

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter is definitely on its way as the days get shorter and the weather gets colder. We are already half way through Term 2 and already so much has happened. The next few weeks are only going to get busier as Christmas approaches. Please keep an eye on the diary dates and emails- we will try and keep you updated with everything that is going on. Just to say a huge thank you for all your continued help and support with all the events taking place in school.

### ATTENDANCE

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

|        | Catkins | Willow | Beech | Holly |
|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| Week 3 | 93.8%   | 99.4%  | 100%  | 93.6% |
| Week 4 | 97.9%   | 96.1%  | 95.0% | 91.3% |

### GOLDEN BOOK

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

#### DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- Catkins:** Erin and Tallulah - for great progress with your reading  
**Willow:** Cress and Amber - amazing work doing writing using adjectives  
**Beech:** Alex - for working hard in every lesson and is always keen to learn  
 Jarron - for an amazing evacuee letter, with lots of detail and great writing

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- Catkins:** Shea, Levon, Jessica, Arthur and Ollie for great story writing of 'Lost and Found'.  
**Willow:** Willow and Bea for always listening well and not interrupting others when they are speaking.  
**Beech:** Bea - for fantastic understanding and concentration in subtraction.  
 Lily - for excellent attitude in all lessons and for being very helpful.  
**Holly:** All of Holly Class - for excellent attitude and behaviour last week (either at Hindleap Warren or in School).

### Diary

#### November

- 27<sup>th</sup> - Open Afternoon 2pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Big Sing 5.30pm in Eastbourne  
 (Year 5&6 performing)

#### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Pantomime (in school for the children)  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Coming of the Light 2pm - Firle Church (Parents invited to attend)  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccinations  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Open Morning 9.30am  
 6<sup>th</sup> 'Carols for Residents'  
 7<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day  
 8<sup>th</sup> - Firle Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am  
 12<sup>th</sup>-- KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Dinner at Firle  
 17<sup>th</sup>- Church service 6p.m (Reception children will form a tableau, all parents invited to attend)  
 18<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM

# A MASSIVE THANK YOU

## A HUGE THANK YOU

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

- Our new Rainbow Room is under construction and needed 4 coats of paint last week. These were expertly applied by: **Sarah Lee, Emily Bailey, Christine Hole, Helen Sadler** .....
- For setting up our Amazon Wishlist (see below for more information)- thank you to **Helen Sadler and Debra Vice-Holt**
- For their hard work and lack of sleep at Hindleap Warren last week!- our thanks to **Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sison and Mr Wood (Jayem's Dad)**
- For a generous contribution of stationery, art supplies and enough postage stamps to ensure that we won't have to buy any for at least a year!- **James Dale**
- For a contribution of paint for our prayer area- **Brewers of Eastbourne**

## CAROLS FOR RESIDENTS

This year we are organising a festive community concert at Firle and would like to invite local residents to our 'Carols for Residents' events. The children have been busy making posters and invites to go out around the community. The children will perform a few festive songs while the audience enjoys some refreshments laid on in the hall. We look forward to seeing plenty of people so please come along and spread the word

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to purchase your child's photographs please sent the reply envelope containing your remittance into school by the deadline **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. If you wish to order after this time, this can be done directly through the website; however a late fee will apply.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We have sent home the menu, so please return the reply slip as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers for the orders. Many thanks.

## 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

This term we are holding two open sessions at Firle, for parents of children due to start school in Sept 2019. We have an open afternoon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm and an open morning on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. 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.

If you are able to help out at our upcoming open days please let us know. We'd love to have some parents and carers to speak informally to perspective families. The dates and times are listed above. If you can't come along but are able to make or provide some tasty, baked goods that would also be hugely appreciated!

## 'THE COMING OF THE LIGHT'

All parents are invited to join us in church at 2pm on Tuesday 4th December. We will be needing parent helpers to walk with us to church: please let the office or your child's teacher know if you are able to help either on 4th, or for our rehearsal in church on 3rd December. We will be leaving school at 1.30pm on both days.

**Nativity Play (Catkins and Willow Classes) - 'Away in a Manger', 11th & 12th December, 9.30am**

Sign up for your seats, outside the office. Please note, we ask that you initially sign up for a total of 2 seats only. Nearer the time, we will let you know if there are spare seats available. Thank you for your understanding.

**PARENT AND TODDLER (0-5yrs) SESSIONS**

We have had 2 successful parent and toddler sessions at Firle, with some new friendly faces. 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) We have 2 sessions left this term. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**ECO DISPLAY BOARD**

We are trying to develop our Eco Board in the hall to show what we are doing both within school and in the local community. Please encourage your child to contribute a picture, photograph or newspaper article for our display that they think is important and relevant. We will be looking at reducing our use of plastic in the New Year, building on some great work by our EYFS and KS1 children as part of No Straw November- Watch this space

**THRIVE**

Mrs Filtness and Mrs Brown are delighted to have started their training to become Thrive practitioners and look forward to introducing this exciting approach into Firle School. The training will continue throughout this year and the next 2 days are taking place next week. We will keep you updated as we develop Thrive at Firle. If you would like to learn more please use the link below.

