Phonics and Spelling Drop-ins for parents:  
 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.10-9.30am Willow  
 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.10-9.30am Catkins  
 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.10-9.30am Beech  
 9<sup>th</sup> March 9.10-9.30am Holly  
 Term 4 Parent Form meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am  
 30<sup>th</sup> March NSPCC Safeguarding morning for parents and children  
 March 30<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Easter Service  
 March 31<sup>st</sup>: 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)

*Further information about all these events will follow.*

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

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- Catkins:** Pearl and Charlie for being so resilient
- Willow:** Noah for working hard on his phonics and Elsie for being a supportive learning partner
- Beech:** Jay and Fergus for coming in and getting on with Speed Up activities every morning
- Holly:** Mia for excellent behaviour and attitude at forest school and Thomas G for excellent work on fractions. He is showing great attitude towards his learning.

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- Catkins:** Cressida for working hard on her writing and Buzzy for aspiring to meet challenges and to do his best at school.
- Willow:** Emren for being a great working partner, working with others  
 Lily and Eva for working really hard at writing and handwriting.
- Beech:** Maisy, Polly and Ellie for being responsible and following instructions during our circuits lessons. They worked together cooperatively and safely.
- Holly:** Year 6 children for their wonderful attitude towards their maths work this week. Resilience and perseverance shown in their assessment tests.

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.

**Friends of Firle : News and dates for your diary**

Firle Factor Phenomenal Success!

Last night's talent show was an absolutely astonishing extravaganza of amazing acts from 25 different acts involving 37 of our fantastic children. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and skills, to Miss Swaine for presenting the certificates, our 3 judges Jen White, Robert Reece and Kathy Martyn, to all the parents who endured countless rehearsals and supported the nerves, and to every one of our super-talented and well-behaved pupils. The performances flowed beautifully, thanks to the great support from Stuart Hall, Chris Vogado and Richie Crago and our judges were left with an extremely hard job to choose a winner. Eventually 5 acts were chosen for awards; Jarron's diablo demonstration; Jayke's dance; Jasmine, Soraya, Edie & Lauren's Magic Trick and Grace's acapella singing. The overall winners were Josephine and Mali with a perfectly timed rendition of 'Hole In My Bucket', which closed the show with everyone singing along. What a marvellous end to a stupendous night.

**Pancake Races! Tuesday 28th February 2.45pm**

As is traditional on Shrove Tuesday, well at least in Firle, the children race up and down the playground tossing pancakes whilst peers, school staff and their families cheer them on. Every child receives a pancake to eat after their race. It's just SO much fun!

We let them toss bought pancakes as they're usually more dense, but they eat homemade ones, which is a lot of pancakes, so if you think you can make 10 pancakes and bring them to school for the children we would love to hear from you. Old lightweight frying pans also needed!

**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.

*Friends of Firle School*

**Enjoy a good rest and a safe and happy  
holiday this half term!**

