

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins 97.3

Willow 96.6

Beech 93.8

Holly 95.1



Well done to Catkins and Willow!

Whole School Walk



A massive well done to all the children from Firle and Laughton for completing the whole school walk and making it such a success. We walked almost 5 miles and that is a brilliant achievement, particularly for the younger children. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who joined us on the walk and a particular thank you to Sally Hecks for providing the car support. We would be unable to do this unique event without the support of you all. We would also like to say a very big thank you to Friends of Firle School for providing the much needed and well deserved ice lollies at the end of the afternoon!



'Everybody enjoyed the walk on the Firle Beacon, but it was very long.' By Emily P Catkins

Catkins Class were exceptionally resilient when they completed the whole school walk with the rest of the class - what an achievement!

Thank you to Mrs Filtness for arranging this brilliant expedition and for making sure we all got there and back again safely!

Open Garden Teas Saturday 9th June 1pm - 4pm at The Old Vicarage in Firle

Last Saturday Friends of Firle served cream teas and cakes and sold plants at the Old Vicarage in Firle. They were helped by some really amazing and dedicated Firle School pupils who deserve special recognition for working for hours in the hot sun to raise money for their school.

Josephine worked hard and served cream teas and poured endless cups of tea, as well as helping people with trays to their tables.

Polly and Lottie, with Cressida, ran the plant stall without any adult help and raised £150.55.

Felix and Tabitha had planted up the plants sold beforehand - and these were donated for free.

Felix and Tabitha were also tireless in their work all day - fetching and carrying, cleaning tables and taking messages etc.

Other children who helped on the day included Noah, Tom, Jasmine and Amy.

The total raised - in just four hours - was £1256.25!

All the children and staff would like to express their gratitude to Friends of Firle and these incredible children for this truly impressive achievement, and for so generously giving their time and energy to support our lovely school.



Sports Day

Kicking off the afternoon of Monday 11th June 2018, Sports Day was a great success in celebrating exercise and having fun. Held on the school's playing field, the children took part in numerous field events, ran by Holly Class; organised by Mr Bridger.

Running the events

The events consisted of:

Javelin

Standing jump

Discus/Bean Bag throw

Running jump

There were also the main events - which Holly Class could participate in: the obstacle course and running race.

"It was a great amount of fun participating in all the events," Josephine proclaimed, "but the running race was definitely my favourite."



Participating in the events

There were three stickers you could win (first, second and third) which would earn you points for your house - third allowing you the least points of the three, first awarding you the most etc.

Jasmine, who earned two thirds and two seconds, was heard to say, "I am pleased with my results; for me, this year's sports day has improved since the last."

To summarise, 2018's Sports day was definitely a success, thanks to the organising of Mr Bridger, and the help and support of the school staff.

By Flora

Here are the positions of the Houses after the points were totalled up:

1st Kites with 186 points

2nd Peregrine Falcons 184 points

3rd Sparrow hawks 117 points

4th Kestrels 112 points

Congratulations to the winners!

Eco Week

This week has been Eco Week here at school and it has been a great success. We have had a lot of people wanting to help and many have participated in the activities. We have transformed our raised beds in the playground. We did birdwatching on Monday and it was fun. On Wednesday we made glorious bug hotels out of bamboo and string, they are now available for guests in the playground. On Thursday we made Wormeries to make compost. We are running a writing competition and the deadline is 30th June. The theme is about the issue of plastic in our environment, the impact it has and what we can do to reduce this pollution.

KS2 is 200 words, KS1 is 50 words and Catkins can annotate an environmental picture. There will be a prize for Catkins, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Thank you to Mrs Sison for helping us to organise the Eco-week and daily events!

By Jasmine and Soraya

Albion Cup

Firle played in the Albion in the Community under 9 Football tournament on 14th June. We won one match and lost two (both against large schools). The children all played well and had a great time. Well done Felix, Oliver, Phoebe, Tom, Alex, Fin, Tabitha and Henry!

Kids' Kitchen

On Wednesday 13th June all those children that were part of cooking club had the opportunity to prepare, cook and serve a meal to their friends and families. They cooked a delicious meal including chicken, roasted tomatoes and strawberries with biscuits. Non-alcoholic cocktails were available and as the weather was so mild the meal was served alfresco.



A Big Congratulations!

