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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

A busy and successful term has been reflected by a long assembly celebrating many achievements this morning. All of the winners of Special Mentions for the Term will receive an invite in the post over the weekend to come to Golden Tea in my office on Friday of the first week back after Easter. The winning children should be very proud of themselves – we had a lovely assembly this morning where all of their respective teachers were oozing with pride in the achievements, effort and application shown by these children this term.

The hall has been resplendent this week with the beautiful colourful Easter competition entries – thank you so much for supporting your children with making these. Two winners from each class, announced below, will be venturing home today with a chocolate bunny in acknowledgement of their efforts.

A notable feature of term has been the improving achievements of our sports teams. In my first year here and the first year things began after Covid, we did not engage in many inter-school competitions and we really wanted to address that this year. Many children have represented the school this year and everyone has taken part in regular competitive sport through termly inter-house competitions. It was noticeable at the start of the year that our teams were a bit behind other schools with a lack of competitive instinct in tournaments and fixtures – largely owing to lack of experience of that environment. It has been really lovely over the last few weeks to see real progress here, with football, netball and cross-country teams recently coming in third, third and second.

I wish you all a super Easter Holiday – I hope that we get some lovely Spring weather to enjoy this great time of year. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back into school again after the holidays on Monday 17th April.



EASTER & SPRING COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who entered the Easter & Spring Competition this year – it is fantastic how creative you can be with a paper bowl! We really were amazed by some of the ideas. It was lovely to see so many of our families come in to look at them after school on Monday too. Two children from each class were presented with a certificate and prize in today's assembly in recognition of their particular efforts:

- Reception – Leo & Gloria
- Year 1 – Logan & Jake
- Year 2 – Roman & Oliver
- Year 3 – Josue & Poppy
- Year 4 – Beatrice & Olivia
- Year 5 – Ella & Harrison
- Year 6 – Ruby Bay & Amelia



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Register Rabbit's Attendance Awards

We are pleased that that majority of our children have been able to maintain excellent attendance records over the term and this was recognised in our special assembly on Wednesday when we presented our 100%, 99% and 98% certificates in assembly.

Congratulations to **YEAR 6** who are the overall winners for their attendance with a fantastic **97.1%** attendance over the term; they will be celebrating their achievements with special treats in the Summer Term. A special mention to **Year 5** who were just point one of a percent behind! It is so good to see that five of our seven classes are now above the expected 95% benchmark – brilliant! The class results were –

Year 6 – 97.1%

Year 5 – 97.0%

Year 4 – 96.1%

Year 1 – 95.6%

Year 3 – 95.5%

Year 2 – 93.8%

Year R – 93.5%



Our children had a great time on Thursday morning taking part in this year's Spring Trail; they had lots of things to find in our school grounds before they could claim a very tasty Easter egg or chocolate treat, kindly donated by Friends of High Firs.



Easter Bunnies

Thank you to everyone who bought one of our knitted bunnies!

We raised **£52** for school funds.



District Football

Well done to our District Football players who played so well at this week's tournament. Seven other local schools took part and the children did well in all their matches, finally coming away in 3rd place.

Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly today for their achievements over the whole of the Spring Term –

- Jack F – for a huge improvement in all areas of his learning.
- Charlotte G – growing in confidence throughout the term and always trying her best.
- Courtney B – working so hard and always trying her best.
- Louisa C – for always giving 100% in her learning and being her very best.
- Eleanor A – trying her best in all lessons and for being a kind and sensible classmate.
- Alan AG – trying his best in all lessons and for his good progress in all areas of learning.
- Selena L – working really hard at improving her reading and always staying positive.
- Lily G – her perseverance all term and always giving 100%.
- Ethan PV – showing a positive attitude and commitment towards improving his reading and writing.
- Bethanie L – showing real dedication towards all learning and making the most of all the opportunities offered to support her progress.
- Liam S – his consistently positive attitude and determination to progress in Maths.
- Benjamin A - his consistently positive attitude and determination to progress in Maths.
- Umaiza H – her fantastic attitude to learning – always trying her best and making excellent progress this term.
- Ruby Bu – working really hard and making great progress, especially in Maths.



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In our classes this week

Reception – learned to order the days of the week.

Year 1 – measured lengths.

Year 2 – learned to measure capacity.

Year 3 – learned to write a poem.

Year 4 – wrote persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit Italy.

Year 5 – looked at how maps can show change.

Year 6 – made dragon's eyes from clay.



Parent Forum

Parents and carers are invited to join us at our upcoming Parent Forum meeting which will be held on **Wednesday 19th April at 7pm**. The forum is a valuable way for parents and to share their ideas and views with the school and vice versa – this term we will be focussing on our

Behaviour Policy. If you are attending, please complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/g530eAnW4W> to let us know. We look forward to seeing you.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	187	2657	Harrison F, Harrison C
CHESTNUT	177	3057	Gloria F, Annie-Grace G
OAK	165	2687	Emma B, Oscar P, Jamie W, Smilte M
ASH	146	2258	Hannah N, Jack B

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Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 24th April at 7pm

All parents/guardians and staff are very welcome to attend – please come along!

We hereby give notice of the EGM of Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Mon 24th April at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Appointment of Secretary
- Summer Term events planning 2022-23
- Any other business

Movie night - save the date

We will attempt to run the movie night again for KS1 on 2nd May and KS2 on 3rd May 5-7pm. Letters will come home soon, but in the meantime could those who would be able to volunteer to help chaperone the children please let their class rep know ASAP.

Raffle Prizes Needed

Are you planning to visit anywhere fun or interesting during the Easter Break? Maybe you are going for a meal somewhere? Please would you ask if any of these places would be generous enough to offer something towards our Summer Grand Raffle!



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Fri 26th May 2023

Mon 10th July 2023

Coming up w/b 17th April -

No clubs except FOSC Breakfast Club & After School Club

Monday 17th April – start of Summer Term

Weds 19th April – 7pm: Parent Forum (Behaviour Policy focus)



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Hextable Wind Band
performs



A concert for children 'Movies and Musicals'



A selection of music from the movies, performed live, for children.
Music from The Lion King, Frozen, The Greatest Showman, Annie
to name but a few ...

We encourage the children to sing and dance as we play!!

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

High Firs Primary School
Court Crescent, Swanley, Kent

1.30 pm to 3 pm

Tickets available from sjarvis64@hotmail.co.uk
Children £2 Adults £5

All monies raised will be donated to
Beams Charity in Hextable.



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