

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter of this academic year and we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all your support over the year in helping us remain a Good school with outstanding attitudes to learning. This was verified at our School Adviser visit last week.

We are also delighted with our end of key stage results, please see report below.

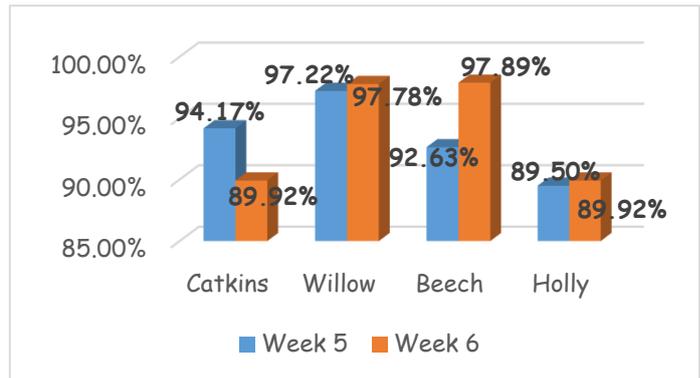
Finally, I would like to say a big goodbye and thank you to our Year 6 children who have been amazing. They are a small group but have a big impact on our school. We wish them all the best as they move on to their new schools and hope that they will come back and visit us.

Please note the children return to school on **Thursday 5th September**

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Willow and Beech.

Our school target this year is 96.5%. Please can you make sure that your child is in school for 9.00 a.m. as a late registration affects their classes' attendance figures. Thank you



GOLDEN BOOK

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

11th July 2019

- Catkins** Erin and Izzy for enthusiastic and independent writing for 'What the ladybird Heard' stories.
Dahlan for great progress with your handwriting and use of lower case letters
- Willow** Zelda, Emily and Beau for excellent work on speech.
- Beech** Elsie for fantastic progress in all areas of the curriculum including maths, handwriting and spelling.
Alex for outstanding homework sharing, dedication and Enthusiasm and a fantastic result!
- Holly** All Year 5 and 6 for excellent support, behaviour and hard work for Patina and Moving on service at Lancing.

Diary	
JULY	
16 th	KS1 & New EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
17 th	KS1 Glynde Fun Day Yr 6 Evening Out
19 th	Leavers Service Last day of Term
SEPTEMBER	
4 th	Inset day
5 th	First day back to School

GOODBYE TO TEACHING STAFF

We would like to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Coburn for all they have given to our school in their time here.

Mrs Anderson has helped lead maths and improve outcomes with the new mastery curriculum. She has been a great support to other teachers and been an outstanding class teacher in her practice. She seeks opportunities for the children and has led residentials, trips and visits to bring learning to life. We wish her all the best as she takes up her new role at Grovelands in Hailsham.

Mrs Coburn has been with us firstly as a teaching assistant and then as an NQT and finally as a qualified teacher. She has brought drama productions to Lower KS2 and drama club for all children in KS2 at lunchtimes. She has led Computing this year and has a love of maths teaching. So much so she is starting a new career as a secondary maths teacher at Seaford Head in September. We wish her all the best in this new venture.

Finally, we are not saying goodbye but hopefully a see you soon, to Ms Ricca who is going to Laughton on secondment for 1 year. Ms Ricca has been at Firle for a long time and has embedded the Working with Others

Programme, RE and PSHE leadership all whilst leading EYFS. She has secured good relationships with parents as their children start school and has been a continual support throughout their time here.

Ms Ricca will continue to lead RE and EYFS across both schools and will be back to support in these roles. She will also be heavily involved in Infant topic days and specific Church services.

We wish her all the best in this new role for the next academic year.

FRIENDS OF FIRLE

We would like to say a massive thank you to Catherine, Emily, Nicola and Tamsin for all the hard work they have put into running and organising the finance of Friends of Firle over the last few years. They have handed their batons on to a new team starting up in September. They have given so much time and energy we are extremely grateful. Whilst everyone is a friend of Firle, the committee has been very giving of their time in ensuring events happen.

We had a fabulous summer party in Glynde to finish off the year and are very grateful for all the money that has been raised to support the children in school. We have just spent £4000 of Friends of Firle money in resources for our new infant area so will post pictures once it is all set up. (Some plates were left behind at the Cricket Club).

The support of parents and carers in running these events is crucial and we hope more people will be able to help out in the years ahead in creating the best learning experiences for your children. Thank you

COULD YOU BE A GOVERNOR FOR OUR SCHOOL?

As a federation, our governing board is responsible for both Firle and Laughton Primary Schools. We want to ensure there is equal representation from both schools on the board and are looking for someone from Firle to join us. School governors take part in deciding what the school priorities are and help support the school leadership in reaching their goals. The role does require commitment but the return is knowing you are helping to make things work and supporting our school to improve. You don't need to be an expert in education or have a teaching background. You need a willingness to use your skills to work with the other governors to support and develop the federation and as such, our children. We need a governor that is able to balance different views and be collaborative when making decisions. Training is provided and new governors are given a mentor. There are a number of different roles we are required to fill on our governing board. I currently hold the role of parent governor for Firle and we need to fill a vacancy for the role of co-opted governor, which can be a parent or carer. A parent governor is voted in by parents and carers and a co-opted governor is 'co-opted' by the governors without election. If you'd like to find out more I'm happy to chat with you to give you more information. If you do not think it's the right role for you but you know someone else in our community that might be willing to volunteer, please pass this message on and ask them to contact me or Mrs West.

