



Attendance

Catkins: 99.21 %
Willow: 99.17 %
Beech: 92.69 %
Holly: 96.43 %



Well done!

Golden Mile

We are introducing a new initiative to get all the children participating in active learning using our school and local environment. Premier Sport are an organisation who will be promoting the Golden Mile in our School. This involves marking out different tracks in school, in the playground on the field and through the woods so that the children can measure how far they walk, jog and run throughout the year on these tracks. The aim is for each child to cover at least 50 miles over the year. This is logged on a child friendly system so that they can keep a track of their distance and even have competitions with other classes!



Sometimes they will run round the track but it can also be used as part of their learning e.g. walking in pairs sharing ideas, reflecting on learning using talking partners etc. We hope it will enable the children to get out of the classroom more often and also increase their levels of fitness along the way.

Premier Sport will be introducing the programme to staff on 16th November and then will arrange an assembly with the children to tell them about it. They will be seeking children from Years 5 and 6 to become Golden Mile Monitors. Once we have the tracks measured we hope to invite you in to trial them out with your child/ren.

Firle Values

The staff and children have been looking at the Firle values and Holly Class have come up with a fabulous design that incorporates the 5 that we would like to focus on. These are being explored further through assemblies and in class so please ask your children about them. The aim is for us to be experts in these by the time we leave Firle. They are values for life and we hope you can support your children's understanding of these in using this language at home too!

Thank you Holly Class for all your hard work in finalising our values poster.



Christian Value

The Christian Value we will be focusing on in Term 2 is that of 'Compassion'. A weekly assembly and activities in classes will explore this value, it's meaning in a range of contexts, why it is such an important quality and how we can demonstrate this quality.

At Firle Church of England Primary School our values are...

- Reflective
- Aspiring
- Inquisitive
- Resilient
- Working With Others

Welly Wednesdays

Catkins and Willow Classes will be enjoying the local outdoor environment every Wednesday morning, from 9th November. Please ensure your child has wellies and appropriate outdoor weather clothes (coats, hats, gloves, waterproof trousers etc). We will be needing parent helpers, so please let your class teacher know if you can help. We will be leaving school at 9.15am.



New Intake September 2017

We will be holding Open Mornings/Afternoons for any parents/carers who would like to visit to find out about our school and have a tour. These will be held on 17th November at 9.15am and 24th November at 2pm

Please come along if you, or anyone you know, is considering options for children due to start school in September 2017.

Forest School

Beech Class launched this year's first Forest School on Wednesday. They had a fabulous time collecting natural items to make a special display to celebrate the Samhain Celtic festival.

Lunch time Clubs

Football- This will start next week 10.11.16

Running Club – This has started this week and takes place on Friday each week

Thank you Friends of Firle!

The *Spooky Disco* organised by our brilliant PTA Friends of Firle before the holiday was a huge success and really well attended. The school hall was decorated beautifully and created a great Halloween atmosphere. Thank you as well to all parents and carers for supporting this event and sending the children in such creative and original costumes. The children had lots of fun and really enjoyed themselves!

Holly Class World War 2 VE Day Party

On Thursday 20th October 2016 Holly class had a World War 2 VE party where we got a chance to invite our parents into the hall and our classroom to show what we have been doing over the WW2 topic.

Kit.S and I made a presentation about our trip to Newhaven Fort and presented it in the hall. Flora, Jorji and Emilia also did a presentation about our dressing up as an evacuee day. Jayke, Liberty, Noah.P, Chloe, and Lucy did a small introduction saying thank you for coming and a little bit about what we did in our WW2 topic.

After the presentations were over we went into the classroom with our parents and made a piece of bunting.

By Billy Evans-Freke Year 6

Forthcoming dates for Friends of Firle events

Monday 14th November: 'Bags to School' jumble sale

SAVE THE DATE: FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016
11.30AM - 2PM

Our fabulous festive extravaganza is a favourite with everyone and we are looking for some new craft tables and food helpers for this year. We run activities for the children (and young at heart) inside the school hall, while barbeque and soup lunches are served outside in the marquee. Plus the traditional decorated jamjars, tombola, hamper and prize raffle, and not forgetting Father Christmas himself. Please let the office or one of the committee know if you think you can run a stall or craft table or help serve food, even for an hour. Everything provided!

