

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into term 3 and there has been a lot going on as you will see from the reports below. Please can you pop Saturday 18th May in your diary, as we will be doing our first joint fundraising event with Firle, which will be a Fun Run -see more details in this newsletter. We would like as many volunteers as we can to help on the day and hope that you can also take part in the race itself.

We would like to make you all aware that Firle Church of England Primary School now has a Facebook page. This has been set up as a way to share upcoming events and to promote the school throughout the community and beyond. Please like and share the page and keep an eye on it for reminders of events happening in school. **We would like to reassure you that no pictures of any pupils will be used on the Facebook page at any time.**

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Willow.

Our school target this year is 96.5%.

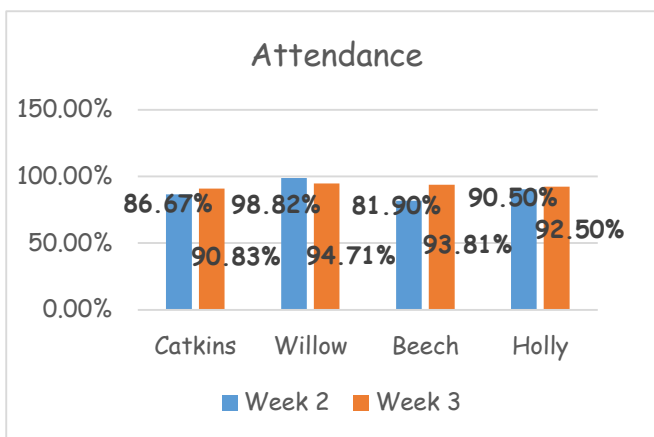
IMPORTANT NEW ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

We have now been instructed to carry out the following in regards to parents and carers taking children out of school during term time:

'head teachers may *not* grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**'

'A penalty notice should be requested for all parents who are liable'

'Penalty Notice for a planned absence, i.e. holiday, can only be requested for absences of 10 or more consecutive sessions (5 days).'



GOLDEN BOOK

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

7th March 2019

- Catkins** - Erin - for such determination with her learning in order to make progress
Ollie - for super progress in reading
- Willow** - Willow and Buzzy - for always having a positive attitude in class and 'can-do' attitude
- Beech** - Kai - for making a fantastic start at Firle, we are very pleased that he has joined Beech Class
Elsie - for brilliant attitude to all her work, and being a fantastic friend
- Holly** - the entire class for their effort and enthusiasm in this morning's drama and singing workshop

14th March 2019

- Catkins** - Arthur and Izzy - a positive attitude to learning, resulting in good progress in all aspects of the curriculum
- Willow** - Lowen - great problem solving in maths
Amber - amazing writing
- Beech** - All the class for showing amazing dedication, hard work and resilience for their rehearsals. They

Diary March

- 18th Beech Class Dress Rehearsal
- 19th - Yr 3 swimming
Beech Play 6pm
- 20th - City Mission Easter Worship
Cooking Club
- 21st - Yr 5 Big Bang at KAR
- 25th - Book Fair
- 26th - Yr 3 swimming
- 27th - Cooking Club
- 28th - Whole school trip

April

- 2nd - Tree Planting
Catkins Learning Journey
Share, 10.35am
- 3rd - Catkins Learning Journey
Share, 3.15pm

have worked so hard!!

Holly - all the children who attended the swimming gala last week and the netball tournament this week. All the children were fantastic supporters of each other and behaviour was great!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We have a great deal planned for the last week of this term. Please see the separate letter sent today, via email.

WILLOW AND CATKINS CLASSES LIBRARY VISITS

We are continuing to use visit the school library every Friday. Please ensure your child returns their book every Friday so that they can change it for a new one.

SWIMMING GALA

Well done to our swimming team who took part in the Ringmer swimming gala last week. They were- Liam, Edie, Lauren, Jasmine, Gabri, Fergus, Jayem and Lucy.

"On Thursday the 7th of March, a small team of eight pupils went to Ringmer Swimming Pool to take part in a swimming gala. We came in last place, but we had a lot of fun! We took part in all of the races including the hardest of them, the butterfly. Another tough race was the individual medley (three 25m laps, one front crawl, one back crawl and one breast stroke)." By Lucy (Holly Class Y6)

CLICK AT RINGMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children in Year 6 went to Ringmer Primary for a show on being safe online last Friday

"On the 8th March, we visited Ringmer Primary School and watched an educational play about. The play covered online grooming, privacy settings, personal information and the dangers of social media. The performance was called 'Click', and Calum (the main character) was addicted to social media and gaming. So to help him overcome this they told him how to stay safe using music, singing and confrontation. I think this was very helpful for us to listen to because I think more information needs to be spread about how good but dangerous the internet can be! Only the year 6 boys and girls went to this performance as it will help support us in communicating using the internet." By Lauren (Y6)



Please click <https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting/> if you want to report inappropriate online behaviours.

