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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

As we draw to the end of Term 1, I reflect that it has been a very busy and successful term. Parent Consultations were fantastically attended this week, so I thank you for your support with your children's learning. I am very proud of the provision that we have had in place this term, with a wide range of extras available across the school to support the full breadth of needs that we see. Many new things starting up will continue to be embedded as we move through the year. Park and Stride got underway this week with up to 12 children on some days, walking into school from Goldsel Road, rather than being dropped in a car at the school gate. Afternoons were more typically 5-6 children. We have 14 now booked in for Monday. Thank you so much to the parents who have already altered their arrangements to drop and collect in a different way, leading to a benefit for all concerned. I am really hoping to grow this to the point where 20-30 children take part every day such that a car being seen in Court Crescent at drop off and collection time is a rarity. Whilst this provision is in place, I am hoping that we no longer see anyone parking on double yellow lines, driving laps around Court Crescent until a space becomes available or blocking drives of local residents. It really would be great if the numbers swell to the point where we are having to ask parent volunteers to help on the occasional day! That would be a real sign of success. The link is available on the website to book in each week – bookings are taken during one week, ready for the following Monday.

Year 6 World War II Day

Year 6 had a wonderful day on Tuesday when they visited Horton Kirby Environmental Centre for their "Evacuee Experience Day". The children travelled by train – just like real evacuees – before undertaking lots of activities at the Centre including visiting the air raid shelter and having a taste of what school was like during the time. They also found out about events during WWII in our local area. Many of the children dressed the part too!



"Restart a Heart"

Year 6 also learned an important skill on Thursday afternoon when they took part in a "Restart a Heart" session and found out how to carry out basic CPR.

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	108	509	Harrison, Sophie, Nicole, Willow, Edward, Luca, Ellis
CHESTNUT	116	498	Marco, Selena, Ruby
OAK	105	461	Eleanor, Amy
ASH	107	477	Aylen, Michael, Hannah, Penelope, Imogen, Danny, Joshua, Stanley, Anastasia, Lenny, Mabel



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Staff Updates

Next week we will be saying goodbye to both Miss Bailey and Mrs Cason as they leave their roles with us at lunchtime and at our extended services provision. We thank them both for all their hard work in caring for our children during these times and wish them good luck in their new jobs. We have welcomed Mrs Sharpe and Miss Walsh to our Midday team this week and Mrs Lopes as our new HLTA, providing teacher cover.



Parents Consultations

We hope that those of you who attended the Parents' Consultations this week found your meetings to be useful. Until our next formal Consultation meetings next Spring please do continue to keep in touch with your child's class teacher through the contact book or to make an appointment with them if you have any concerns or queries.

Special Mentions

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

- Michael K – super independent name writing
- Hannah N – an amazing repeating pattern painting.
- Albert T & Courtney B – excellent maths skills.
- Henry F & Ellis A – for showing their enthusiasm and creativity when exploring the woodland area.
- Hannah C – being a great role model to the class.
- Ellie R – always persevering in all of her learning and trying her best.
- Grace F – her fabulous imagination and interaction during outdoor learning.
- Harry M – his team-work and passing skills in rugby.
- Korlekie A & Ella V – a fantastic piece of work about Dr Barnardo.
- Amelia B & Olivia G – incredible WWII scrapbooks.
- Joshua E – excellent discussion writing based on our book "Goodnight Mr Tom".



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1

YEAR 3



In our classes this week

- Reception – learned to make repeating patterns using paint.
- Year 1 – learned to use $< > =$ to compare numbers
- Year 2 – created posters advertising a Victorian seaside resort.
- Year 3 – learned to write a diamante poem.
- Year 4 – learned about rich and poor Tudor clothes.
- Year 5 – made pulleys.
- Year 6 – went on an amazing trip AND learned some first aid!



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/

We're recruiting!

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

For more information visit:
<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>



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BREAK THE RULES

BE A RULE BREAKER - JUST FOR ONE DAY!



Choose up to four rules below to break on **FRI 21st OCTOBER**.

You have to pay a 50p "fine" for every rule you break!

Pay 50p per rule / £2 maximum on Friday 21st October.

All funds raised for Friends of High Firs



You must wear a yellow school jumper.

You must not wear trainers to school.

You must wear matching socks.

You must not have squash in your water bottle.

You must not have a tattoo.

You must use your school branded rucksack.

You must not have coloured or wacky hair.

You must only eat a healthy snack (if you break this rule it must still be nut-free, please)

You must not paint your nails.



These are the only rules you are allowed to break ☺



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

NEXT FHF MEETING

The next FHF meeting will be on **MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome – please come along!

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Well done to all our bouncers (and counters)! Please return your sponsorship money asap if you haven't already. Thank you for your support.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Mon 31st Oct 2022

Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Fri 26th May 2023

Coming up next week...

Monday 17th to Weds 19th

Yr4 Blackland Farm residential

Tues 18th

Deadline for FHF Christmas card orders

Weds 19th

Yr6 Class Assembly 10.10am

Fri 20th

Break the Rules day



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