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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride


Welcome back for Term 2 – always a busy one as we embed early learning from the beginning of the year and then prepare for the festive celebrations at the end of term.

Following a really successful Black History Month of activities across school, we had a culminating assembly on Tuesday afternoon where children who had learned about figures ranging from Naomi Campbell and Paul Stephenson to Sir Learie Constantine and Phyllis Wheatley, were able to answer 'Who am I?' questions matching these figures' significant achievements to their names, when at the beginning of the month, they were unable to do this. To build on this, we must aim to no longer need a Black History Month focus, because our curriculum choices and resources celebrate achievements of significant black figures in a representative proportion throughout the year and across a Key Stage. The curriculum in school is an ever-evolving entity – and we are actively working to ensure that we move towards equality in representation of minority groups. Our aim is present for the children the very best of human achievement and thought from throughout the world and across the ages.

Park and Stride is well underway now and I am delighted to see a group of regular children, who now walk into school with staff, having been dropped at the top of Goldsel Road (side road). I must ask that participating parents park on the roadside and not in the private allocated parking bays for the houses nearby. We will make ourselves very unpopular if this request cannot be heeded.

Whilst I am pleased with the way Park and Stride has got underway, I am still seeing people park their cars on yellow lines to drop and collect in Court Crescent – and there really is no need to do this anymore. The two difficulties participating in Park and Stride introduce are the need to book in and the need to drop slightly earlier and collect 5 minutes later than the school day times. If you are one of the drivers still parking on yellow lines in Court Crescent, I urge you to reconsider your routine and see whether making the change to Park and Stride might work for you – because if enough people can do it, we will see a much safer area immediately outside school from a vehicle movement and pollution point of view. This may well see an uptick in people choosing to cycle and scoot into school, which will have really positive health benefits.

One more notice regarding parking is that some cars are being parked on Goldsel Road (side road Private Road) and left for the day whilst occupants catch a train. I understand that local residents have been advised to raise this with the police, who will arrange for offending vehicles to be towed away – and that four such vehicles have suffered this fate recently. Please ensure that you park legally to avoid this happening to you.



Parents and families are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am on Fri 11th Nov, which will include observing the 2-minute silence.

Poppy Appeal

As well as paper poppies, a variety of other items are now also on sale in return for the children's donations towards this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items available and the donation suggested by the RBL are shown here. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile cause.



December dates

We know parents like to get the dates for our Christmas events in their diaries! We are now making final arrangements for these and will update you with confirmed information as soon as possible.



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School Tours for Reception 2023 starters

It was lovely to welcome so many new prospective High Firs parents and children into school on Tuesday for the first of our Reception 2023 tours. We still have two tours and our Craft Afternoon if you haven't yet booked for your own pre-school child or know someone else who may be interested. Please visit <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/admissions-transfer-to-secondary-school/> to book a place on the tour and/or Craft Afternoon or for further information.



Desktop computer giveaway!

We are so pleased that a number of our families have been able to make use of our computer giveaway. We still have a small number left to give away so please do get in touch asap with our office if you would like one of these for your child to use at home. The package consists of keyboard / monitor / mouse and processor and will be provided as a "clean" desktop – parents will therefore need to make their own arrangements for operating system, programmes and connectivity as they wish to be installed.

Yr5/6 Clubs

Now that the clocks have changed and the darker nights are upon us, please can we ask that where possible Yr5/6 children are collected by an adult from after-school clubs rather than walking home unaccompanied at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Special Mentions

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

- Penelope T & Aylen G – trying really hard when blending sounds.
- Francesca F – writing a lovely description of a knight.
- Teddy M – working really hard with his phonics & spelling.
- Lewis C – trying hard to improve his learning.
- Natasha F – working hard in all areas of learning.
- Sadiya M – always being focussed in class.
- Logan TG – his amazing DT knowledge about levers and linkages.
- Karina C – working hard in all her lessons.
- Ethan PV – working really hard in Maths
- Lacey G – working hard and trying her best in all lessons.
- Sienna G – working hard in Maths this week.
- Francesca T – excellent work about evacuation.
- George V – brilliant effort with fractions in maths.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2
YEAR 3



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In our classes this week

- Reception – used musical instruments!
- Year 1 – learned to use part whole models.
- Year 2 – used their number bonds to add bigger numbers.
- Year 3 – learned how the Romans created their empire.
- Year 4 – discussed electricity in Science.
- Year 5 – learned about the chronology of British History.
- Year 6 – learned about circuits and circuit diagrams in Science.



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	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	72	743	Robert L, Korlekie A
CHESTNUT	71	734	Henry T, Evie T, Ruby Bay
OAK	61	660	Kalyee V, Millie WS
ASH	76	675	Stanley W, Emanuela M

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WINTER DISCO

See the letter at the end of today's
Newsletter to book your tickets!



Wednesday 9th November at 3.15pm

Come along for some fantastic shopping bargains!
FHF will be selling both second-hand School
Uniform and Christmas / Winter Jumpers on
Weds 9th November from 3pm to 3.30pm.

*We would be grateful for any donations of Christmas / Winter
jumpers on the morning of 9th November that we can sell - thank
you. We do not need any uniform donations on this occasion.*

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 14th November 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 14th Nov at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Annual Accounts 2021-22
- Appointment of Auditor
- Events planning 2022-23
- Any other business



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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)



Coming up next week...

Poppy Appeal items on sale all week – or until we run out!

Mon 7 Nov Reception 2023 Tours – 11am (please book on our website)

Tues 8 Nov No Yr3/4 Football Club this week – please collect at 3.15pm

Weds 9 Nov Yr3 Class Assembly – 10.10am
FHF Christmas / Winter Jumper and Uniform sale – 3pm to 3.30pm

Thurs 10 Nov All classes: Flu Vaccinations
3/4 Team Football Match at The Gateway – leave 2.15pm
No Yr1/2 Multisports Club this week – please collect at 3.15pm

Fri 11 Nov Remembrance Day Assembly – 10.40am

INSET DAYS
No children in school
Tues 3rd Jan 2023
Fri 26th May 2023



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WINTER DISCO Wednesday 16th November 2022

All children are invited to the 'Winter Disco' on Wednesday 16th November 2022. Ticket prices are £3.00 each or for families with 2 or more children at the school, a family ticket for £5.00 can be purchased. Each child will be required to bring a named lidded water bottle for refreshments.

The KS1 Disco starts at 5.00pm and ends at 6.00pm
The KS2 Disco starts at 6.15pm and ends at 7.15pm

If you would like tickets please complete the slip below and return it to school with the correct money in an envelope clearly marked "Winter Disco" via your child no later than Thursday 10th November 2022. Tickets will be issued on Monday 14th November - so to avoid disappointment please return your slip on time. **(Tickets will not be available at the door on the day of the disco).**

Please drop your children off at the main entrance door and to collect them from the rear doors of the main hall, thank you. ***Please note this event is run & supervised by FHF not the school.***

I would like my child/ren to attend the Winter Disco

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Total Amount Enclosed: £_____ (£3.00 per ticket or £5 for a family ticket)

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

(All emergency contact details **must** be supplied as The Friends do not have access to these details via the school office, they will be shredded after the event).

Any Medical Conditions or Allergies: _____

Signed by Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

If you are able and would like to help at the Disco please tick the relevant box below:

I am able to help at the KS1 Disco 5 - 6pm

I am able to help at the KS2 Disco 6.15 - 7.15pm

My Name is: _____ My Contact Tel No.: _____



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