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WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS

Your child should have brought home a book voucher form world Book Day. These can be swapped for one of the selected books on the voucher or used to reduce the price of another book by £1. The vouchers run out at the end of March.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Thank you to all those who have responded to our school vision letter in returning the 3 words that best describe Firle Church of England Primary School. We are currently collating them with the staff, governors and children responses and will feedback the results to you.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our netball team were fabulous on Wednesday in the tournament at Ringmer Primary and came 2nd in the competition. Well done to Connor, Felix, Joel, Liam, Jayem, Jasmine, Ellie, Phoebe and Gabri. Mrs Filtress has done some practice with them and will be setting up a netball club in term 5.

"We won every game (Felix scored 5 goals) and we got to the final against Ringmer A team. In the end Ringmer won with 2 goals and we came a very proud 2nd place." - By Joel (Y6)

"On the 13th of March 2019, we went to Ringmer Primary School and we played some netball. The children who went were Gabri, Joel, Liam, Felix, Jayam, Connor, Jasmine, Ellie, and Phoebe. We had so much fun. We

switched around and we all played nearly all of the positions. We made it to the final! We came in second place out of six teams. We played really well. By Phoebe (Y5)

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Kathleen Swaine is no longer a governor for the Oak tree federation due to work commitments so Mrs Gemma Collins will be the only safeguarding governor at present.

If you ever have any safety concerns about policy or procedures at school, please do let us know via the school office or when we are on duty as we then address them or affirm what we have in place. Many thanks.

Please can we bring to your attention a letter that has been sent out to you with the newsletter, about a new police initiative we are now involved in.

RED NOSE DAY

Today we are celebrating Red Nose day and this has linked well with our Christian value this term 'Compassion' We have discussed this in assemblies and defined it as 'Compassion is recognising that others are having problems/difficulties and doing something to help'

PANCAKE RACES

We hope you enjoy these lovely photos of our Pancake Races last week. Many thanks to Annemarie for taking the photos and to the Friends of Firle for organising such a fun event.



COMMUNITY TREE COPPICE COMPETITION

We would like the children to come up with a name for the community coppice that we will be planting on the 2nd April. A name will be picked by Lord Gage and the winning name will be put on a sign at the entrance to the new area.

Please write your suggestion on a piece of paper with your name and hand into the office. GOOD LUCK!

CATKINS LEARNING JOURNEY SHARE, 2nd April:

This event now clashes with the tree planting event. Please note the following change of time: 10.35am, following on from Catkins and Willow tree planting. Alternatively please share your child's learning after school on Wednesday 3rd April.

CAKE DONATIONS



Colette will be serving afternoon tea on the day of our tree planting, 2nd April at 2.45pm in the school hall. Please let us know if you are able to donate a cake or some scones. Many thanks!

FUN RUN

The LSA and Friends of Firle are co coordinating a fun run for Saturday 18th March which will run from 10 (maybe a bit before)-12. 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. Please put the date in your diary and let the school office know if you can help at all, we will need a lot of volunteers. Please also spread the message to family and friends. We want to raise as much money as possible.

Our next meeting about the event will be on Monday 1st April at 7p.m at The Ram in Firle, please come along if you think you can help. A letter with more information will follow but you might want to dust of your trainers and start training!

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Holly Class Bake Sale
Friday 29th March

Firle Factor 2019 Thursday 4th April

Another year to showcase the talents of our amazing children. Entry forms available from the school office to be returned by Friday 29th March. Entry fee is £1 to be paid on the night. Audience tickets are £2 Doors open 5pm for a 5.30 start with a cash bar and lots of delicious hot & cold snacks, including pizza slices, sausage rolls, sandwiches and cakes. Prepare to be entertained!

Easter Events & Garden Competition

Create a traditional Easter Garden, bring it in on Thursday 4th April and you have the chance to win a prize. All gardens can then be viewed in the church for the Easter service and collected from there afterwards. Please see the letter from Mrs Ricca in bookbags for all Easter Event information

Thanks to everyone for...

Band Night on February 8th - we raised over £600! Thanks especially to Dave Fox-Wilson for the bands and Mike Hole for the beer!

Pancake Races were a brilliantly fun exhibition of everyone joining in and encouraging each other as is the Firle School way. Thanks especially to the parents and the little ones who raced, to the pancake makers and helpers and to the weather for holding off the rain!

Funding update

Friends of Firle have recently subsidised the trip to Brighton Museum so that parents pay less than £10. We funded a new laptop for the school hall and are purchasing a storage unit for the new prayer space. Following huge support from families and the local community, the Amazon wishlist is still open, with several items your child's school still needs!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

FRIENDS OF FIRLE DIARY DATES 2019

next meeting Thursday 25th April 2pm in the School Hall

FIRLE FACTOR 2019 **Thursday 4th April** **5.30pm**

An exciting, entertaining and truly inspiring night of talent from our own amazing students. Who will be crowned this year's winner?

EASTER GARDENS **Thursday 4th April**

Judging by Rev. Pete straight after class registration at 9.15am

Create a traditional Easter Garden for a chance to win a prize.

Please note: Easter hats are an in-house Working With Others activity this year only

CLASS BAKE SALES monthly Fridays from April to July

March 29th - Holly class April 26th - Beech class (TBC)

May 24th - Willow class June 28th - Catkins class

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT **Friday 10th May** **7.30pm**

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

FIRLE VICARAGE OPEN GARDEN TEAS **Saturday 8th June**

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

SUMMER EVENT **Friday 12th 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 *date TBC*