Mr Fox-Wilson is celebrating his silver anniversary this week. He has been our caretaker for 25 years and loved every minute of it we hope! Thank you!



Preventing newborn baby deaths
through research & education

Charity Event!

On 15 July, Mali, Josephine and Buzz are taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the Kit Tarka Foundation, which works to prevent newborn baby deaths through education and research.

They are going to be walking the Tiger Mini - a quarter marathon over the South Downs. If any families would like to take part, there are still a few places remaining on this family friendly event, so please do support this really worthwhile cause. There are also some places left on the Tiger Medium and Tiger Mammoth walks (half and full marathon lengths) if any adults are up for a challenge!

Please contact Melissa on info@kittarkafoundation.org.uk for more information.

If anybody would like to sponsor any of the children, it would be most gratefully received! They can do so online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/kittarkafoundation>

Thank you!

Friends of Firle

Open Garden Teas

Saturday 9th June 1pm - 4pm at The Old Vicarage in Firle

It was a pretty slick operation this time due to the excellent help from parents who all deserve a monumental thank you. We were ready early for a private viewing and out by 5.30pm! Special mention to Nicola and Mic Attwood who supplied all the fresh strawberries and Georgette's spectacular cakes wowed the NGS photographer who thought our spread was the best she'd seen! The Bridge family were so welcoming and the gardens beautiful as ever. We took over £1000 so we will certainly be asking for your baking again next year!

Summer Party 2018

Friday 13th July Selmeston Village Hall

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD ENTERTAINER? We have been unable to book last year's popular act so are on a last minute hunt! Please let a committee member or the school office know if you can help. (Clown suit available to volunteers...)

We also need LOTS of people to set up, run stalls and food or bar. A list of jobs will be out soon but any suggestions for activities you want to run are welcome.

Non-uniform day tbc in exchange for tombola prizes closer to the time.

In response to queries: We hold the party at Selmeston because Firle and Glynde cricket grounds are both unavailable and we need both indoor and outdoor space for children to really let their hair down at the end of a long school year. There is new parking space at Selmeston, too.



Safeguarding

Live streaming: responding to the risks (National Crime Agency/CEOP)

Live streaming is a popular feature of lots apps and platforms. By understanding the risks of live streaming, we can help children stay safe when they are online. ThinkUKnow has produced a guide to help parents understand why live-streaming is so popular, and how to keep children safe.

You can find the article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks/>

Dates for your Diary.....

June

18th Holly Class Patina Fundraising Fair, 3-4pm, more info to follow. (Change of Date)

19th Taster Day at Priory

19th RE day

21st EYFS new parent evening 6pm

29th Bake Sale Catkins

July

3rd Leavers' celebration at Lancing College

5th Whole School Trip - change of date

6th Patina Parade

11th Transition Day

13th FoF Summer Party

16th Teddy Bear's Picnic - new entrants and current EYFS

16th Holly Class show afternoon at school afternoon and evening

17th KS1 Fun day

18th Year 6 night out

18th Parent drop-in session to discuss reports and meet new teachers 3.15pm

19th Leavers' Service 1.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

Menu 21st June attached

No more cricket until September

Firle Tennis Club

In early 1980 a tennis court was built in a corner of Firle Park for the use of residents of Firle and the surrounding villages. Firle Tennis Club is a small, friendly club and would like to encourage people living in Firle, Glynde and Beddingham to become members.

Anyone wishing to join the Club can pick up an Application Form from Firle Post Office. Annual membership (which runs from 1st May) is £30.00 per adult, £15 per junior and £70 for a family. If you require any more details, please contact the Secretary - Annie Pile anniepile@hotmail.com

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assembly:

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- Catkins: Ollie - for super Maths! You have been finding totals and balancing numbers in a number sentence.
Emily - for improved efforts in writing: - it has been wonderful to see your independent writing in your homemade book.
- Willow: Pearl - for being really resourceful using the classroom to help ordering letters.
Bea P - for being a great friend and seeing the best in everyone.
- Beech: Becky - for an excellent letter to the author Clare Balding.
Flynn - for always working really hard in every lesson and being a great friend. He has also worked really hard on his handwriting.
- Holly: Amani - for working really hard on her writing. She is making great progress and feeling more confident.
Jayke - for showing a great attitude to his learning. He listens well and shows perseverance.

Due to the Whole School Walk we had no Celebration Assembly last week.

