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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

Another busy week passes as we share with you now all of our Christmas dates for your diaries.

A huge thank you to the Y6 children for helping Monday evening to show round prospective parents for next year's Reception class. After 3 really vibrant open sessions, we are really pleased with the interest there has been in our school this year.

Please note the new arrangements for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. All information now below and linked on our website.



## Breakfast Club & After School Club

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November our on-site Breakfast Club and After School Club will be run by Fooths Cray Out of School Club and not the school. Further information about the new provision, including how to



register and book your requested dates, is included further on in this newsletter. Please use the email and telephone number shown in the letter for FOSC contact in future if you have any queries; please do not contact the school office. Bookings for next week (wb 21<sup>st</sup> November) will be taken by the school as normal.



## Christmas / Winter Card Competition

The children will be bringing home a piece of coloured card today so that everyone can take part in our annual competition to design a Christmas or Winter Card.

There are a few simple guidelines:

- All cards must be on a Christmas or Winter theme and using the piece of card you are given – apart from that you can use whatever you like to make your card!
- Your card can be landscape or portrait
- Please do not write inside your card
- Write name and class on the back

Please bring your completed card to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

All cards will then be displayed in the hall and parents are invited to come in to view them after school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Children's Christmas Cards

We know that some of our children have already written their Christmas cards to their friends! Please could we ask that all the children follow the same arrangements:

- Cards to be brought into school from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** onwards only
- Please label envelopes with recipient's first name, surname and year group
- All cards to be put into the postbox outside Year R/1
- Cards will be distributed by our 'post elves' and then taken home to be opened



Thank you for your support – this will ensure that class time is not spent distributing cards and that they do not get lost around the school during the day.



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**Our Christmas Charities 2022**

As we look forward to our Christmas performances & concerts this year, it is time for us to decide the charities that will benefit from the generous donations that our audiences make. We know that lots of our families have affiliations with particular charities, often due to their own circumstances, and we would therefore like to invite you to nominate a charity to receive some of these funds. If you would like to suggest a charity then please complete the form below and return it to us by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. We will let you know which have been chosen in a future Newsletter.

**Nominate a Charity**

**Return to school by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Child(ren)'s Name(s).....

We would like to nominate the charity .....

We have chosen this because:

*We won't publish the reason why to others (unless you'd like us to) but it's really good to know if we can choose a charity with a personal connection or meaning for one of our families.*

**Christmas Lunch**

All our children are invited to our traditional Christmas Lunch on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is one of the favourite events of the whole school year and is always looked forward to by both staff and children! Everyone will eat together in the hall regardless of whether they are having a packed lunch or hot Christmas meal. It is also Own Clothes Day so maybe your child would like to wear their special Christmas or winter jumper if they have one to celebrate this special occasion! If your child would like to have a hot Christmas meal, please complete and return the slip below no later than **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. You will need to do this even if your child is in KS1 and normally has a free meal. Children in KS2 will need to complete the form and return along with **£2.43 cash only** (no cheques please) or pay online with your other meal orders; if your child is eligible for KS2 free school meals then please just return the slip.



**Christmas Lunch**

**Return to school by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

I would like my child to have a school dinner Christmas Lunch on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Child's Name .....

Class .....

*Please indicate:*

I enclose £2.43 cash (no cheques please)

My child receives a Free School Meal

I have paid online at <https://www.principals-catering.com/> for my child's meal on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Signed .....

Date .....



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# Christmas Performances & Concerts



## Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

“Bethlehem Bake-Off” – Tues 6th December at 2.15pm  
 “Bethlehem Bake-Off” – Weds 7th December at 2.15pm  
 at High Firs Primary School



## Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
 at 2pm & 6.30pm at St Mary’s Church, Swanley



## Year 5 & Year 6

“Bah Humbug!” – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
 at 2pm & 6.30pm at High Firs Primary School

Seats must be booked for all performances; please do not attend without a ticket! Please use the forms in this Newsletter to request your tickets and return by **FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER** – tickets run out quickly so return as soon as you can.

Tickets will be allocated as follows:

- In the first instance a total limit of two tickets per child will be allocated for their own class concert / performance (this may be two tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance).
- Parents may request additional seats for their child’s own performances, which will then be allocated on a ‘lucky dip’ basis following initial allocations of two per child.
- Should any seats still be available after this time then they will be made available to parents in other classes, again on a ‘lucky dip’ basis.

*We ask for your cooperation in our request that **no children of under school age** are brought to any of the above events – this is due to health & safety because of the large number of people attending and the limited space available; younger children can also often become unsettled during these longer performances, causing disruption to others in the audience and distracting & upsetting the children performing; children under school age will therefore not be admitted. Please do not come to any performances without having received tickets for all those attending. Thank you for your support with this.*

There is no charge to attend the performances but visitors are invited to donate to the collection for one of our chosen charities. All High Firs children will have the opportunity to watch the performances and concerts during school time.

### Reception 2023

Our Reception 2023 tours have now finished but there is still time to book on our pre-school Craft Afternoon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2pm to 3pm; please visit <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/admissions-transfer-to-secondary-school/> to book a place.

## HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	230	973	Robert L, Scarlett WB
CHESTNUT	245	979	Albert T, Annie-Grace G
OAK	186	846	Sabiha M, Beatrice J, Walter A
ASH	201	846	Anastasia P, Maddy K, Lenny G, Emanuela M



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HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS



FEATURING  
ASH, BEECH, CHESTNUT, OAK

**WINNERS this week**

**ASH**  
823 points  
Top scores: Barpa R & Sam W

**BEECH**  
801 points  
Top scores: Chanelle M & Tommy B

**Chestnut**  
333 points  
Top scores: Benjamin A & Bella O

**OAK**  
20 points  
Top scores: Oliver M & Elliott M

We have a vacancy for a



# Midday Supervisor



**5 days a week**

**12pm - 1pm**

**£10 per hour**

More details & application information -  
[www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/)

## THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

**In our classes this week**

Reception – learned to use oil pastels.

Year 1 – learned how to trap a dragon!

Year 2 – tested materials to build a house that the Big Bad Wolf could not blow down!

Year 3 – found out about Boudicca's rebellion.

Year 4 – created imaginary worlds.

Year 5 – learned the order of the planets in our solar system.

Year 6 – tested electrical conductors in circuits.

### Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly today –

- Charlotte G – a super Royal Mail van model for her home learning.
- Brooke B – showing lots of confidence when sharing ideas in a group this week.
- Sonny N-W – working really hard, especially in phonics.
- Joshua C – working hard in all his lessons.
- Edy O – for his great enthusiasm for maths!
- Annabelle B – always working hard and her commitment to all areas of school & learning.
- Mason T – his consistency with his spellings and trying hard.
- Rakshanaa S – settling in to her new class so well and trying her best.
- Laquisha M-D – working really hard in Maths this week.
- Bradley S – his fantastic cake “fit for a king”!
- Jessica T – a fantastic description of Camp Green Lake.
- Jack B – a brilliant piece of learning about the solar system.
- Lucy E – a well-presented collage of WW2 photographs with thoughtful captions.



### Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:

**YEAR 2**  
**YEAR 6**



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High Firs Primary School invites you to a

## **READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP** FOR PARENTS

### Join us for...

Info on our new Reading Scheme -  
for use in school & at home.

Details on how we teach reading,  
letters and sounds at school.

Ideas on how to support your  
child's reading at home.

We will be holding the same session  
twice - please do come to either!

Weds 23rd Nov  
at 10.30am  
(after Yr1  
Assembly)

Weds 23rd Nov  
at 1.45pm  
(before Rec  
Pop in & Play  
Assembly)



Come along for some fantastic shopping bargains!  
FHF will be selling both second-hand School  
Uniform and Christmas / Winter Jumpers on

**WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 3.15pm**

*We would be grateful for any donations of Christmas / Winter  
jumpers on 22nd & 23rd November that we can sell - thank you.*



### **INSET DAYS**

**No children in school**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Coming up next week...**

**Tues 22 & Weds 23 Nov**

Donations of Christmas / Winter jumpers

**Weds 23 Nov**

10.10am – Yr1 Class Assembly

10.30am – KS1 Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop

1.45pm - KS1 Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop

2.15pm – Reception Parents Pop In & Play and Sharing Time Assembly

3.15pm – FHF Christmas jumper and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Foots Cray Out of School Club, we have been established in the area for over 24 years. We look forward to looking after your children for you at High Firs from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The link to our Web site is [www.footscrayoutofschool.com](http://www.footscrayoutofschool.com) where you will find our Registration Form and Information Pack. Please complete the registration form and make sure it is returned us prior to your child starting with us. Please email the registration form to: [vivjohn3@gmail.com](mailto:vivjohn3@gmail.com)

Breakfast Club will start at 7.30 am and finish at 8.45 am. The cost will be £4 per child and DOES NOT need to be booked in advance. Children will enjoy a range of croissants, toast, crumpets, cereals, juices and yogurts and milk.

After School Club will start at 3.15 pm and finish at 6.15 pm. The cost for this will be £10 per child and a minimum of two days a week must be booked by the previous Friday, regular long-term bookings are encouraged to guarantee spaces. There is an earlier pick-up time of strictly 4.15 pm and the cost of this is £6 per child.

Children will be greeted by staff after school and encouraged to help themselves to yogurts, fruit, juice and water. At 4.30 pm a full meal is served with a selection of a full salad bar served alongside a pasta dish and accompanied by varying dishes including Spaghetti Bolognese, children's self-built pitta pizza, fishfingers and wraps. The menu is carefully run alongside the school lunch menu to ensure the children get a varied balanced diet.

During the running of both the Breakfast Club and After School Club children are encouraged to read, do puzzles, art and craft activities, participate in preparing their dinners.

In the After School Club, with Christmas approaching, children can join in with our 'Elf Station' craft preparation site and our Hot Chocolate Station for those cold winter evenings. If you have any questions or feel you just need a little reassurance with the change of the provision, please feel free to give me a call directly on the number below.

Regards  
Vivien Johnson  
07889 559872



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