

Attendance: Year to Date

Catkins 100%
Willow 100%
Beech 100%
Holly 97.7%



A warm welcome back to everyone. The children all came back beautifully smart in their uniforms and well rested ready to start learning. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

Staff Organisation

Mrs West will be at Firle Mon- Wed noon Mrs Brown; Mrs Brown will be at Firle Wed p.m. to Fri. They will meet each week at one of the schools and this will alternate

Our SENDCO Mr Gratwick will be at Firle on Thursdays

Mrs Sison will continue to lead Forest School and a timetable for classes will be set up.

Mrs Fitzpatrick will be covering in Beech when Mrs Coburn has her PPA and NQT time and Mrs Ricca will take the R/1/2 class on Monday - Thursday afternoons. Mrs Fitzpatrick will teacher R/1/2 on Friday afternoons.

Our support staff will be

Holly - Mrs Sison

Beech a.m. - Mr Dawson

Our 1/2 and R/1 will share Mrs Ness in the mornings and Mr Dawson will be in for some morning sessions and every afternoon.

Mrs Filtress will be supporting children across the school with 'in class' and withdrawal support.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's class teacher first. If they are unable to help, then please contact the School office who will direct your concern to the appropriate member of staff. This may be our new TLR post (appointment being made by 14.09.18), Mrs Brown (Head of Schools), Mr Gratwick (SENDCO) or Mrs West (Executive Head teacher).

Introduction

I would just like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you properly. I am really excited to take on the role of Head of School here at Firle and look forward to working closely with you and your children in order that they achieve their full potential. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the children and staff over the past 2 days as well as meeting many of you on the gate. Please come and introduce yourself if I haven't met you already. Your support means a great deal to me. If you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to speak to me. I believe strongly in having an open working relationship in order to provide the best support we can to all pupils in this fantastic and unique school. - **Mrs Brown**

Assemblies

This year our assemblies will be

Monday- Whole School - School Values and Growth Mind-set

Tuesday- Key Stage- rota basis- PSHEe/Celebrating topic

Wednesday- Whole school- Christian values

Thursday- Whole School - Celebration and Head Teachers Awards

Friday- Whole School- Music

ATTENDANCE

We want to improve our attendance this year and will work with you to ensure your child is happy in coming to school. If they are unwell and cannot attend school please let us know by 8:30a.m on each day of absence (unless they have a longer term illness e.g. Chicken Pox).

Vomiting and Diarrhoea requires 48hrs since the last episode.

Our school target this year is 96.5% however we would like it to be higher!

We send all our attendance data into County and are informed of children who may become at risk of persistent absence. This is if they fall below the number of sessions set by County for that term. We will inform you if your child is on this list through a letter at the beginning of the subsequent term. This is a generic letter as we are unable to amend each one for each individual case. If you receive one of these letters and wish to discuss it with myself or Mrs Brown please make an appointment with the school office. If we have any specific concerns about your child's attendance we will approach you in person and arrange a meeting.

Please try to avoid booking doctor, dentist and other appointments during the school day and ensure your child is in school on time as lates are also categorised in our attendance figures.

Thank you.

We will be celebrating each class attendance at assembly on Mondays and keep you informed through the school fortnightly newsletter.

Terms 1 and 2 Clubs

A copy of our club letter is attached to this newsletter. You will notice that our Chess Club will now take place at lunchtime. Please note that not all clubs run each week, as most of our club leaders are volunteers and have other commitments.

School Lunches

Our school lunches remain at £2.10 per day. The cost until half term is £67.20 and until Christmas is £147. Please make your cheques payable to Chartwells.

MEET THE TEACHER

Next week we will be having a 'Meet the teacher' session for each class just before the end of the school day. This is an opportunity to meet see your child's classroom and meet their teacher who will inform you about the class timetable, expectations, homework etc.

The times will be as follows:

Monday	Beech with Mrs Coburn 2:45p.m
Tuesday	Holly with Mrs Anderson 2:45p.m
Thursday	R/1 Catkins with Ms Ricca 2:45p.m
Friday	Willow 1/2 with Mrs Fitzpatrick 2:45p.m

If you are unable to make it then any details given will be put on the school website under 'Parent Information'



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge will officially end this coming Saturday (8th September). Please remind children that they still have time to finish the challenge, and even if they are a few days late they will still receive their rewards.

Children are given the option to be presented with their finisher certificate in school. It means a lot to the children who choose this to have the recognition from their peers and teachers for their achievements.

They will be sending certificates to present to Summer Reading Challenge finishers in the week beginning Monday 8th October.

PRE SCHOOL

We are very sorry to hear that Laughton Pre-school has closed. This is extremely sad as some of those children came to Firle.

I have been in touch with Kate Fleming who runs the Ripe Preschool and we will continue to develop opportunities with them and provide further events to link all our EYFS children.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Firle Estate for painting our classrooms over the holiday, they look fantastic. The Estate have also contributed £5000 to an elite garden office that will be erected in the courtyard area behind the hall. We are using our funding from the Southover Trust to develop this area and with this additional amount we can create a new indoor space for learners.

Glynde Estate bought our Ipads and charging trolley last year and these are very well used.

They also paid for a full page advert for our lovely school in the Lewes Viva magazine.

Friends of Firle have bought 6 new laptops that have been configured over the holiday and are now going into classes.

We are so grateful of all the support we get. A huge thank you to everyone



GOVERNORS

The governors of the new Oaktree Federation had their first official meeting on Wednesday 5th September.

Governors are looking forward to finding out more about each other's schools and making the experience as good as we can for our pupils. Both schools have recently had OFSTED inspections, so we have some clear focuses to work on.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Friends of Firle School AGM – Thursday 20th September 2pm in the School Hall.

THERE WILL BE CAKE!!

Come along for tea and cake and see what you can help happen this year.

New Roles, New ideas and New stuff needed for our wonderful small school.

You are all members of Friends of Firle so help us make it the PTA you want.

Dates for terms 1 and 2

September

Week beginning 10th Meet the teacher- times for each class are as follows:

Monday- 2:45p.m - Mrs Coburn

Tuesday-2:45p.m- Mrs Anderson

Thursday-2:45p.m- Ms Ricca

Friday-2:45p.m- Mrs Fitzpatrick

20th Friends of Firle AGM

24th INSET

28th Macmillan Community Coffee afternoon

October

16th 3:30-6:30 Parent consultation

18th 3:30-5:30 Parent consultation

Harvest

12th Friends of Firle Spooky disco

19th break up for $\frac{1}{2}$ term

29th return to school

November

Wk beginning 12th Anti Bullying week

16th Take over Day tbc

Children in Need

28th Big Sing

Dress rehearsal at Firle a.m. tbc

Nativity 2p.m at Firle tbc

8th Firle Christmas Fair tbc

13th Christmas Dinner at Firle

Pantomime tbc

Church service 6p.m

19th Break up for Christmas holiday