

Dear Parents and Carers,

A message from Mrs West

We are reaching the end of term and I have just realised that we haven't had the opportunity for a parent coffee meeting/ forum. This is an informal event where parents are invited to meet with either myself or Mrs Brown to talk about a specific topic and then raise any other items that they would like the school to develop further.

It is a constructive discussion over coffee to help build better communication in gaining parental views.

I will be running our next Parent coffee meeting on **Monday 17th December at 9:00 a.m.** and the focus will be on feedback on being a federation.

Please pop in for a coffee and join in the discussion. You are welcome to bring other items you would like to discuss with the school. Many thanks.

Christmas Carol Service

Rev Peter Owen-Jones will be collecting food for the Newhaven foodbank again this Christmas and invites anyone who would like to contribute, to bring non-perishable foods to the service on Monday 17th December.

Would it be possible to send out to all parents an invitation to bring food to the Nativity service on December 17th 2018 and we will gather it up and take it to the foodbank during that week.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Catkins, Willow & Beech**. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Catkins	Willow	Beech	Holly
Week 5	100%	98.3%	97.7%	95%
Week 6	95.9%	91.6%	95.5%	93.6%

GOLDEN BOOK

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

DATE: 29th November 2018

Catkins: Izzy - For being such a generous and thoughtful friend
Stanley - For great progress in reading, numbers and in being a good friend.

Willow:

Beech: Muraad - For working hard on your maths, especially dividing by 10.

Dolly - For always being a good friend.

Holly: Special mention to Holly Class for their wonderful singing at the The Big Sing and during rehearsals.

Joel - For showing an excellent attitude to learning this week and great reading at the big sing.

Edie - Singing with great enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Diary

December 2018

6th 'Carols for Residents'

7th Non Uniform Day

8th - Firle Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2pm

11th - KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

12th-- KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am

13th- Christmas Dinner at Firle

17th Parent Coffee meeting at 9.00am

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

19th LAST DAY OF TERM

January 2019

3rd first day of the new term

9th Toddler group

DATE: 7th December 2018

- Catkins: **Erin** - For your interest and knowledge in the world, and sharing so many facts about the past, Especially about Egypt and the Romans!
Fletcher - For great progress, especially with letter sounds, reading and writing.
- Willow. **Chloe & Beau** - For amazing Christmas card making - Great ideas!
- Beech: All of Beech Class have had a lovely week; the prayer a The Coming of The Light Service was brilliant and this morning the whole class have shown again just how good they are at working together when they worked on their tangram puzzles.
- Holly: **Felix & Fergus** - For always following the golden rules and working hard in class.



A HUGE THANK YOU

Once again this week we have many people to thank in our newsletter. At Firle we are incredibly lucky to have such tremendous support from our parents and friends

Mike Hole - for a generous contribution of vinyl for wall backdrops.

Wyevale Nursery, Lower Dicker for contribution our Christmas Tree, just in time for our Christmas Fair!

Alice Griffiths for collecting and delivering our Tree, many thanks

CAROLS FOR RESIDENTS

The children performed brilliantly on Thursday for our Carols for Residents concert. Each class performed a Christmas song and then joined as a whole school to entertain a number of residents whilst they enjoyed a cup of tea and a mince pie. We were so proud of all of them.

WINTER WEATHER

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure that you send your child to school in a winter coat every day.

OPEN DAYS

There will be another opportunity to come along to our last open session at Firle, for parents of any age children. We have an open morning on Monday 7th January 2019 at 9.15 am. Please spread the word and encourage friends and acquaintances to come and see our fantastic school. Friends of Firle will be providing refreshments and will be able to talk to visitors about our great school.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As usual this year, our cooks Collette and Wendy will be preparing a festive feast for the children. This will take place on **Thursday 13th December**. Please make sure that you have given the children's options into the school office

Nativity Play (Catkins and Willow Classes) - This year the children in Catkins and Willow are performing the Nativity, 'Away in a Manger'. This will take place on the 11th & 12th December at 9.30am
Please sign up for your seats- the sheets are outside the office.

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YEAR 1 & " 'NO STRAWS CAMPAIGN

We are delighted that the children's letters to Mr Sedgwick, CEO of Cool Milk, has resulted in no more straws on school milk at our school! We received a reply from Mr Hogg of Cool Milk, informing us that from next week we will receive school milk in large, re-recyclable plastic containers for us to pour into cups. Collette has kindly offered to sterilise the cups for us every day. Well done to all the children involved.

PARENT AND TODDLER (0-5yrs) SESSIONS

Thank you to all who have come along and joined in with our parent and toddler sessions at Firle. These have been enjoyed by both the children and adults. Please come along for a play and refreshments with one of our Early Years specialists on Wednesday afternoon 2-3p.m. Drop in £2 (includes refreshments) Starting back on Wednesday 9th January 2019. Please continue to spread the word.

RIPE NURSERY SCHOOL



'In 2019 we are opening a 'Baby Unit' for children aged 9 months to 2 years. We are having an Open Morning on Saturday 8th December between 10am and 12 noon at Laughton Parish Hall Come and see the new room layout, meet our warm and experienced staff and find out what makes our Nursery so special. We hope to see you there!' from Kate Fleming

FRIENDS OF FIRLE AMAZON WISHLIST

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has donated a gift from the Amazon Christmas List so far! You are working wonders and really making a difference already! (It is best for you to add the list otherwise it logs in automatically as me!)

Please keep on sharing with your family, friends and local businesses.

THANK YOU! What an AMAZING bunch you are! Helen Sadler

FRIENDS OF FIRLE NEWS

JAM JARS

The winners of our Jam Jar decorating competition are: Talullah, Ollie G, Harry, Jasmine, Felix, Georgie and Elsie . Well done everybody- they all look amazing!

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