

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term so we hope you all have a lovely Easter break when we end our term next Friday 5th April. Next week is full of Easter fun and we still have lots going on so please make a note of all the important dates. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Catkins!

Our school target this year is 96.5%.

REMINDER REGARDING ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

We have now been instructed to carry out the following in regards to parents and carers taking children out of school during term time:

'Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**'

'A penalty notice should be requested for all parents who are liable'

'Penalty Notice for a planned absence, i.e. holiday, can only be requested for absences of 10 or more consecutive sessions (5 days).'

GOLDEN BOOK

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

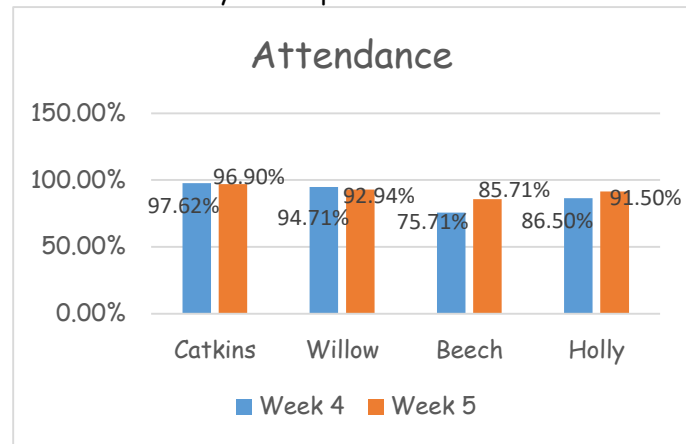
21st March 2019

- Catkins** - Stanley and Fletcher for telling their own exciting version of the story 'Whatever Next'
- Willow** - Ida and Charlie for always trying their hardest in everything they do and making great progress particularly in handwriting for Ida and reading for Charlie
- Beech** - To all of Beech Class for a fantastic show - they worked so hard and entertained us all beautifully on Tuesday
- Holly** - Lucy, Edie, Jasmine, Lauren, Joel, Liam and Connor for their excellent effort and behaviour in completing Bikeability last week. Well done!

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Firstly can we remind you to read back through the Easter event letter sent home with the previous newsletter as it includes details of everything happening next week. We do still need parent helpers for 2 events

- Help needed just after drop off on Monday to support the Easter Egg Hunt. Parents are welcome to stay after drop off and the children will walk across to the nature reserve at about 9.15am. The hunt will take approximately 30 minutes.
- Help needed from parents to walk children down to church on Thursday afternoon for the Easter Service. We will need to leave school at 1.30pm. Thank you.



Diary April	
1 st	- Fun run meeting at The Ram at 7pm
2 nd	- Tree Planting Catkins Learning Journey Share- 10.35am
3 rd	- Catkins Learning Journey Share- 3.15pm
4 th	- Easter Church Service 2pm Easter Garden Competition Firle Factor 5.30pm in the Village Hall
5 th	- Break up for Easter
23 rd	- Term 5 starts

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND PAVILION

On Thursday all of our staff and pupils were able to take part in a brilliant day out, exploring the new exhibitions at Brighton Museum. The archaeology workshops were enjoyed by all and the pavilion was fascinating- especially the amazing hats on display. We would like to say a huge thank you to Richard Le Saux for facilitating this tremendous trip. The appreciation of this trip was summarised beautifully by Beau (Yr 1) - 'I loved it'. THANK YOU!



BIG BANG SCIENCE

Last week the children in Year 5 went to Kings Academy Ringmer for the day to learn more about science.

'The day was very scientific. We made things explode and made things catch on fire. It was a really good and enjoyable day and we learnt lots of important things in a fun way.' **Iliana Yr 5**

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Thank you to all those who have responded to our school vision letter in returning the 3 words that best describe Firlle Church of England Primary School. We are currently collating them with the staff, governors and children responses and will feedback the results to you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This week the children have taken part in an exciting book week with highlights such as the book fair after school and the 'Book Day' dress up day on Wednesday. The children came in as a variety of book characters from their favourite stories and the costumes were all brilliant. Well done to everybody for such creativity and imagination.



TREE PLANTING 2ND APRIL ALL DAY

Please come and help your child to plant a tree in our coppice on 2nd April. (Please bring a spade!)

