

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins 97.3

Willow 96.8

Beech 94.7

Holly 95.9

Well done to Catkins, Willow & Holly



Parking and speeding

We appreciate that everyone wants to drop off and collect their children promptly, however this week we narrowly avoided a serious accident when a child was almost knocked down at home time, as they approached the Bostal. Consequently, we have been asked by some of our parents to remind anyone who drives to Firle School of the following safety measures we should ALL follow to ensure the safety of everyone arriving at and leaving the school:

- **Park in the village car park** and walk from there - this is the safest option and was designed for this purpose
- **Do not speed** anywhere near the school
- **Do not park** or turn in the road at the rear of the school at the junction with the Bostal
- **Remember** that residents and the school bus will be using the lane at the rear of the school, so be vigilant



We contacted the Firle Estate regarding the hedge, which has grown substantially across the road at the rear of the school. The Head Gardener at Firle, will be cutting it back on Monday morning, after the children have arrived at school. We hope this will increase safety by improving visibility along the road towards the Bostal, as well as for cars/the school bus, when turning onto the road from the Bostal.

We will investigate improved signage for this junction.

Partnership

This term our staff have met jointly with Laughton for:

- SEND training
- Safety measures regarding trips and visits and writing risk assessments
- Maths Mastery
- Science
- Religious Education

The Year 5/6 teachers are planning dates for the Patina workshops and fundraising activities. KS1 have been on a joint trip to Plumpton this week, as part of this term's topic.

Parent Forum

This will be take place on Monday 21st May at 2.30pm in the school hall. If you are available please come along to join our discussions.

The Royal Wedding lunch menu

Please see attached flyer for change of menu on Thursday 17th May.

Bikeability

Y6 will be taking part in Bikeability wc 21st May. We are in need of a parent helper for Tuesday - Thursday 9.00-10.30. This is to support the children as they are out on the surrounding roads in Firle. Please note, you will not need a bike in order to support with the session. Please let the office or Mrs Anderson know ASAP if you are able to support on any/all of the days.

Many thanks.

Crazy Hair Day – Patina Fundraiser

On Wednesday 6th June we will be holding a crazy hair day. For a donation of £1, the children are invited to come to school with crazy hair. Colour in hair is allowed, but full school uniform must still be worn.



Year of Prayer

Diocese of Chichester Education Department

All children have been invited to enter a competition according to the following criteria:

- Mini Spiritual Gardens in a pot. Submit your entry as digital photos: maximum of 3 digital photos per entry (pot) via email or on a USB - please DO NOT send them on a disc or with music.
- Illustrated traditional prayer (please ask at the school office for the full list of suggested traditional prayers), written in calligraphy with illuminated letters and icons. No larger than A3 size - please DO NOT mount or laminate the work. Please write the child's name on the back.
- Pupil's own prayers written and illustrated, on a topic of their choice. These can be illustrated in their own way. These MUST be on white A4 paper - please DO NOT mount or laminate the work. Please write the child's name on the back.

Please send in all entries by Monday 21st May.



Friends of Firle

Please note that we are not holding a Summer Disco this year.

Open Garden Teas

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

A beautiful garden open for one day only to the public in aid of charity by the Bridge family. Friends of Firle School provide teas to raise money and its one of our biggest earners but its HARD WORK!

We need people to provide plain sponges and scones as we have done in previous years but also to help in smaller shifts over the day to ease the workload. It's tiring whipping cream, spooning jam, pouring tea, cutting cake, clearing tables and washing up for hours! Please sign up on the noticeboard to bake or be there. ANY HELP WELCOME!

Firle School End of Year Summer Party

Friday 13th July at Selmeston Village Hall straight after school

We've booked the hall, now IT'S OVER TO YOU!

We are looking for a small group to organise this year's summer party (with support!) Please speak to one of us if you'd like to get involved. More details to follow soon...

Bag2School Co-ordinator Needed

We make hundreds of pounds from our Bag2School collections each year and the organisation involves little more than a couple of phone calls. Could you take this on? Please speak to Catherine or email her cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk

Bake Sales

Willow 25th May

Catkins 29th June

Dates for your diary.....

May

KS1 test period

14th -18th KS2 SATs

15th Eco Day at King's Academy

21st Bikeability

21st Parent Forum 2.30pm

23rd May Year 6 to Newhaven Fort

23rd Catkins Welly walk

24th R.E. Day

24th May Parent Book Look drop-in 2.45pm

27th Break up for half term

June

6th Crazy Hair Day - Patina Fundraiser

6th Hindleap Talk 3.15pm

7th Whole School Walk



New Parents' Evening (time)

9th Old Vicarage Teas

11th Sports Day

13th Kids' Kitchen

14th Albion Cup (years 3 and 4)

18th Reserve Sports Day

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

19th Taster Day at Priory

19th RE day

July

3rd Leavers' celebration at Lancing College

6th Patina Parade

11th Transition Day

13th FoF Summer Party

16th Holly Class Show

Teddy Bears' Picnic

17th KS1 Fun day

18th Year 6 night out

Working With Others

Parent Drop in 3.15pm

19th Leavers' Service 1.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 4th May

- Catkins: Jessica ~ for working hard this week on number work and on reading too and making good progress.
Lowen ~ for working hard on your writing to tell a funny story.
- Willow: Fin ~ for working really hard with writing.
Willow ~ for a mature attitude to everything in school.
- Beech: Jayem ~ for excellent homework and an all-round excellent attitude to learning.
Elsie ~ for resilience and determination. Good listening and being brave and working hard in swimming lessons.
- Holly: Connor ~ who always works very hard and asks great questions.
Lucy D ~ for hard work and dedication towards her writing.

DATE: 10th May

- Catkins: The whole of Catkins for behaving beautifully at Plumpton farm: - Good listening and polite manners.
- Willow: Harry ~ for making a fantastic effort with his writing.
Georgie ~ for a great attitude to all she does.

Beech: George ~ for working hard to have a good week.
Flynn ~ for brilliant maths work!

Holly: Stanley ~ for being an all-round excellent role model in all he does.
Soraya ~ for making excellent progress in her maths

