

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 99.04

Willow: 98.70

Beech: 93.93

Holly: 98.86



Well done to Catkins, Willow & Holly

Open Evenings

Just a reminder that our Parent Consultation evenings are next week on Tuesday 17th 3.30-5.30pm and Thursday 19th October 4.30-7pm. Signing up sheets are available in the school Reception area.

Half-Term

We break up for the half-term holiday next Friday 20th October and hope the children (and you!) enjoy a well-earned rest. When the children return to school on the 30th October they will need to wear their winter uniforms. For full details please see our website.

Sponsor Money Total!



As you may remember we held a sponsored 'Sports Extravaganza' in Term 6 to raise money for play equipment. We are so pleased to be able to tell you that we now have the total raised - a very impressive £227.25! Thank you to all the children, parents and carers who supported these fundraising activities. We will spend every penny on replenishing our play equipment for playtimes. Thank you all and well done!



PARKING!

Please remember to park safely, in accordance with the law and with all due consideration for our neighbours. We are very much a part of the Firle community and don't want to cause any stress or annoyance to our neighbours.

We received a phone call from an extremely annoyed resident whose drive had been parked across blocking access to the property. In addition their recycling had not been collected because the recycling was not visible to the collection team.

We have also had complaints about parents using private driveways to turn and other incidents of drives being blocked.

We would urge you to use the village carpark, which was built to provide safe parking for parents dropping off and collecting children from the school.

Thank you to our parents and carers who do park safely and considerately.

Payments for Hind Leap Warren

We would like to remind you that the deadline for the payment for the Holly Class trip to Hind Leap Warren is next Friday 20th October. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

It has come to our attention that some children are bringing in sweets as part of their packed lunch, we have spotted mars bars and chocolate covered apples etc. We are trying to encourage the children to eat healthily and had some workshops last term on healthy eating.

Please could you make sure that your child does not bring in sweets or foods which are high in sugars for their packed lunch? We hope to provide parents with information on nutrition during the year from a nutritionist as part of our health initiative programme.

For safety reasons nothing containing nuts may be brought into school for lunch, this includes Nutella and peanut butter.

Water Bottles

The children had a great afternoon learning about 'poo' and 'wee' and what they need to do to keep healthy. These sessions were led by Helen Sandler. The link below takes you to her educational site where they can access some of the games they used. There are some posters attached to this newsletter as well.

<http://letstalkaboutpoo.eric.org.uk/>

All the children in EYFS and KS1 received their water bottle and the children in KS2 will get theirs on Monday. Please make sure that they have a water bottle in school every day.

Thank you.



Calling all Gardeners!

Is anyone able to come into school and help us with our playground tubs and front of school pruning? It is becoming quite overgrown and could do with a bit of TLC. If you have any equipment or skills in this area please let us know. There are a number of children who would be keen to help you!

Egyptian Day

Earlier this week, on Tuesday 10th October 2017, Holly Class joined Laughton Community Primary School - Jungle Class - for an Egyptian day as part of our topic "Walk like an Egyptian".

We all took part in four different activities (hieroglyphics, learning about the weighing of the heart ceremony/afterlife, Egyptian make-up and Egyptian symbol collaging). Throughout the day, we had a brilliant learning experience.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed our trip out and we all hope for another day just like it!

By Lucy Davey and Megan Green



Governor News

It is with great sadness that the Governors have had to accept the resignation of Brian Derbyshire from the Governing Body. Brian has always been a loyal supporter of Firle CEP School, as well as a dedicated and hardworking Governor. Brian has worked tirelessly to help implement and monitor Safeguarding procedures and systems to ensure the well-being and safety of our pupils. We would like to say a massive thank you and convey our very best wishes for the future from everyone here at Firle CEP School.

Partnership

Last week staff met to explore 'Spirals of Inquiry', a new initiative we will be pioneering with Laughton to help children with their learning.

Catkins Class photo will be in the Argus on November 1st!

PE Kits

Children need a named P.E. kit on the following days - however we would recommend you keep PE kits in school until the end of each term and then take them home for washing. This means there is one less thing to think about on busy mornings!

Catkins - Wednesday & Friday

Willow - Tuesday & Friday

Beech - Monday & Friday

Holly - Wednesday & Friday

Saturday Forest School-Wood Rangers

Wood Rangers is a fun, creative, forest school run by experienced forest school leaders; held in Plashett Wood nr. Isfield, a beautiful SSI woodland with a barn.

First session is Sat 14th Oct, then every 2nd Sat of the month after that.

Children aged 5 to 12 are welcome to join us for a morning or all day.

Please see naturalconnectionsussex.org website for details of times and cost and booking form or speak to Helen d'Ascoli (Eden's mum).



Individual School Photographs

You should have received your proof of your child's photograph, please return your order with payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Working with Others in the Woods - 19.10.17 1.15-3.15pm

Parent Helpers Needed Please!