The time table is as follows:

9.10am assembly -	All welcome
9.30 - 10.35am	Catkins and Willow, tree planting
10.50am - 12.15pm	Holly Class, tree planting
1.30 - 2.45pm	Beech Class, tree planting
2.45 - 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea in the School Hall

We invited HRH The Prince of Wales to our Planting Day, unfortunately he is unable to come but he sends 'his very best wishes for every success with your project'

GIRLS' LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL CLUB

A coach from Brighton and Hove Albion will be coming to run a girls' football club on Thursday lunchtimes after Easter. All girls are welcome to attend this club but they must have their PE kit in school. The dates for the club are:

30th April

7 and 21st May

4, 11, 18, 25th June

2 and 9th July

FREE APP FOR PARENTS

Please see link below for 50 ideas of free or low cost local activities that was launched by ESCC.

www.50thingstodo.org

SCHOOL MEALS

Please be aware that if your child inadvertently chooses a school meal when asked in the morning and subsequently eats his or her packed lunch you will still be charged as the meal will have been cooked.

COPPICE NAMING COMPETITION

We would like the children to come up with a name for the community coppice that we will be planting on the 2nd April. A name will be picked by Lord Gage and the winning name will be put on a sign at the entrance to the new area.

Please write your suggestion on a piece of paper with your name and hand into the office. *GOOD LUCK!*

CATKINS LEARNING JOURNEY SHARE, 2nd April:

This event now clashes with the tree planting event. Please note the following change of time: 10.35am, following on from Catkins and Willow tree planting. Alternatively, please share your child's learning after school on Wednesday 3rd April.

CAKE DONATIONS



Colette will be serving afternoon tea on the day of our tree planting, 2nd April at 2.45pm in the school hall. Please let us know if you are able to donate a cake or some scones. Many thanks!

LUNCH MONEY

If you would like to pay for your child's lunch for the whole of term 5 the price will be £48.30. The price for the whole of term 6 will be £73.50.

FUN RUN

The LSA and Friends of Firle are co coordinating a fun run for Saturday 18th May which will run from 10 (maybe a bit before)-12. There will be a 5K and a 1K run around Firle. There will also be family entertainment and refreshments so it's going to be a great event. Please put the date in your diary and let the school office know if you can help at all, we will need a lot of volunteers. Please also spread the message to family and friends. We want to raise as much money as possible.

Our next meeting about the event will be on Monday 1st April at 7p.m at The Ram in Firle, please come along if you think you can help. A letter with more information will follow but you might want to dust off your trainers and start training!

EASTER CRAFT ACTIVITIES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Please see attached flyer

CALLING ALL SECRET AGENTS

Please see the attached flyer from Newhaven Fort

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

Beech Class Bake Sale

Friday 26th April

School will be open at 2.30pm for families to come and enjoy a quiet cup of tea and a piece of cake before the children finish. Baked donations may be dropped off at the office at the start of the day or brought with you later.

Firle Factor 2019 Thursday 4th April

Another year to showcase the talents of our amazing children. Entry forms available from the school office to be returned by TONIGHT! (Friday 29th March). Entry fee is £1 to be paid on the night. Audience tickets £2. Doors open 5pm for a 5.30 start with a cash bar and lots of delicious hot & cold snacks, including pizza slices, sausage rolls, sandwiches and cakes. Prepare to be entertained!

Easter Events & Garden Competition

Create a traditional Easter Garden, bring it in on Thursday 4th April and you have the chance to win a prize. All gardens can then be viewed in the church for the Easter service and collected from there afterwards.

Quiz & Curry Night

Friday 10th May 7.30pm Firle Village Hall

If you can make a dish to share for this popular and fun night out then please contact Emily Bailey at emily.bailey@mac.com

FRIENDS OF FIRLE DIARY DATES 2019

Next meeting Thursday 25th April 2pm in the School Hall

FIRLE FACTOR 2019 **Thursday 4th April** **5.30pm**

An exciting, entertaining and truly inspiring night of talent from our own amazing students. Who will be crowned this year's winner?

EASTER GARDENS **Thursday 4th April**

Judging by Rev. Pete straight after class registration at 9.15am

Create a traditional Easter Garden for a chance to win a prize.

Please note: Easter hats are an in-house Working With Others activity only, this year.

CLASS BAKE SALES monthly Fridays from April to July

March 29th - Holly class April 26th - Beech class (TBC)

May 24th - Willow class June 28th - Catkins class

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT **Friday 10th May** **7.30pm**

Delicious homemade curries, desserts and accompaniments plus a cash bar to help stimulate the brain!

FIRLE VICARAGE OPEN GARDEN TEAS **Saturday 8th June**

Enjoy the Bridge's beautiful garden and sample homemade tea and cakes. *(Help is always needed at this popular event)*

SUMMER EVENT **Friday 12th July** *straight after school*

EVERYONE is invited to come and celebrate the year, welcome new people, let your hair down and say goodbye to Year 6.

BAG2SCHOOL JUMBLE & COLLECTION *date TBC*