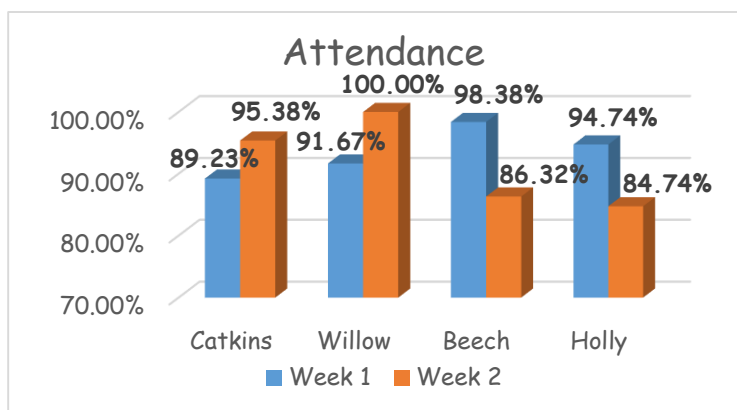


Dear Parents and Carers, Term 6 is well underway. It is a busy term so please keep an eye out for everything that is happening over the next few weeks. It promises to be fun filled and action packed! We are still waiting for summer to start properly -please ensure children are still bringing a waterproof coat in every day so we can make the most of the fresh air in spite of the rain!

## 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.

### 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

- Catkins** **Arthur** for such enthusiasm for learning at school and at home.  
**Mabel** for making amazing progress, especially in reading.
- Willow** **Beau** has worked really hard with his reading and has started a new book colour.  
**Cress** for hard work during our maths lesson remembering her telling the time skills.
- Beech** **Fin** for excellent attitude to all his work!  
**Georgie** for being a lovely friend and a great role model in class
- Holly** **Lucy, Liam, Connor, Soraya and Jasmine**, for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm at the 'Safety in Action' event at Newhaven Fort.

### 13<sup>th</sup> June

- Catkins** **Tallulah** for working so hard on her maths target.  
**Kiki** for working so hard on her phonics and reading - good progress!
- Willow** **Lily** for amazing extended writing - editing her work to make it even better.  
**Zelda** fantastic contributions to our group writing. Pushing herself to extend her vocabulary.
- Beech** **Dolly** for showing great resilience and determination in her maths working with money.  
**Fin** for excellent progress in reading, he has read frequently at home and has worked so hard to work through the book bands.

### Diary JUNE

- 17<sup>th</sup> KS1 Maths Workshop 2pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Playground 'quiet space' working party, 10am-12midday  
25<sup>th</sup> Whole School Walk  
27<sup>th</sup> **FoFs AGM**  
28<sup>th</sup> Sports day  
**Catkins Bake Sale**

### JULY

- 4<sup>th</sup> Whole school trip to Charleston House.  
5<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Patina Parade  
6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Leavers service at Lancing College  
12<sup>th</sup> **FoFS Summer Event**  
17<sup>th</sup> KS1 Glynde Fun Day  
19<sup>th</sup> Leavers Service  
Last day of Term

## KS1 MATHS WORKSHOP

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please come to our Maths Workshop with Helen Hackett, Mastery Specialist Teacher, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. She will work through activities on how to support your child with fluency.

## WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

Please check that you have received the letter about our whole school walk, which will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. It is extremely urgent that the reply slip is returned to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, if you wish to order a school packed lunch, as the kitchen needs to put in the correct order by the end of this week.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

These will be taken on the afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please can you ensure children are wearing the full, correct uniform.

## NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION

We need your help and nominations! It will only take a few seconds! Click on the link below and nominate our fantastic school so we are in with a chance of winning.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

The more nominations the school receives, the higher their chances of winning

*'We all understand the importance of a good school library - and not just for learning. Studies show that reading for pleasure does not just give children an advantage academically; it can improve their wellbeing too.'*



*Nominate a school to win below, and if your entry is picked, not only will your chosen school be able to refresh their library for generations of children to come with our massive **£5,000/€5,000 National Book Tokens prize**, you'll also take home **£100/€120 of National Book Tokens just for you.***

## PETITION

Maria Caulfield is calling for the UK to host the next global climate change summit in 2020, COP26. Please see her request below.

'I have produced a petition, calling on Parliament and the Government to do all that they can to bring COP26 to London. I thought that given the level of interest in climate change that your students may wish to join me in calling for COP26 to come to London. I am hoping that you will be able to put this petition to your students giving them a chance to do something constructive towards tackling climate change that does not involving taking time off from their education. I would be grateful if they could either physically sign the attached petition and send back to me using the freepost address, or fill in the online petition on my website here: [www.mariacaulfield.co.uk/bringcop26tolondon](http://www.mariacaulfield.co.uk/bringcop26tolondon).

## HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

We have a case of hand, foot and mouth in school. Please be extra vigilant and make sure to keep washing hands thoroughly.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

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## PARKING

I know it feels as though we are always requesting your cooperation with parking. Please, please be considerate of our neighbours and don't block their gates or drives.

