

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins: 97.03

Willow: 97.32

Beech: 94.23

Holly: 95.00



Half Term 9th February to 18th February

RE Day Thursday 8th February

On Thursday 8th February each class focused on a story from the Gospels that illustrates one of our Golden Rules. The learning was explored in many ways, including reading and discussing the text, drama and art. The learning culminated in every child designing a symbol to represent the story and the Golden Rule, which were then shared in the RE assembly at the end of the day.

Holly Class - 'Listening' through The Sermon on the Mount

Beech Class - 'Forgiveness' through The Prodigal Son

Willow Class - 'Helpful and kind' through The Good Samaritan

Catkins Class - 'Respect' through Jesus Heals a Leper

We have previously explored the Christmas journey that was made by those who travelled to Bethlehem as an illustration of 'Trying your hardest'.

We will continue this focus next term, to establish these Gospel stories as examples for our Golden Rules and embed them in our everyday life at Firle C of E School. At Easter we will explore another story from the Gospels that illustrates our remaining Golden Rule of 'Honesty'.



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018**. During the day each class had a lesson on this subject and in our assembly we thought about this year's theme 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you' to encourage us to make good choices online. We talked about how we can connect with our friends and family online and thought about the effect our behaviour online can have on our own feelings, and the feelings of other people.

Homework Clarification

Reading for all children is very important - this 'homework' should be daily with parents at home for younger children and independently for older, more confident readers.

All children will have weekly spellings and Maths Passport objectives to learn at home.



The spellings are tested fortnightly, but are learned over two weeks to ensure children are really secure and spellings are embedded.

Maths Passport objectives are tested weekly and should be learnt weekly - these have a significant impact on children's mental maths skills and rapid recall - and include their multiplication and division tables. *These are vital to enable children to meet the national standard at the end of Year 6.*

Topic homework grids given at the beginning of each term have a range of activities for the children to select from to complete. In response to comments in our Parent Forum meeting the Term 4 homework grids will have an increased number of choices and a balance between the creative and more formal choices.

The work will be reviewed/checked by the teacher and/or peers and house points will be awarded for completed work & effort. Topic homework will be shared in a 'Homework Show' when homework will be displayed on tables and the pupils and teacher will review each task/project. Post-it notes will be available for the pupils and teacher to write comments about the homework they see.

The afternoons this happens are as follows:

Holly - Wednesday

Beech - Tuesday or Thursday depending Mrs Coburn's professional development commitments. A text will be sent out in advance to alert parents which afternoon it will be each week.

Willow - Thursday

Catkins - no specific topic related homework tasks

Lunchtime Behaviour System Update

We have a new behaviour management system for lunchtimes currently being trialled, which works as follows:

We have a cloud and sunshine outside.

The **sunshine** is where the initials of children being kind, playing inclusively and being helpful etc. would be recorded - this will result in these pupils being awarded house points by the adult/s on duty.

The **cloud** is used to record the initials of pupils who despite being warned, continue making the wrong choice - not following the school rules. They will miss 5 minutes of PT/LT.

If a child's initials go on the cloud early in PT/LT they can miss the five minutes standing with the adult or sitting on the bench.

If a child's initials go on the cloud at the end of PT/LT they can miss five minutes standing with the adult, or sitting on the bench at the next PT or LT.

When a child still does not respond, or in the case of a serious incident, then Mrs West or Miss Swaine will support.

The impact of this system will be reviewed with children and MDSAs - if successful it will be incorporated into the Behaviour Policy.

Our current Behaviour Policy is available on our website in Parent Information/Policies



Lunch Money

As most parents prefer to pay their child's lunch monies well in advance, here are the prices until July (without any cost increase that may occur).

19 th February until 29 th March	£60.90
16 th April until 25 th May	£60.90
4 th June until 19 th July	£71.40
Total	£193.20

Pancake Day

As we are not at school on the official pancake day, February 13th. The children had pancakes for pudding today. Collette and Wendy served them with ice cream and syrup and they disappeared in no time!