CHRISTMAS JAM JAR COMPETITION

Start collecting for our annual decorated and filled jam jar competition - 1 jar per child to be judged and then sold at the Christmas Fair. Fill with sweets, toys, loom bands, fluff! - whatever you like and then decorate the outside for our judge to choose one winner per year group. Please also save any items for our fabulously popular tombola...

Film Night 20/1/17 5.30pm

Firle Factor 9/2/17 5.30pm

Pancake Races 28/2/17 2.45pm

Quiz and Curry Night 17/3/17 8pm

Further dates and full details of these events will follow closer to the time.

Friends of Firle School AGM was held on 29th September in the school hall and the committee for 2016/17 elected. Emily Bailey and Catherine Moore have agreed to continue as Co-Chairs for another year and Tamsin Mitchell as Treasurer. We thanked Belinda Mercer for her hard work as Secretary in recent years and welcomed Sally Hecks into the role for 2016-2017.

Draft minutes and our Chairs report for 2015-16 can be found on the school website very soon, and keep an eye out for our leaflet in children's bookbags too.

There are many exciting and fun events planned for the coming year, which kicked off with our Spooky Disco just before half term, and is swiftly followed by our Christmas Fair in December (see above). Check our noticeboard opposite the school office, and the blackboard in the playground for further information. Feedback not just welcomed but necessary!

Next FoFS Meeting - Thursday 10th November at 8pm at Catherine's house in Selmeston. Come along and share a cup of tea, cake and ideas, especially for the Christmas Fair.

Class Bake Sales



March 24th 2017 Holly

April 28th 2017 Beech

May 25th 2017 Willow

June 30th 2017 Catkins

School Activity Dates for your diary:



Remembrance Day

We will be gathering at the war memorial in Firle, and observing two minutes silence at 11am on Friday 11th November. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Please let a member of staff know if you are able to accompany us on the walk from school, leaving at 10.30am.



18th November Children in Need

Christmas Dates

1st December at 2pm Festival of Light Church Service

In consultation with Reverend Peter Owen Jones, we would like to embrace a similar festival to Christingle, which we have celebrated in the past. This festival celebrates the light of Jesus and the beginning of Advent and will include a candle lit service.

6th December (at school) Alice in Wonderland Pantomime

7th December 1.30-6.20pm The Big Sing (Holly Class)

December 13th 9.30-10.30am Nativity to parents

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December 15th Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for charity

December 15th Christmas Lunch Day

December 20th 6pm Christmas Church Service



December 21st Last day of Term 2

Further information about all these events will follow.

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:



14th October

Catkins: Amber and Willow for listening and paying attention and consistently working hard.

Willow: Edward – for amazing work with his reading and spelling – excellent work at home and school.

Alex and Lily – for being fantastic working partners. Discussing work and working out problems together.

Beech: Edie – for working so hard on her maths in class and at home. Well done for showing resilience and motivation!

Lauren – for excellent behaviour all of the time. Lauren has perfect manners, a respectful and kind nature and is always caring to others.

Holly: Grace – for her fantastic Blitz Street perspective drawing

Billy – for following the golden rules and setting a good example to others.



21st October

Catkins: Sorcha – for being such a welcoming friend, and including others in her games.

Pearl – for working hard in phonics and recognising letters in the environment.

Willow: The whole class for making a fantastic city model, and Flynn particularly for working hard leading the team.

Beech: Flint for putting so much effort into his homework this week. His song is fantastic and he had the confidence to sing it in front of everyone!

Soraya – for always following our golden rules and working with others so supportively!

Holly: Kit S, Kit N-D and Billy for their Parkour assembly. It was a great presentation and very informative.

Mia for her great behaviour, following the Golden Rules and setting a good example to others.