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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

It has been an incredibly busy and productive term as shown by none of us quite believing that half term has arrived so 'quickly'. Our Reception children have settled in so well this year and our Year 1 children have really benefitted from the play space that was created for them in their new home next to Reception.

This term has seen us introduce Tilly into school and train many staff in the use of balance bikes with our infant children. In the last two weeks we have taken delivery of 30 brand new Chrome Books which are now set up and ready for use in Term 2 – where computing lessons will come to classrooms. This means we can repurpose our computing room as a much-needed general learning space.

Over the holiday, Mr Harris will be adapting our existing bike sheds into lockable storage for the balance bikes, so they will be in weekly use throughout Term 2.

Our Woodland provision has continued to grow this term as Mrs Verge has led Y4 and Y2 for two days a week on adventures and learning in the outdoor environment. Two more year groups will take over after Christmas, but until then, Y4 and Y2 continue.

Overall I have been extremely proud of how everyone has stepped up into their new year groups and new activities this term and the progress that children have been making has been very evident to see.

I wish you all a well-deserved break – have some lie-ins, enjoy yourselves and come back on Tuesday 1st November refreshed and raring to go again!

Yr4 Blackland Farm Residential

Yr4 had a wonderful three-day stay at Blackland Farm at the start of this week for our first ever residential for this age group. The children made the very most of the adventurous activities on offer – which included team building, crate stacking, swimming, campfire and Gladiator Challenge – and are to be congratulated on their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the stay. Thank you to Miss Rennie, Miss Adams and Mr Turtle for going with the children – we certainly now hope to offer this again in future years following its success.



Desktop computer giveaway!

With the exciting purchase of our new Chromebooks and redevelopment of our current Computer Suite, we have a number of desktop computers which we no longer need and which are available for free to any of our children who may have use for one at home. 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. If you have any further questions or would like to request one of these for your child, please contact the office by Weds 2nd November.



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Choir Club

From Monday 7th November, Choir Club will move from after-school to 12pm–12.30pm each week. There is space for new members so please let Mrs Payne know if you would now like to join!



In our classes this week

- Reception – sorted objects.
- Year 1 – practised their number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Year 2 – learned about Sir Learie Constantine.
- Year 3 – were fashion designers! They found out about Naomi Campbell as part of their Black History Month research.
- Year 4 – learned about sound-proofing.
- Year 5 – learned about square and cube numbers.
- Year 6 – investigated refraction.



Special Mentions

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

- Sophia M – being a kind and polite friend, and always trying her best in her learning.
- Gloria F – super phonics recognition and writing of sounds.
- Henry T – working hard to improve his writing.
- Teddy C – working hard to improve his writing.
- Joshua W – a great descriptive postcard from the past.
- Oliver M – a great descriptive postcard from the past.
- Selena L – trying really hard in Maths.
- Ayotunde O – being very focussed and trying really hard.
- Ethan P – good teamwork & helping others where needed.
- Bella A – good description on her write-up of our science experiment on sound-proofing.
- Julian F – improved effort & focus with his learning.
- Baraa R – for showing good sportsmanship in the Tag Rugby interhouse.
- Zoe L – a brilliant map showing where evacuees were sent in Britain.
- Umaiza H – fantastic work with long division.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2
YEAR 5



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	162	671	Jonas C, Olivia G
CHESTNUT	165	663	George N, Roman T, Ruby Bay
OAK	138	599	Francesca F, Evie S
ASH	122	599	Lowen P, Ruby Bu

Playground Leaders



Playground Leaders

Well done to our Yr5 children who are starting as Playground Leaders. They have written the following information to tell you about their new role -

"The Playground Leaders are people that will go onto the playground once a week to lead playground activities for all classes. For the first three weeks back from half-term they will be training with Mrs Verge to learn how to make our playtime games fair and fun. Our Playground Leaders are: Bella, Jessica, Lola, Annie-Grace, Lacey, Harry, Ronnie, Aayden, Thomas and Harrison."



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Notice of Extraordinary

General Meeting

to be held on

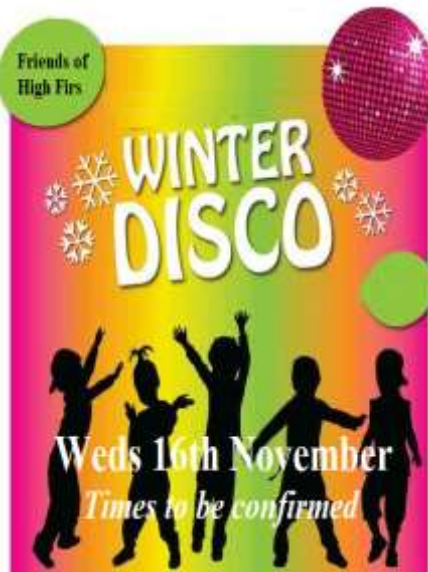
Monday 14th November at 7pm

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

We hereby give notice of the EGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Monday 14th November at 7pm.

Agenda:

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



KS2 Interhouse Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday this week we enjoyed our KS2 Interhouse Rugby tournament. It was a lovely day for the competition and all participants played well for their houses; we saw some great tries scored and really good team play.

The overall scores were:

1st = Ash and Beech: 36 points

3rd = Chestnut: 34 points

4th = Oak: 32 points

Class winners were:

Year 3/4 winners: Beech

Year 5 winners: Oak

Year 6 winners: Ash



Mon 24 Oct to Fri 28 Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31 Oct	All day INSET day – no children in school
Tues 1 Nov	9.30am Reception 2023 Tours – please book via our website
Mon 7 Nov	11am Reception 2023 Tours – please book via our website
Weds 9 Nov	3.15pm FHF Christmas / Winter Jumper & Second-Hand uniform sale
Weds 9 Nov	10.10am Yr3 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Thurs 10 Nov	All day Flu immunisations for all classes
Fri 11 Nov	10.40am Remembrance Day Assembly – parents welcome
Mon 14 Nov	5.30pm Reception 2023 Tours – please book via our website
Mon 14 Nov	7pm FHF EGM – all welcome!
Weds 16 Nov	10.10am Yr2 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Weds 16 Nov	After Sch FHF Discos – times TBC
Weds 23 Nov	10.10am Yr1 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Weds 23 Nov	2.15pm Reception Pop In & Play & Sharing Assembly – parents welcome



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We have a vacancy for a 

Midday Supervisor



5 days a week

12pm - 1pm

£10 per hour

More details & application information -
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