Debra Vice-Holt

CLASS PHOTOS

These will be available in the first week of term to all those who returned their envelopes. Thank you.

INFANT TRIP TO CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE

A big thank you to all at Charleston for allowing our infants to have a



SCHOOL DINNERS

Good news from Chartwells, lunch money is going down! From September a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost **£2.05**. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term the price will be **£75.85**.

Please ensure that all lunch is up-to-date. Chartwells are unable to operate on a credit basis and parents will be asked to provide a pack lunch for their child if the account is not settled by the end of each week.

EMAILS

Most of our letters to parents and carers are now sent electronically. Please check your emails regularly. If you are not receiving correspondence from us, please let Mrs Horan or Ms Ness know.

CHRIS DIFFORD TAKES ASSEMBLY

Last Tuesday morning a very special guest took our assembly. Chris Difford, Grammy nominated and double Ivor Novello Award winning lyricist and co-founder of the famous pop group Squeeze spoke to the children about his life achievements and love of music. He sang us two songs and we all joined in the chorus of 'Cool for Cats'.

Staff and children so enjoyed the assembly, it was a lovely way to start the day. Chris Difford has offered to visit us again to teach some children to write a song.



ANOTHER REQUEST!

Our gardening projects are nearly complete! Please come and see how we have smarted up the entrance and the garden of the Rainbow Room and of course you will all have seen our beautiful Reflection Area. This has proved very popular with the children. All we now need to finish things off are: a couple more bags of compost, a couple more plants for pots and an attachment for our hose. Can you help?

END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS

We are really pleased with the progress the children have made over the last year. We also recognise that we have high mobility across our school which affects our results as some cohorts are very small and others are larger which impacts on our percentages. These are the 2019 results.

End of EYFS GLD	80%
Year 1 Phonics	71.4%
End of KS1	
Reading	67% EXS (8% meeting greater depth standard)
Writing	67% EXS (8% meeting greater depth standard)
Maths	67% EXS (8% meeting greater depth standard)
End of KS2	
Reading	75% EXS (50% meeting greater depth standard)
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	75% EXS (25% meeting greater depth standard)
Writing	87.5% EXS (12.5% meeting greater depth standard)
Maths	62.5% EXS (25% meeting greater depth standard)
Combined R, W, M	62.5% EXS

Everyone has worked so hard to improve the education for the children at Firle and the children have made good progress from their starting points.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS 2.45pm

- Tuesday 10th Sept- Beech
- Wednesday 11th Sept- Holly
- Thursday 12th Sept- Cherry

e and meet your child's class teacher and learn about any new routines:

FIRLE TENNIS CLUB

In early 1980 a tennis court was built in a corner of Firle Park for the use of residents of Firle and the surrounding villages. Firle Tennis Club is a small, friendly club and would like to encourage people living in Firle, Glynde and Beddingham to become members. Anyone wishing to join the Club can pick up an Application Form from Firle Post Office or from Carro Wolstenholme (01273 858225). Annual membership (which runs from 1st May) is £30.00 per adult, £15 per junior and £70 for a family.

Players use the court at their own risk.

If you require any more details, please contact the Secretary - Annie Pile anniepile@hotmail.com

FIRLE VINTAGE FAIR

We have been given the opportunity to have a school stand at the Firle Vintage Fair from 9th-11th August. As it is in the middle of the school holiday we have a number of staff away but some have offered to man a stand for us with information about the school and a place for children to come and read books with their family. If you are able to man the stand at any point on these days please can you let the school office know. It would be a case of saying hello, talking to people about our school and allowing families to stop for a break and share a book on cushions or a rug. We would ask for a 2hr slot as entry would be provided with it. Please let the school office know by Thursday 18th 3:15 p.m. Many thanks.

LEWES ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

Each year, in August, the club organises a week long Summer Camp for young people usually aged between 7 and 11 (Yrs 3-6). The date for 2019 has been set for the week starting Monday 5th August until Friday 9th August. There will be the opportunity to Run, Jump and Throw all week long.

Each event is coached by the club's qualified athletics coaches with the opportunity to, partake in activities such as discus, long jump, pole vault, sprinting and many more.

Camp t-shirts and drawstring bags are included for everyone

Activities take place from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day and take place at the Lewes Athletic Track, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XG

Parents can get more information on the Lewes Athletics Club website/what we do/Summer camp page or email me on summercamp@lewesac.co.uk.

FRIDAY CAFÉ

The amazing Friday Café in Firle has just given us another bag of money from their donated profits to spend on the children in the school. A whopping £250!

They have been donating to us all year and it is having a huge impact on what we can buy for our classes.

Please do visit the Friday Café whenever you can and especially in the holidays with your children. They are open every Friday morning from 10:30a.m - 12:00.

Many thanks to for their ongoing support of our lovely school.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Gabri has very kindly donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust. This organisation provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have suffered with hair loss. Well done Gabri.

CONGRATUALTIONS

Well done to Soraya, Ollie Hole, Phoebe and Tabitha for achieving 100% attendance over the school year 2018/19.

TERM DATES 2019/20

Attached are next year's term dates, including our inset days, please keep the list in a safe place.

We return to school on Thursday 5th September, the children need to be in class by 9am to avoid being marked late. Please make sure that your child is wearing our Firle School uniform, many thanks

All have a safe and restful break