Parent Consultations

These are due to take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February. Please sign up in the school foyer if you have not already done so.

Mr Gratwick (SENCO) will be available on Thursday 22nd February between 3.30-5pm. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with him please email him directly on:

bgratwick@firle-school.e-sussex.sch.uk

Fencing Club

Premier Sports will continue to run the Fencing Club after school every Friday from 23rd February to 16th March. All age groups are welcome. Please see the attached flyer.

Long Hair

Many of our children – both boys and girls – have beautiful long hair. This should **always** be tied back at school to prevent accidents and the spread of unwanted visitors!

The Albion Cup Football Tournament

On Wednesday 21st February Firle School Football team will be competing in the East Sussex qualifiers of the Albion Cup at the Downs Leisure Centre in Seaford.

In addition, a girls' match against Seaford Primary School has been arranged for 3.30pm on Thursday 15th March. Also, the Albion Cup for the girl's team is during the morning on Friday 9th March.

Further details will be sent home with children in the football teams.

We wish them luck, go FIRLE!

School Uniform

If you are going to use half term as an opportunity to purchase new school uniform and/or PE kits, please make sure that you label them. You will be surprised at how many unmarked sweatshirts and jumpers are in lost property!



Pre-school drop-off

Please be aware there are no school staff on duty before 8.45am, in case you need to drop children off before this time.

Holly Class Topic Sharing

Holly Class are hosting a topic work sharing session on Monday 19th February. Come along to the hall at 2.45 to celebrate the work completed by Holly class during Term 3's 'Power@' topic.

Firle Factor 2018

If a school has factor, its Firle! On the 8th Feb, contestants shone like stars in Firle village hall. Thank you to our judges; Mr Fox-Wilson, Kathy, Collette and Robert, the hard task of choosing winner was conquered and 1st place went to Noah Bailey, with his hilarious stand-up comedy. The runners-up were Monty Wood, Jarron Ivens, Amy Derbyshire and Beau Vice-Holt and Emily Pratley.

During the interval delicious food was sold and with the Friends of Firle the catering was divine! All the contestants were brilliant, so well done for all your hard work and fabulous acts.

Thank you to all the adults who helped with the lights, music and commentators. Also a special to Friends of Firle of course!

By Flora Mitchell.

Bake Sales

Holly 23rd March

Beech 27th April

Willow 25th May

Catkins 29th June

Dates for your diary.....

February

9th Break up for half term

9th Catkins Learning Journey Share to parents

19th Return to school

20th Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6pm

22nd Parent Consultations 4.30 -7pm

20th Pancake Races

21st Reception Screening

26th Book Week

March

19th March Parent Forum meeting 2.30pm in the school hall

20th R.E. Day

20th Beech Class Spring Show

22nd Year 5 STEM day at Kings Academy Ringmer
23rd Sport Relief
27th Easter Hat Parade
28th Easter Church Service
29th WWO Easter

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 1st February 2018

Catkins: Zelda - for writing dinosaur facts in her information book, and reading it all afterwards
Beau - for good progress in reading especially 'tricky words'

Willow: Oscar - for settling in brilliantly
Fin - for amazing handwriting and really trying hard to improve

Beech: Eden has done great maths work
Esther for always working hard and having a great attitude to learning

Holly: Liberty, Jayke and Noah for progress in maths. They are working hard and applying their learning.

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Catkins: Levon, Emily and Beau for trying your hardest and having a go at Firle Factor.

Willow: Edward for trying his hardest on his writing this week.
Lily K for being helpful and kind to others in Willow Class.

Beech: Fergus for really trying hard and having a go at handwriting.
Jayem always listening and there for knows what is being asked of him.

Holly: Edie & Flora for excellent work on RE day. Thoughtful and reflective work was completed by both girls, well done!