## TICKS

In England, nymphal tick activity increases during spring, peaking during April to June. This year, south-eastern areas of England are seeing "very high" populations of **ticks**, which can cause fatigue and spread Lyme disease. With this in mind, children going to Forest School must wear long trousers and long sleeved tops, to reduce the direct exposure of ticks to bare skin.

### **CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

We would like to make the entrance to our school more appealing and seek advice and help from anyone who has creative ideas. If you know how to make a mosaic for outdoors or large colourful signs or images to go on our fence then please let the school office know. We have a number of people who will volunteer to support the project but could really do with some advice on materials etc. Many thanks.



### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please look out for your club letter early in September, it will include a brand new street dance club.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR COOK**

Colette is very pleased to let us know that from next week the children will have a choice of four baguettes every day: cheese, ham, tuna or egg.

### **VISIT FROM A LION TRACKER**

As a finale to Catkins' topic work on Africa and their adoption of Rory the lion, both Catkins and Willow classes had a visit from a genuine African lion tracker. He gave a very interesting talk on life in Africa and his job of tracking wild animals. Thank you Craig.

### **HOLLY CLASS FUNDRAISER FOR PATINA**

On Wednesday 12th June, Holly Class ran an event in the hall in order to raise funds for the Year 6 Patina Moving On Parade. The children created their own stalls and were responsible for organising the posters, prices and running the stalls on the day. Enormous thanks to all the people who helped the children run their stalls and who came and spent money at the event. I am delighted to tell you we raised a fantastic £150.00! Any excess funds we raise will be put towards next year. Again, on behalf of the children in Holly Class, THANK YOU!  
Mrs Anderson

### **AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGMENTS**

If your child is not going home with the usual person, please let the school office know, as we cannot allow children to go home with other parents without prior notice.

### **AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS SESSIONS**

Lucy Gribble has been able to arrange some tennis lessons for children, after school on a Friday. These will be coached by a lady called Anne at Firle tennis club and will be from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Friday, after school. If you have any further questions or would like to register your interest, please speak to Lucy as soon as possible.

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS:**

We would like to create a discrete quiet, reflective and welcoming space for all children at Firle CEP School. Can you help?

What we need:

scented plants	planters/large pots	compost	robust garden furniture
chalk board to fix to the fence		wind chimes	bird baths
gardeners	DIY tools and technicians		

We will be creating the space on Saturday 22nd June, 10am-12midday and welcome donations or help on the day - just turn up if you can or deliver donations by Friday 21st June.

We have had a very kind offer of a bird bath and some large planters from a neighbour in Glynde. Please would someone with strong arms and a van collect these and bring them to school for us. Let Mrs Horan know if you can help.

## **FLOWER TREE COPPICE**

Nettles are growing around some of the saplings. Mrs Sison would like to gather a small working party to tackle these please. Let Mrs Horan know if you can help. Many thanks

## **LEWES ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER CAMPS**

Each year in August the club organises a week long Summer Camp for young people usually aged between 7 and 11 (Yrs 3-6). The date for 2019 has been set for the week starting Monday 5th August until Friday 9th August. There will be the opportunity to Run, Jump and Throw all week long.

Each event is coached by the club's qualified athletics coaches with the opportunity to, partake in activities such as discus, long jump, pole vault, sprinting and many more.

Camp t-shirts and drawstring bags are included for everyone

Activities take place from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day and take place at the Lewes Athletic Track, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XG

Parents can get more information on the Lewes Athletics Club website/what we do/Summer camp page or email me on [summercamp@lewesac.co.uk](mailto:summercamp@lewesac.co.uk).

## **FRIENDS OF FIRLE**

### **FoF AGM**

The AGM will be taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the school hall. Three committee members are standing down this year and is so important that we fill these spaces to ensure continuity. If no one is able to take on these roles then there is no Friends of Firle! You do not have to be at the AGM to put yourself forward for these roles.

### **FoFs Open Garden Teas**

A big thank you to all who contributed their time and baking skills to make the Open Garden teas at The Old Vicarage in Firle such a great success.

We are very fortunate to be given the opportunity each year by the Bridge family to sell cream teas to the public. Despite worries about the poorer weather this year we took over £1000, which is a fantastic boost to our account. We always receive great compliments about the quality of the cream teas we serve and we really appreciate the home-made donations from you all. We are grateful to the Moore family who donated a variety of potted plants, which helped to raise over £140 independently of the tea sales. Thanks also to the Attwood family who, once again, donated a very large amount of strawberries.

A special mention must go to the children who helped out on the day, some of whom were there for many hours. They cleared tables, fetched and carried, sold plants and strawberries and most certainly encouraged the public to dig a little deeper than they might otherwise have done. Without exception, they were hard working, polite, and such good ambassadors for our school: Lucy, Jasmine, Felix, Tabitha, Elsie, Zelda, Buzz, Beau and Alex and ex-pupils Mia and Sorcha. *Tamsin*

**Bake Sales** have started for each class last month, with Holly Class and Beech Class taking over £60 abd Willow Class taking over £40. Classes may adapt their sale in any way they wish, including ice creams or any other sale items.

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

**CLASS BAKE SALE** June 28<sup>th</sup> - Catkins class

### **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.