



### Attendance

Catkins: 93.75%  
Willow: 93.75%  
Beech: 93.25%  
Holly: 93.75%



## Well done!

### Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday and would like to wish a Happy New year to all our families and friends, as well as a special welcome to anyone who has joined the school this term. We are looking forward to another busy term. Thank you again for getting your children to school, wearing full school uniform and arriving on time.

### CENSUS DAY!

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January the school has a census day. This is when we record the number of children on roll for each year group and how many take school dinners. Our school funding depends on this. This is particularly important for our infant meals as we are funded for them in our school budget. A copy of the menu will be sent with this newsletter. Please can you encourage your child, if possible, to have a school dinner on this day if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you.

### Weather

If we should have any inclement weather in the next few weeks, then please keep an eye on our website and the ESCC website as we will post information there. We may also need to text you, so please make sure the office has your up to date numbers.

### Breakfast Club

We are carrying out a feasibility study into whether we can provide a Breakfast Club here at Firle. The first step is to gain an indication of the numbers of children who would potentially take advantage of this before school provision. Please let us know if you would be interested in using a Breakfast Club here at Firle on a part or fulltime basis via the school office at:

[office@firle-school.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@firle-school.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Thank you!

### Working With Others

On the last day of Term 2, we practised our Working With Others (WWO) skills with a Christmas theme. We worked in our House Groups and enjoyed cooperative games before making Christmas hats with deliberately limited resources. We were focusing specifically on working in randomly chosen groups (ie not necessarily our friends) and on sharing. As always the children participated with enthusiasm and it's great to see these important life skills improving across the school.

Working in Partnership



### **Working in Partnership**

During Terms 3 & 4 the teachers at Firle and Laughton schools will continue to work together in partnership for the benefit of both schools. This term we have already worked together to formulate a new Subject Leadership policy and have agreed to share subject leadership between our schools. We will also work together to share expertise and develop Maths and English teaching and learning in both schools.

### **KS2 Running Club**

In order for our Friday lunchtime running club to continue we need an additional adult who can commit to running every week from 12.15pm - 12.40pm. We only run one mile, and the pace is slow so I'm sure there are lots of you out there who could do it! Please let Emma Ricca know if you are interested.

### **After School Club at Laughton**

Laughton Pre-school have a brand new after school club opening after the February half term available for children from Firle School running from 3-6pm. They will provide transport from school to the after school club in a home from home atmosphere with a variety of activities and games. Priced from £4.50 per hour which includes a healthy tea. Book your sessions now to avoid disappointment! If you have any questions please email [hello@laughtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:hello@laughtonpreschool.org.uk) or chat to Sarah Lee (Ellie and Finley's mum)

Laughton Pre-school are now offering brand new extended opening hours to fit round working parents 8-6pm Mon-Fri term time only. Please email [hello@laughtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:hello@laughtonpreschool.org.uk) for more information.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January : 2.15pm Parent Forum

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Friends of Firle School are holding an open meeting on the morning of the 26th in the Ram Inn after school drop-off about Firle Factor talent show. ALL WELCOME!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Catkins hearing and vision checks

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New Year Celebrations

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Firle Factor Talent Show

Last day of Term 3: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Return to School: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February



### **Friends of Firle Film night: Friday 20th January - 5.30pm prompt start**

Tickets will be £2.50 per child (to be signed in) with water and popcorn being provided. Children are invited to bring pillows & wear pjs or onesies if they would like to! Pre-schoolers are also welcome with an adult remaining to supervise them. Collection at 7.15pm.

30<sup>th</sup> March NSPCC Safeguarding morning for parents and children

March 30<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Easter Service

March 31<sup>st</sup>: INSET Day and start of Easter holiday for pupils

8 – 11th May 2017 KS2 SATS (please don't book any time off during this week, thank you)

*Further information about all these events will follow.*

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**Head Teacher: Annie Noble**

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



**DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Catkins:** The whole class for working so hard all term and for a wonderful nativity play, Busy Busy Bethlehem

**Willow:** Leon and Jarron for trying really hard with their parts in the Nativity play.  
Bella, Becky and Monty M for being amazing and learning so many words for the Nativity play

**Beech:** Liam for being cheerful and friendly everyday recently! Liam has tried really hard with all of our singing too! His attitude in school has been positive each day. Well done!

Eden for always being inquisitive and enthusiastic about learning new facts! Eden presents his homework wonderfully each week and enjoys sharing his new knowledge.



**Holly:** Theo for being helpful in the classroom and a good work buddy.  
Emilia for outstanding writing throughout the term. Well done!

**DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**Catkins:** Sorcha for learning all the time – especially reading and on the computer.  
Pearl for working well with others. Pearl is constantly cooperating with and helping others.

**Willow:** Henry for trying his hardest and having a go. Making intelligent guesses at questions.  
Becky & Leon – Great maths work – trying hard to get their heads around place value!

**Beech:** Lucy, Polly and Felix for being most helpful in topic art lesson with Mrs Filtness and Mrs Sisson. They did all the washing up and tidying the class without being asked! They always keep our room tidy and their books and belongings safe!

**Holly:** Sol – excellent writing and for showing a great attitude towards editing and making further improvements.  
Theo and Hugo – working well together, they have completed some great maths paired work.

A photograph of the children mentioned in the Golden Book and Celebration Assemblies is on display in the main reception. If you would like a copy of the photo, please ask at the school office.

**Christmas Carol Service**

As the school Christmas festivities drew to a close, we held our annual carol service at St Peter's Church. It was a wonderful evening and the children were all impeccably behaved and played their parts really well! Thank you to everyone who attended the Service.



### **Forest School**

Forest School is an exciting and educational adventure for the whole of our school. We have enjoyed our first two weeks and are very excited for more weeks to come. In Forest school we learn key survival skills to survive in the wild. Forest school is not always about survival. We do fun games too. This week we learnt how to build our own fire and we built our own shelters for a squirrel and poured water on them to see if they were water-proof (we even put our heads in). We hope next week is just as much fun as the last week.

By Thomas M and Kit S.

### **Polite Notice**

Please can all parents be respectful and mindful of local residents' parking areas and also the safety of other people and our children when dropping off and collecting children from school.



### **Community News and Events:**

#### **TOURING THEATRE: YORGJIN OXO**

At the Alciston and Selmeston Village Hall, on Sunday 5 February at 3 p.m. comes an afternoon of story and song from the lands of the far, far north.

Yorgjin Oxo is a Marshlander who can tell a person by the sound of their squelch and is unlike any hero we might actually need. Thomas Crowe's script fizzes with humour, larger than life characters and explores a place quite unlike our own. Join us for a tale of soggy nights, brave mice and the joys of being alive.

This is an adventure story set in a mythical Northland, suitable for all the family including children of 8+. It will be performed in the round with the audience sitting at tables. Why not come along in out of the Winter gloom and share this uplifting experience?

Tickets £9 adults, £3 students and children. Special rates for families of four or more from Michael Weller (tel. 01323 811396, e-mail [mwellerselmeston@gmail.com](mailto:mwellerselmeston@gmail.com)). Bar open from 2.30 p.m.

#### **Glynde, Firle & Beddingham Parish News Magazine**

This comes out at the beginning of each month and gives a round-up of local news, events and useful contacts. The school is an active part of the community and the magazine is very supportive of our children and events.

Copies are only 50p and can be found at the Glynde and Firle Post Offices. Copies are also available at the school office too.

It is genuinely a positive and relaxed read, and also a great way to see what's going on in the community and advertise your own events, businesses or talents!

Louise Jones (Oliver and Edwards mum)