

Dear Parents and Carers,

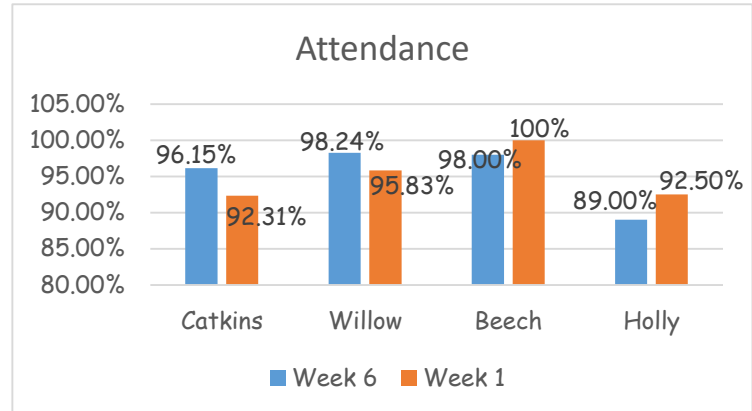
We hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine.

Welcome back to Term 5. It is a short one and jam packed so please make a note of dates on the diary and Friends of Firle events below.

### ATTENDANCE

Well done Willow and Beech.

Our school target this year is 96.5%.



### GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in our Golden Book which is shared in our Celebration Assembly.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

- Catkins** - **Jessica** for a friendly, smiling manner as she works and plays with her friends.  
**Kiki** for making such a positive start in Catkins
- Willow** - **Dexter** for making a great start to his time at Firle  
**Charlie** for being a good friend to Dexter and helping him settle in
- Beech** - **Arlina** for excellent work in Maths and handwriting  
**Matias** for trying really hard and learning his numbers up to 10
- Holly** - **Iliana** for her enthusiasm this week as we have launched our new topic, well done  
**Phoebe** for working hard and showing a great attitude to learning

Diary <u>APRIL</u>	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Dental Checks for 5 year olds
W/C 29 <sup>th</sup>	Start of after school and lunchtime clubs (except Chess)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming
<u>MAY</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 swimming
8 <sup>th</sup>	Plastic Free Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holly Class to Preston Manor
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Yr 6 Safety in Action Catkins Learning Journey Share (2pm)

### HELP NEEDED

The organisers of the Horse Trials that are taking place at Firle on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May have asked if the School could provide them with loaf cakes to feed their volunteers and they would pay £2.50 - £3 per cake to the school to help raise funds. They are based up near Nottingham and like to try to create as much local economic benefit as possible.

They need about 25ish loaf cakes. If you are able to donate a loaf cake to the school on the 10<sup>th</sup> May please can you let the school office know asap so that we can make sure we have enough. It would be great to get as many as possible so we are asking staff and governors too!

### TREE PLANTING

Our Tree Planting Day was a huge success and many thanks to Mrs Sison for co-ordinating it. Mrs Horan and Mrs Last were also instrumental in providing refreshments and making sure everyone knew about it. Unfortunately, the Prince of Wales couldn't make it but we were delighted to get an official letter from Clarence House in response to our invitation!



### **RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 WELLIE WALKS**

These will be continuing for the rest of this term, every Wednesday from 9.15am - 10.30am. Wellies remain essential whatever the weather, as well as coats etc in colder weather. The woods are surprising cool, even in hotter weather. Please let a member of staff know if you can help.

### **PATINA MOVING ON T-SHIRTS**

As part of the upcoming moving on celebrations for Year 6, t-shirts are available to order. Information has been sent out alongside the newsletter with details of the design, sizes available and prices. The t-shirts are available for anyone who would like one, not just the Year 6 pupils. Mrs Anderson will be co-ordinating the order so please could you send the money into school in an envelope, clearly labelled with the name of the child (or adult) the amount and which colour you would like (black print or metallic print). Cheques can be made payable to Patina. You are also welcome to pay by cash. The order must be placed by 10th May so please have your orders and payment in school by Thursday 9th May so the order can be placed. Mrs Anderson will only be able to place the order for the t-shirts where payment has been received by the school. The t-shirts will be available on Thursday 13th June and will be given out to the children on that day.

### **PLASTIC-FREE DAY, 8TH MAY 2019**

This year, to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Sir David Attenborough, we are joining lots of other schools to take part in the '8th May Plastic-Free Day'. Many of you will have seen coverage over the last couple of years of the dreadful levels of plastic pollution in our oceans, which is harming wildlife and even getting into our own food chain.

In the UK alone, we use an estimated 35 million single-use plastic bottles, 7 million disposable coffee cups with their plastic lids and lining, 8.5 million plastic straws and around 16 million packets of crisps EVERY DAY! Only 9% of the plastic waste that we humans have created has been recycled, and around 8 million tonnes of it enters the oceans every year, from littering, dumping and mishandling, and can hang around for hundreds of years.