We are planning a whole school House Group 'Working with Others' event in the woods for next Thursday 19th October. To ensure we have adequate adult to child ratios, we will need parent helpers. Please can you let the office know if you are able to help? Please note, although we will try, we cannot guarantee that you will be working with your child's House Group, as all helpers will be placed where there is need.

Catkins Learning Journey share - 18.10.17 2.45pm

As well as Parents' Evening meetings, all Catkins Class parents are invited to the classroom, to share in their child's learning. If you are unable to make this date and time, please let Ms Ricca know, so that an alternative time can be arranged.



Spooky Disco!

FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL will be holding the annual Spooky Disco on Friday 20th October in Firle School Hall from 5.30pm - 6.45pm

Dress up & dance your scares away!



DISCO ENTRY £2.50 to include a packet of crisps and as much water as you can drink!

Everybody welcome!



FoFs MEETING AT THE PUB

Please come along to our next meeting, Monday 16 October, 7.30pm at The Ram. ALL WELCOME!

AGM

Thank you to everyone who made it to our Friends of Firle School AGM last week. We are looking forward to a great year ahead and would like to thank all Firle school parents/carers/supporters for your help in making our children's time at Firle the best it can



be. Our committee will remain the same as last year, and we're thrilled to have some returning and some new parents take on the role of class representatives.

Committee Members

Co-Chairs — Catherine Moore and Emily Bailey

Treasurer — Tamsin Mitchell

Secretary — Sally Hecks

Class Representatives

Catkins — Mark Pratley, Helen Pratley and Debra Vice-Holt

Willow — Anne-Marie Curry, Sarah Lee and Ness Tarr

Beech — Louise Jones, Helen Thomas and Charly Wood

Holly — Lisa Barrett, Lisa Geer and Daniel Sadler

Beyond The School Gate - Firle BTSG Group We are interested in setting up a regular meet-up for Firle School parents and carers to share information, issues and ideas 'Beyond The School Gate'. We would like to create an informal space for peer support and connection, without the rush and distraction of dropping off or picking up children. It may be particularly useful for anyone looking after children with additional needs. We can see how we can support each other with informal strategies - as simple as walking to school together if children are finding arrival at school a bit tricky. We can recommend useful books and resources to each other, and share information about outside agencies or navigating the SEND system. We may also arrange little events with outside speakers, or do topic-focused sessions. **We are thinking of meeting on Monday 16 October after morning drop-off in The Ram.** Let us know if you can make it, or if you are unable to make that date, but would be interested in future meet-ups. There is also potential for a BTSG Whatsapp or Facebook group for an offline forum if meeting up would be challenging for everyone's schedules. Chat to Holly (Flynn + Lowen's mum) or Ness (Fergus + Sorcha's mum) at school or email hollyjdawson@gmail.com

Dates for your diary.....

October

17th October Parent consultation 3.30-5.30pm

18th October Catkins Learning Journey share 2.45pm

19th Flu Immunisations

19th October Parent consultation 4.30-7pm

20th October - Hind Leap Warren balance for Holly class deadline

20th October - break up for half term

20th October - Spooky Disco

30th October - start of Term 2

31st October Secondary School applications must be submitted to East Sussex Local Authority

November

1st November Catkins Class photo in Argus

Week beginning 13th Anti bullying week



17th November official Children in Need but **CHANGE OF DATE** - as Holly are at Hind Leap Warren on this day, we will have our Children in Need fundraising event the following week on Thursday 23rd November

15th - 17th November Hind Leap Warren

December

4th R.E. Day & Parent Forum 2.30pm

5th New intake Open Morning

5th Big Sing

7th Coming of the Light Church Service 2pm

12th & 13th Nativity 9.30am

14th Christmas lunch/jumper day

18th Carol Service 6pm

20th Break up for Christmas holiday

INSET dates for 2018

2nd January 2018

20th July 2018

Details of these events will follow.....

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 5th October

Catkins: Elias - for joining in so well with all the learning and for being kind and caring to others in the class

Zelda - for working so hard at everything she does, especially phonics. Zelda never stops learning!

Willow: Noah - for trying hard and having a go at phonics and handwriting

Sorcha - for coming in with a massive smile every morning

Beech: Fergus - for brilliant maths work, showing great determination and resilience

Elsie - for always following Golden Rules and carefully following instructions

Holly: Chloe - for progress in maths. She shows resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges.



DATE: 12th October

Catkins: Ida - for progress in writing: Ida wrote a letter to Mummy and Daddy

Levon - for joining in with our learning, answering questions and offering his ideas

Willow: Hopi and Barnaby - for doing maths on their own for FUN!

Lottie - for always being helpful and kind



- Beech:** Noah - for working really hard on his English, writing a beautiful story with brilliant punctuation, including lots of speech and an ellipsis
Leon - for always trying hard in every lesson, a great role model
- Holly:** Well done to the whole class for great behaviour on our Egyptian Day at Laughton this week. Everybody worked really hard!