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/>



**HINDLEAP WARREN TRIP**

Last week the children from Holly Class enjoyed a brilliant, fun packed residential trip to Hindleap Warren, accompanied by Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sison and Mr Wood. Mrs Anderson would like to say a huge thank you to all the children for really getting stuck in and embracing the challenges of the trip. All the children tried something new and showed great resilience and collaboration throughout the three days

**Liam (Year 6) -** We had the best time and we did loads of activities like Forest Adventure, obstacles, crate stack, problem solving and the climbing wall. At the end of each marvellous day we had cookies and hot chocolate. Sadly, the end of trip had to come sometime. At the end of the trip we got certificates. My favourite part was Forest Adventure and of course, I got muddy (Therefore my second favourite part of the trip was the shower!)

## FRIENDS OF FIRLE AMAZON WISHLIST

*Exciting news!*

*We've been working really hard behind the scenes with all sorts of ways to support our fabulous school. Thank you so much for all the responses to the survey we sent out - you are marvellous!*

*We can now announce that The FIRLE SCHOOL AMAZON WISHLIST is live, so please get online and start shopping! Don't forget to log into Amazon via The Giving Machine to maximise the benefit to the School, (links below) and where possible click the gift option so we can say thank you for your gift.*

*Please do share this widely with family and friends, on social media, with local businesses etc....  
#firlechurchofenglandwishlist*

*CAN YOU BUY FIRLE SCHOOL A CHRISTMAS PRESENT? This list is made up of annual orders by the school and things that the teachers have requested to enhance the child's education and experience.*

*This Shopping List is one of the wonderful innovative ideas from parents and carers at Firle School lending support and allowing some respite to Firle's budget which is facing cuts and funding issues as all state schools are.*

*This Shopping List aims to help lighten the load of the school budget - and we hope that our family, friends and community can step in to help out.*

*Shopping via The Giving Machine will also give the school 'free' money on every transaction - so please shop via this link. <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> then search for Firle Church of England Primary School under causes. It only takes a minute to sign up. From then on every time you log in you should create donations to the school! Brilliant!*

*Then type in FIRLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST and start browsing! (Don't forget to add the Gift Card Option if possible so the children can say thank you for your gift)*

*There are items from £1 up to £2000 so something for every budget! From pencils, loo rolls, play sand to paints, whiteboards and ink cartridges - all things that make a school run.*

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YAZ5OR67A1FL?&sort=default>



*Every little helps and your purchases will help provide the #littleextras that are so necessary. Please share widely with friends and family and lets see how much we can help our lovely local village school which is so important within our village communities.*

*Thank you so much from Friends of Firle School.*

Take a look at the front page of The Sussex Express today



## FRIENDS OF FIRLE NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FAIR MARQUEE- HELP NEEDED

It's that time of the year again when help is needed to erect the school marquee for the Christmas Fair. Can anyone who can spare a bit of time on Friday the 7th of December at 2.15pm let Daniel (Barnaby's Dad) know via text on 07799 414291. We'll also need some help to take down at the end of the fair on the Saturday. We did it in record time last year - many hands made light work!

Many thanks. Daniel

### YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED WE ARE HAVING A CHRISTMAS FAIR!!!!

**RAFFLE TICKETS** have been sent home in book bags and are also now available at Firle Village Stores priced at 50p per ticket or £5 per book. Additional tickets are available at the School Office.

Please return both completed and unsold ticket stubs with money to the School Office or bring them with you on the day. If you forget, there will be more for sale on the day! Cheques may be made out to 'Friends of Firle School'.

The raffle is one of our biggest earners, with loads of prizes including restaurant vouchers, family days out, theatre tickets, B&B accommodation and much more including the famous school hampers.

### JAM JARS

These are any jar which children have decorated themselves and filled with treats. Eg. sweets, hair bands, small toys, loom bands, marbles, crayons etc.

Catherine went in to assembly today to show the children examples of filled and decorated jam jars, which we would like brought in by Monday 3rd December, please.

There will be a **PRIZE AWARDED** for the best decorated jar in each year and the jars will be on sale at the fair to Firle pupils for £1

### NON UNIFORM DAY Friday 7th December

Children can come in to school in home clothes the day before the Christmas Fair for which we ask for donations of the following please...

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1. A tombola prize. (mainly for children) Any small thing that is new or in good condition, within sell by date if edible and which you don't want!

2. A hamper item. Please sign up outside the school office to donate one of the items for your child's class hamper. We will put together hampers to become raffle prizes.

Please note: As the tombola is aimed at children and the hampers at adults - we reserve the right to place donated items where we feel is most appropriate.

**DONATIONS AND HELP!** This year we are selling homemade gifts such as slime pots, seed bird feeders, chutneys, marmalade, fudge, handmade cards, biscuit decorations, fairy wish-pots and much more in the Pop-up Gift Shop. If you have any homemade items which may be donated for sale, please speak to Sarah Lee or Catherine (07813859569) or pass on a message via the office

We also need one or two more people to run a craft or stall on the day for a couple of hours - all materials provided! Speak to Emily or Catherine if you can help.