

Attendance: Year to Date

Catkins 96.9%
Willow 95.3%
Beech 98.5%
Holly 95.1%



The children have all settled really well into their new classes and are working hard on their new topics. You should all have received the topic webs for each class outlining the learning for this term. We hope the children are sharing the learning they have enjoyed with you, at home

STAFF

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Fitzpatrick will take on our TLR role this year for Assessment. She will be joining the SLT.

If you have any issue that your child's class teacher can't help with and Mrs Brown or Mrs West are not available, then Mrs Fitzpatrick will be your point of contact.

INSET

School is closed on Monday 24th September for staff INSET. All our staff will be taking part in a maths mastery training day led by a national leading maths consultant.

NEW LEARNING AREA

We will soon have a new learning area in the courtyard at the back of the hall. This has been funded by Southover Manor Trust and Firle Estate. It will be accessible for all pupils. The majority of its use will be for small group work, nurture groups, Thrive, one to one support and music lessons.

Mrs Filtness has created a wish list of what we would like in helping furbish it. We will be asking Friends of Firle to help with this but would like to ask you first if you have any of the following that you would be happy to donate to the school. (*Please see the wish list under the Friends of Firle section*)

PRE SCHOOL SALE

Laughton Preschool have a sale this Saturday from 10-12 in Laughton School Hall for anyone who would like to purchase toys, games etc. Please see flier attached.

CENSUS DAY and UIFSM- Thursday 4th October 2018

On Thursday 4th October 2018, it is national School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, Chartwells have a special Halloween themed menu with the children's favourites. The menu for that day will be: Stewed Eyeballs Turkey Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Petrifying Pasta or Witches Cauldron Smokey Mac N Cheese with Gory Garlic Bread, Peas and Carrots and for dessert Strawberry Jelly Slime and Vanilla Eye-Scream. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs. To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM

to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 4th October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day. It is the amount of children in Key Stage One **eating** the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 4th October. Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year. Thank you for your continued support.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

You will have received a copy of your child's data collection form this week, please make any necessary amendments and return it to school as soon as possible. You will appreciate that it is imperative that we have up to date contact information in case of an emergency.

FOOD IN SCHOOL

Could we please take this opportunity to remind all parents that we are a **nut free school** and as a result nuts and any foods containing nuts are not allowed in school. Please bear this in mind when making packed lunches, snacks or when sending in treats for birthdays.

Could we also remind you that children are allowed to bring in snack for playtime but this must only be either a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks e.g. carrot sticks, pepper, cucumber. Please avoid fruit based items such as winders or fruit yo-yos

GOVERNORS

We have had one nomination for our parent governor position. I am therefore delighted to confirm that Debra Vice-Holt will be your new parent governor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen D'Ascoli for all her work on our governing body and the time she gave in her role monitoring the EYFS.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Thank you to all those who attended yesterday's AGM. We are in desperate need of a new Treasurer for Friend of Firle to continue. This role involves handling of monies and keeping a float in school for Friends of Firle events. You would need to be a signatory on the bank account so we are keen to find someone asap. Please see Chair's report and events calendar attached.

We have given the Friends of Firle a wish list but wanted to check whether you may have any of these items at home that you know longer need. If you do please can you let the school office know before bringing them. This way we can make sure that we don't end up with more than we can cope with. Thank you

Fish/tank Gym ball Wobble board Lava lamp Pop up tent

Cushions Trampoline (with handle)

Playground balls (Soft foam or rubber balls)

Wind chime Outdoor mirrors Bug hotel

Lavender, mint, rosemary etc. sensory/scented plants Pink rug (Willow class)

Friends of Firle School

Huge thanks to everyone who came to our AGM yesterday. Emily Bailey and Catherine Moore agreed to stand as Co-chairs for another year, standing down in 2019, and Charly Wood and Annemarie Curry will be your new Co-Secretaries, but we desperately need a Treasurer to be able to continue. This role is mainly keeping track of FoF's finances by detailing money taken and making payments. Tamsin managed brilliantly with 3 children and a full-time job so it can definitely be fitted around your life! If you could do this, please let the school office know. Please see attached the new list of Class Representatives we have so far - these are your friendly contacts for Friends of Firle. We are also starting to assign events to people this year, with the hope of sharing tasks more effectively and have added a BRAND NEW FUN RUN to be held jointly with Laughton School in the Spring. Get those running shoes on!

