

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 98.28

Willow: 95.60

Beech: 98.43

Holly: 96.88



WELL DONE Catkins, Beech & Holly

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all had a lovely summer. It is so nice to come back and see all the children looking great in their uniform and ready for learning. They have clearly been very busy over the summer and we have heard about lots of new skills learnt and experiences had.

Class topic planners and homework grids will be on the website on class pages by the end of this week. If anyone would like to help in school please let the school office know.

New Children

We would like to welcome all our new Reception children to our school, they are settling in very well. We would also like to welcome George and Esther into Beech Class. We hope they are making new friends and enjoying their learning.

Holidays

Please can we remind all parents not to take your child/ren out on holiday during term time. It does impact on their learning as our curriculum planning is tightly focused to achieve the objectives they need for their age related standard. We know they experience lots on holiday too but we will not be authorising any holidays. Any holidays taken will be referred to East Sussex County Council and they will be issuing a fine. This is £60 per parent per child and will be issued if more than 5 days absence are taken. If this is not paid within 21 days it will increase to £120 per parent per child.

Nasal Flu Programme

Children in Reception and Yrs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are offered a nasal vaccine to protect them against Flu. These letters will be coming out shortly through Kent Community Health. You will need to complete the consent form for your child to have the vaccine.

Year 3 Parents Reminder: Now your child has moved from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, they will no longer receive free school meals. If you think you may qualify to receive free school meals due to personal circumstances, please ask at the office for a form. Even if your child is not likely to have many meals, it is helpful to the school for you to make a claim anyway, as schools attract additional funding for children entitled to free school meals.

Safeguarding

Data collection sheets have been sent home. It is important that you check the details and make any changes/ additions needed before returning to the office as this is the information we use in a case of emergency.

Partnership

Staff are now planning our curriculum with teachers from Laughton to provide more opportunities, resources and moderation across both schools. The children in Years 5 and 6 are planning a joint topic day and the children in Years 1 and 2 are hoping to arrange a school trip together.

We have also recently bought into a counselling service that we are sharing with Laughton.

Clubs

Fliers for our gymnastics (Monday) and fencing (Friday) clubs will be coming home shortly. In the meantime cooking and chess club fees should be paid in advance at the school office. Fees for football, gymnastics, fencing and cricket clubs should be paid to the companies directly.

Friends of Firle

Second-hand School Uniform Sale on Thursday 21st September after school in the playground.

School logo items £2, everything else 50p!

Please bring in any old uniform you no longer want before Thursday - everything goes to charity if we don't need it!

Catherine

Welcome to the New School Year from Friends of Firle School!

We hope you had a lovely summer and especially welcome all our new families. Friends of Firle School is your PTA, here to help raise funds to enrich your children's experiences and to provide social and community events for everyone to enjoy. You are an automatic member upon your child's enrolment at the school and we invite you to get involved in anyway you'd like, starting with our **AGM on Thursday 5th October** (see below). We will be sending out some information in book bags soon, but please stop us in the playground or email if you have any questions or ideas.

Catherine (Felix and Tabitha's mum) and Emily (Noah and Cressida's mum), co-chairs of FoFS

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Friends of Firle School Annual General Meeting - with cake!

2.30pm Thursday 5th October in the school hall

Come along and meet everyone and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cakes 🍰

Find out what's involved and how little you need to do to feel that warm glow of helping!

Dates for your diary.....

September

18th September Key Stage 2 fruit will be available for a payment of £3 per term, payable in advance - please speak to office staff

19th September Catkins Parents' Meeting 2.50pm

20th September Laughton & District Agricultural Society Ploughing Match

21st September Uniform Sale after school

25th September Parent forum 2.30pm in School Hall

27th September Harvest Service

28th September Football tournament at Laughton

28th September Year 5 Maths Challenge St Andrew's School

28th September Year 6 Parent Information Evening 6pm - Holly Class

October

3rd October Individual School Photographs

5th October Friends of Firle AGM School Hall

9th October Full Governing Body meeting 6pm

10th October Years 5 and 6 Egyptian Day

17th October Parent consultation 3.30-5.30pm

18th October Catkins Learning Journey share 2.45pm

19th Flu Immunisations

19th October Parent consultation 4.30-7pm

20th October - Hind Leap Warren balance for Holly class deadline

20th October - break up for half term

30th October - start of Term 2

31st October Secondary School applications must be submitted to East Sussex Local Authority

November

Wk beginning 13th Anti bullying week

17th November Children in Need

15th - 17th November Hind Leap Warren

December

7th December Festival of Light Church Service 2pm

12th & 13th December Nativity 9.30am

19th December last day of term

20th December INSET DAY

INSET dates for 2018

2nd January 2018

20th July 2018

Details of these events will follow.....

Harvest Festival Collection

We are donating all harvest contributions to Brighton homeless charity City Mission. Please send in any dry food goods with your child from the week beginning Monday 25th September.

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 14th September



Catkins: All Catkins Children for settling in so well.

Willow: Willow for doing amazing writing and Fin for respecting the environment.

Beech: Oliver for excellent maths and resilience for when it gets tricky and Lloyd for excellent choices when he sits quietly and focuses on his work.

Holly: Noah for being inquisitive in our science lesson on gravity and Scarlett for her English work showing a high standard.

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.