

**Attendance: Year to Date**

Catkins 97.6%  
Willow 95.6%  
Beech 97.1%  
Holly 92.5%



Welcome back to a very busy term 2. We have lots of fun things planned this term so please keep an eye on the dates and emails sent out. We would like to let you know that Mrs West's operation went well and she is at home now recovering. We all wish her well and look forward to seeing her back in school soon.

**PACKED LUNCHES**

Some of our children have been bringing sweets in their packed lunches. As we try to encourage healthy eating in school we would ask that the children bring in alternatives to sweets. Try fruit, seeds or popcorn instead. Please remember not to use nuts or any products containing nuts as we are a nut free school.

**DROP OFF AND COLLECTIONS**

Drivers, please be considerate of our neighbours and other parents before and after school. We have had some reports of questionable manoeuvres that are making it unsafe for our children and parents during busy drop off and pick up times.

**BONFIRE DAY**

Willow and Catkins Classes welcomed Laughton School to Firle on Wednesday this week. Despite the damp weather, the children had a brilliant, fun filled day taking part in activities, both in the woods and at school. The children enjoyed bonfire themed activities including fire building, a history workshop, singing, art and 'Working with Others' games. We would like to say a big thank you to all our parent helpers and especially to Richie, Dan and Catherine who ran workshops during the day.



**STORIES ON TAPE OR CD**

If you have any spare audio tapes or CDs of children's stories that you no longer use, please send them in. We can use them in school and would be very grateful for any donations.

**AN APPEAL FOR JARS!**

Mrs Sison has a brilliant fund raising idea but to put it into practice she needs empty, clean jars, without lids and with labels removed. The jar needs to be large enough to hold a tea light. Please bring any contributions to the school office.

### LUNCH MONEY

Again this academic year we will not be giving lunch to children whose lunch money is in arrears. Parents will have to provide a packed lunch.

### COOKING CLUB

Please be aware that the dates for Cooking Club next term are as follows:  
31<sup>st</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> November and 28<sup>th</sup> November. These dates are subject to change as Kathy is a volunteer and does have other commitments. Apologies for any previous mix up over our cooking club dates.

### UNIFORM

Can you please check that all items of school uniform and PE kit are named clearly with the correct names, especially if you have 2nd hand uniform. Many items are going astray and in many cases we have no way of identifying if someone else is accidentally wearing the missing items. We also cannot return lost items to their owners if they are not clearly named.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This is to remind you that in recognition of Armistice Day we will be walking to the Firle War Memorial on Monday to hold a 2 minutes silence. The children in Catkins and Willow Class have made poppy wreaths to lay at the memorial. We will be leaving school to walk there at 10.30am and really need parent helpers to accompany us. If you are able to help, please meet at school for 10.25am on Monday.

Whilst the infants were making the poppy wreaths, children in Beech and Holly Class have decorated beautiful crosses which have been put on display at the memorial at Glynde Church. If you have a chance to pop by and see them this weekend they are worth a look. Thank you to Lisa Geer for asking us to be involved with this

### HOLLY CLASS HINDLEAP WARREN TRIP – 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November

Next week the children from Holly Class will be taking part in their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. We know they will have a great time trying out new activities and challenging themselves in new situations. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they come back.

### OPEN DAYS – 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm & 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

We will be having our Open Days for parents thinking about sending their children to our school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am - meeting in the hall and then to look around the school.

### PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD



### TODDLER GROUP – STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY

Come along for a play and refreshments with one of our Early Years specialists every Wednesday afternoon 2-3p.m. Drop in £2 (includes refreshments) starting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### SPREAD THE WORD

### Reception and Year 1 Wednesday Welly Walks

Please ensure your child comes to school ready for the woods, including wellies, waterproof coats and trousers (if you have them). This will happen on the following dates:- 14.11.18, 21.11.18, 28.11.18. PARENT HELPERS NEEDED - if you can help, please let Ms Ricca or the office know.

### ATTENDANCE

Please note if parents need to take children out of school during the day for appointments or drop them into school late can they please sign them in or out at the school office, particularly those children in the mobile classrooms. For health and safety purposes we need to be aware of who is in school at all times, particularly in the event of an emergency.

### LEARNING ROOM

As you may have seen, the large wooden shed that will become an extra learning space has been erected in the school courtyard. It will take some time to complete the build as it has to be done in stages. This first structure needs at least 4 coats of waterproof, exterior paint (each needing 2 hrs to dry) before the next stage can commence. The paint and rollers are being kept in the school office, if anyone has any spare time and fancies applying a coat of paint to the wooden structure.

### FRIENDS OF FIRLE SCHOOL

#### Bags 2 School

This is a fundraising initiative that 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 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. To maximise our fund raising we have a jumble sale after the collection date and the charity then collect the bags from school. 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!

#### Donations **CAN NOT INCLUDE**

- Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with or without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bring your donations into school and leave in the school hall. Please **DO NOT** bring anything in before half term!

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)

#### Key dates

12<sup>th</sup> November - deadline to return bags

13<sup>th</sup> November - jumble sale (plus second-hand uniform)

14<sup>th</sup> November -bags collected

#### Important News!

**This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December and we need...**

...crafters, servers, stirrers, games-runners, tombola-turners, lucky-dip pickers, chutney sellers, raffle ticketers, wristband fixers, wreath-makers, marquee erectors, table placers, sign writers, decoration hangers, light switchers, cake donators and tablecloth layers...

We HAVE Father Christmas and probably one or two elves, and a wonderful choir to set the atmosphere, so then we just need you to come! (and your friends, family and money!).

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and one of the most wonderful, so if you can help even for just an hour to set up on the Friday or a short time on the day, please let one of the committee or a class rep know before we approach you!

**Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:**

**DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

- Catkins:** Arthur and Levon – for super drawing and writing on our Paddington Bear topic day  
Lost and Found
- Willow:** Chloe – an amazing attitude to work  
Lily – being a great friend to others in the class
- Beech:** Monty Wood – excellent maths work in column addition, well done!  
Dolly – for working really hard on her handwriting and concentrating on making sure her work looks fantastic
- Holly:** Years 4, 5 and 6 for their excellent behaviour and attitude and their creative writing workshop at the University of Sussex  
George – for having a fantastic week, being part of the class and showing good listening and a good attitude to learning.

**DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

- Catkins:** Shea and Ollie – for wonderful models of a city for homework
- Willow:** Buzzy – for making a really big effort to change his behaviour
- Beech:** Fin – for fantastic effort and hard work in maths working on column additions.  
Henry – for extra homework for maths, showing great enthusiasm and dedication
- Holly:** Noah – for fantastic progress in his maths  
Amani – for being an excellent role model, being helpful and showing a great attitude to learning

**Dates for term 2**

**November**

- Wk beginning 12<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying week  
12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day – At the Village War Memorial (Parents invited to attend)  
14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Holly Class to Hindleap Warren  
14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and Reception children Welly Walks, 9.00-10.15  
16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need (detail tbc)  
27<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon 2pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Big Sing 5.30pm in Eastbourne (Year 5&6 performing)

**December**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pantomime (in school for the children)  
4<sup>th</sup> Coming of the Light 2pm – Firle Church (Parents invited to attend)  
5<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccination  
5<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 9.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> Firle Christmas Fair 11.30am – 2pm  
11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

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12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner at Firle

17<sup>th</sup> Church service 6p.m (Reception children will form a tableau, all parents invited to attend)

19<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas holiday