Also new this year is our fundraising sub-committee run by Debra, Tori and Helen who will be focusing on bigger projects, grants, sponsorship and meeting specific funding needs for the school. Do you have skills they might be able to use?

Our first event is the Spooky Disco on Friday 12th October for which we need a DJ and decorators as well as a few helpers, followed by the Christmas Fair on December 8th, (yes we're mentioning Christmas!)

Full minutes and info will be published and on our noticeboard soon.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd October at 9am - we will be mixing up meeting times and days this year to try and reach as many people as possible, but you don't have to attend a meeting to be part of things.

Friends of Firle Class Reps
(Provisional)

Catkins: Lucy Dunk, Sarah Lee

Willow: Jane Pratley, Helen Sadler, Debra Vice-Holt

Beech: Lucie Crago, Helen Thomas,

Holly: Charly Wood, Ness Tarr, Jules Vogado

COMMUNICATION

Whilst we try to keep you informed of what is going on in school we through text, email and fortnightly newsletters some parents are still not getting information through. If you do not receive a fortnightly email via email please let the school office know. We will speak to our IT support as some parent emails seem to drop off the lists when sending information out.

R.E. Day – 25th September

We will continue to have a whole school R.E. day each term (1 ½ days in KS2). This year we will embed the new 'Understanding Christianity' teaching resources, which will enable pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding required. We will also continue to learn about other religions, cultures and customs.

Harvest and Starfish Malawi Day

On Monday 1st October we will have a whole school 'Starfish Malawi' day, which will enable children to find out more about the charity that we support across the year, as well as focusing on **HARVEST**, both locally and in Malawi. We will then celebrate Harvest on 2nd October, when we will collect non-perishable foods for 'City Mission', the homeless charity based in Brighton. We will also be making a collection in church for Starfish Malawi. Please send in all donations for Harvest by Tuesday 2nd October.

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 13th September 2018

- Catkins:** Jessica - for welcoming the new Reception children and helping them to settle in Stanley, Fletcher, Erin, Tallulah and Izzy for a wonderful first week at school
- Willow:** Beau, Ida, Zelda, Chloe, Emily and Lowen for settling into classroom routines brilliantly and trying really hard with all the work that we have done
- Beech:** Elsie - for a fantastic start to the year, working really hard and being so helpful
Henry - for a brilliant start to his work, concentrating so hard and setting a great example.
- Holly:** Jayem - for being an excellent friend and showing patience with others
Lauren - for her reasoning skills in maths

DATE: 20th September

- Catkins:** Levon - for great progress already! You have been concentrating and working hard
Shea - I have noticed how grown up you are since joining year 1, especially when your work with numbers!
- Willow:** Lowen - for always having lots of interesting things to say. Mrs Ricca also has told me he was brilliant in the afternoon writing pirate curses.
Lily - being really supportive of new children in the class (and new adults!)
- Beech:** Noah - fantastic effort and enthusiasm for maths - well done!
Elsie - for working really hard on Maths - excellent attitude and confidence
- Holly:** Annabelle and Iliana for making an excellent start to the year. They have both completed some excellent writing linked to our topic



Dates for terms 1 and 2

September

24th INSET

28th Macmillan Community Coffee afternoon

October

1st Starfish Malawi day

2nd 2pm Harvest Festival - Firle Church (Parents invited to attend)

2nd FoF's meeting 9am

12th Friends of Firle Spooky disco 5.30 - 7.00pm

16th 3:30-6:30 Parent consultation

18th 3:30-5:30 Parent consultation

19th break up for $\frac{1}{2}$ term

29th return to school

November

Wk beginning 12th Anti Bullying week

12th Remembrance Day - At the Village War Memorial (Parents invited to attend)

16th Take over Day

Children in Need

28th Big Sing 5.30pm in Eastbourne (Year 5&6 performing)

December

3rd Pantomime (in school for the children)

4th Coming of the Light 2pm - Firle Church (Parents invited to attend)

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

19th Break up for Christmas holiday