To help our children understand the impact of plastic on the environment, we are going to have a day of refusing single-use plastic. We will be learning about the issues surrounding plastic pollution and ocean health and how we can make a difference in our day to day lives by making more sustainable choices.

We are asking that children who have a packed lunch at school come in with no single-use plastic packaging in their lunch box - so no disposable bottles, crisp packets etc. Sandwiches and other lunch box contents could be wrapped in tin foil or come in a container (plastic such as Tupperware is reusable and is acceptable!), and please make sure your child has a reusable water bottle with them. We will be talking to our suppliers and caterers to ensure that they use no or minimal plastic packaging on the day.

We hope that taking part in this day will help our children to learn about how we can reduce the amount of plastic pollution endangering our wildlife and environment, and to be extra vigilant about littering and choosing to avoid single-use plastic wherever possible. It is a day of making changes to our habits that hopefully will lead to more days of being aware of how simple switches to more environmentally friendly options can make a difference.

Thank you for your support!

### **LONG HAIR**

Please can we remind everyone that all children with hair that is shoulder length or longer and that can be tied up, should be tied up away from the face for school. This is both for a hygiene and health and safety reason. Your support with this is appreciated. If children do forget we have spare hair bands in the office so will ask children to tie it up on arrival at school.

### **TRANSPORT HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

We have a new pupil who has started with us this week and has to travel by bus from Alfriston every day. Can anyone help this family with transport? Please let the school office know.

### **LUNCH MONEY**

If you would like to pay for your child's lunch for the whole of term 5 the price will be £48.30. The price for the whole of term 6 will be £73.50.

### **FUN RUN**

The Friends of both Laughton School and Firle School are co coordinating a fun run for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May which will run from 10am -12pm. There will be a 5K and a 1K run around Firle. There will also be family entertainment and refreshments so it's going to be a great event. We are still on the lookout for as many volunteers as possible so please let the school office know if you can help. Don't forget to get your entries in too and spread the word-we want to raise as much money as possible. Dog and walkers are also very welcome.

### **FRIENDS OF FIRLE**

#### **Beech Class Bake Sale**

**Friday 26th April**

School will be open at 2.30pm for families to come and enjoy a quiet cup of tea and a piece of cake before the children finish. Baked donations may be dropped off at the office at the start of the day or brought with you later.

Friends of Firle School say THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Firle, Glynde & Beddingham Parish Magazine who have donated £250 to us. It is wonderful to feel so supported by our community.

#### **Firle Factor 2019**

What an amazing night! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in any way, in helping in advance or on the night, in preparing your fantastic children for their brilliant performances or just in turning up and supporting. Special mentions to Stuart Hall, Martin Colbourne, Kathleen Swaine, Robert Rees and Kathy Martyn.

We had almost 20 acts of fantastic variety from children of every age. It is such a brave thing to get up on stage and we had some very young performers who really showed us how it's done. Congratulations to all our winners, but especially Lily Hole and Tabitha Moore were awarded first place for their comedy magic act. Well done everyone!

**Bake Sales** have started for each class last month, with Holly Class taking over £60 in the first one! Classes may adapt their sale in any way they wish, including ice creams or any other sale items.

### **Curry & Quiz Night - Friday 10th May**

7.30pm Firle Village Hall

A truly delicious spread of homemade curries awaits you, with a little light quizzing in between! Please buy tickets from the school office or Firle Village Stores - £9 in advance or £10 on the night. Plus prize raffle with a top prize of a meal at the Chillipickle restaurant in Brighton. If you can make a dish of some kind, please see a member of the FoFS committee or let the school office know. ANY help on the night is appreciated (we especially need someone to run the bar...)

**Bag2School** 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 Tuesday 7th May STRAIGHT AFTER THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND. To maximise our fundraising we have a jumble sale that afternoon and the charity then collect the bags from school on Thursday 9th May. 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!

Please see stickers on the bags for items which can or cannot be donated. Bring your donations into school and leave in the school hall. 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](mailto:debraviceholt@yahoo.co.uk)

## **FRIENDS OF FIRLE DIARY DATES 2019**

**CLASS BAKE SALES** monthly Fridays from April to July

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Willow class

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Catkins class

**QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30pm

Delicious homemade curries, desserts and accompaniments plus a cash bar to help stimulate the brain!

**FIRLE VICARAGE OPEN GARDEN TEAS Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Enjoy the Bridge's beautiful garden and sample homemade tea and cakes. (*Help is always needed at this popular event*)

**SUMMER EVENT**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

*straight after school*

EVERYONE is invited to come and celebrate the year, welcome new people, let your hair down and say goodbye to Year 6.

**BAG2SCHOOL JUMBLE & COLLECTION 7<sup>th</sup> May**