

Attendance: Year to Date %

Catkins 94.26

Willow 94.56

Beech 92.31

Holly 93.88



Pancake Races!

We would like to thank Friends of Firle for organising this traditional event, as well as everyone who helped by making the pancakes, so there were enough for everyone to race with *and* eat! The Firle children enjoyed having the opportunity to take part and watch their friends have a go too. The pre-school aged children were a particular attraction and we would like to say thank you to all the parents who bravely took part in their race. We hope you all enjoyed the events as much as we did!



Book Week 19th March

Please read the letter sent home about our forthcoming Book Week, which has important information about our forthcoming Book Week, together with the World Book Day book token, which can be put towards the cost of a new book. Book Week will include an opportunity to dress up as a book character and win a prize, as well as a visit from Scholastic Books after school each day that week - World Book Day tokens can be used for this.

Catkins Forest School

Please note, Catkins Class have Forest School first thing on Monday morning (5.3.18), so please ensure your child comes to school ready for the outdoors! Welly walks will then continue on Wednesday afternoons. Please see the sign-up sheet in Catkins cloakroom if you would like to help.

Catkins and Willow Class Carnival

We are planning to finish our topic with a carnival event at school on Monday 26th March, which will include dance, music and mask making workshops. If you would like to help to run any of these workshops (or would prefer to help) please let your child's teacher know.

Forest School at Firle

Forest School lessons have always been very important to our learning here at Firle. Last year, we used some of our School Health Grant to train Mrs Sison to become our very own Forest School Teacher. The qualification that she studied for at Plumpton College provided Mrs Sison with the practical skills, learning and development theory, as well as essential woodland ecology and management understanding needed to plan and deliver Forest School programmes.

Part of the course required Mrs Sison to sleep in a shelter overnight which she constructed herself! She had to learn about plants and wildlife, ecology and woodland management, food hygiene and outdoor first aid.

Since gaining her qualification Mrs Sison has led the Forest School sessions for Catkins, Willow and Holly classes and will take Beech class after half term. This means preparing the lesson every week and linking topics to what the children are learning in class.

As well as learning about nature, their environment and ecology, the children also learnt how to make some fun snacks in the forest, like roasted bananas and popcorn!



Friends of Firle

Wasn't Firle Factor amazing! Thank you SO much to all those brilliant children who entertained us with such a wonderful variety of spectacular talents on Thursday 8th February. Everyone had a wonderful evening and huge thanks go to Stuart, Chris, Richie, Charly, our judges Charlie, Colette, Robert and Kathy and to everyone who helped with the bar, on the door, with the raffle and backstage, as well as helping us to clear up at the end - without you it wouldn't be so easy.



Thank you also to Flora for writing in the last newsletter and sharing our fantastic winners. The raffle prize was an amazing week long summer workshop with Stagecoach Lewes worth £165 won by Wendy from the school kitchen!

Firle Factor is a great showcase for the positive and supportive atmosphere here at Firle School and we are already looking forward to some huge talent on show next year!

Bag2School jumble sale and collection

Tuesday 13th March - after school

Please fill the bags your children bring home on Monday for collection by the Bag2School scheme and our spectacular jumble sale. We usually make £60-£90 just for taking away your unwanted clothing and toys, so it's well worth it. Any close-able bags can be used, not just the ones supplied, and a list of acceptable items is on their website:

<http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Curry and Quiz Night

Friday 16th March

7.30pm Firle Village Hall

Always a brilliant night, with a well-stocked bar, delicious homemade curries, lots of accompaniments and a choice of optional desserts. Plus a great raffle prize from The Chillpickle restaurant in Brighton. Oh, and a gentle quiz to keep you entertained!

Save £1 on your ticket by buying in advance from the school office or Firle Stores or pay the full £10 on the night. Come along as you are, or bring your friends to make up a team (up to 6).



Bake Sales

Holly 23rd March

Beech 27th April

Willow 25th May

Catkins 29th June

Dates for your diary.....

March

19th Book Week

19th Parent Forum 2.30pm in the school hall

20th R.E. Day

22nd Year 5 STEM day at Kings Academy Ringmer

23rd Sport Relief

26th Catkins and Willow Carnival

27th Easter Hat Parade

27th Beech Class Spring Show 10am to the school

28th Easter Church Service

28th Beech Class Spring Show 6pm to parents
29th WWO Easter
29th End of Term 4

April

16th Term 5 starts
Year 3 Swimming begins
Wk beginning 23rd Parent drop-ins

Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:

DATE: 22nd February 2018

- Catkins:** Jessica - for working hard on counting out the correct number of objects, and not giving up!
Elias - for being such a good friend to everyone in Catkins. You are always helpful, kind and forgiving.
- Willow:** Lottie and Pearl - for working really well together and respecting each other as working partners.
- Beech:** Flynn - for always following Golden Rules and working hard
George - for excellent work with fractions
- Holly:** Joel - for a good attitude to learning and contributing well in class
Noah - for working incredibly hard in all areas. Good work in maths this week!

DATE: 1st March 2018

- Catkins:** Shea - for trying his hardest and not giving up. He is now one of the fastest at getting changed for P.E!
Elias - for good listening. Elias has been focusing well in lessons and trying hard with his learning.
- Willow:** Cressida and Charlie - for working really hard on independent writing.
- Beech:** Emerald - for brilliant maths work and an excellent attitude towards her learning.
Polly - for being very good at following the Golden Rules and excellent English work with adverbs.
- Holly:** Amani - for excellent progress in Maths, particularly her mental maths skills.
Jasmine - for excellent maths work - she always challenges herself.

