

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to term 3! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

The children have settled back into school and have started their new topics. You will have received the topic overviews in your child's book bag and they are on the school website. Holly have Shackleton; Beech have Frozen Kingdom; EYFS and Key Stage 1 have Tower, Tunnels and Turrets.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Catkins and Beech Class for a great start to the term.

	Catkins	Willow	Beech	Holly
Week 1	95.3%	94.1%	75%	91.2%
Week 2	98.1%	95.2%	99%	90%

Our school target this year is 96.5%.

GOLDEN BOOK

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

10th January 2019

Catkins - Izzy - For her wonderful attitude to learning and trying her hardest all the time.

Jessica - For joining in so well in P.E on Tuesday and being a good sport in the games we played.

Willow - Pearl, Beau and Chloe - For amazing writing independently.

Beech - Emren & Monty - For resilience in handwriting, they are working really hard on improving their handwriting

Henry - For a huge improvement in handwriting and spelling.

Holly - Eden - For fantastic writing and applying newly learnt grammar skills.

Fergus - For enthusiasm and engagement in topic work.

Diary

January 2019

14th-18th - STEM week

16th - Parent/Toddler group

30th - Cooking Club

21st - Holly Maths pop in

22nd - Beech Maths pop in

23rd - Catkins Maths pop in

24th - Willow Maths pop in

February 2019

12th - Parent Consultations

13th - Parent

Consultations

15th -End of term 3

25th - TERM 4 STARTS

STEM WEEK

Next week we will be having our STEM week and you will have received a separate letter about this, which has some dates on it. Next Thursday 17th January 2019, the children can come to school dressed as the scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician they have researched. We will have an assembly at the beginning of the day for them to catwalk the people they have found out about and you are welcome to join us for this. It will be at 9:10a.m.

NO STRAWS JANUARY

Since the successful letter writing campaign by the children of Year 1 and 2, Cool Milk now delivers the daily milk supply in large, recyclable cartons. Their ongoing determination to lessen single-use plastics at our school has led them to design posters in a bid to encourage all members of our school community to 'give up straws' as a New Year's Resolution. Please join us by using an alternative to single use straws in packed lunches and when eating out at pubs etc.



STEM WEEK REQUEST

Catkins and Willow classes have a request for large cardboard boxes, newspaper and metal coat hangers for different projects during STEM week. If you have any of these items, please deliver to the office at the beginning of next week.

MATHS POP IN SESSIONS

We will be having a pop in session for you to see how maths mastery is taught in your child/rens class at the following times. Further information on mastery can be found at <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/>

Holly- Monday 21st January 9:10-9:30

Beech- Tuesday 22nd January 9:10-9:30

Catkins R/Yr 1 - Wednesday 23rd January 9:10-9:30

Willow Yr1/ 2 - Thursday 24th January 9:10-9:30

PROCEDURES FOR BAD WEATHER

Please can you make sure that your child/ren have a coat every day for school as we go out in all weathers. They are also able to wear tracksuit bottoms for PE in the winter months.

If we have severe weather conditions which affect the school opening, we will do the following

1. Post on the East Sussex website under 'Schools Closed' section
2. Text out through teachers2parents. Please can you make sure your phone number is up to date.

PARENT AND TODDLER (0-5yrs) SESSIONS

Parent and Toddler group has now restarted after the Christmas break. We look forward to seeing old and new faces popping along for a play and refreshments, Every Wednesday afternoon 2-3p.m (Term Time only). Drop in £2 (includes refreshments). Please continue to spread the word.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

It may seem like a long time ago now, but we had a **FANTASTIC Christmas Fair** on Saturday 8th December. The wind may have defeated the marquee but the Holly Class cafe proved so popular we may keep it next year!

Some amazing crafts were created and brilliant games played. Father Christmas distributed presents and the generosity of our community led to some people going home with fabulous raffle prizes.

The food was delicious, the atmosphere truly festive and our lovely little school benefited from not only some great gifts via the Amazon Wishlist but also we raised **OVER £1000!!**

THANK YOU SOOO MUCH TO EVERYONE - too many to mention but we love you all xxxx

3 BANDS, 1 NIGHT

Friday 8th February, Firle Village Hall

Come along and support Friends of Firle with 3 brilliant local bands, a cash bar, raffle and a night of dancing!