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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

It was lovely this week to host the Swanley and District Primary Schools Sport Association AGM, as we met to plan a programme of events for the year ahead. With Covid restrictions a thing of the past, we endeavour to be sending teams to a much wider range of sporting inter school competitions this year – beginning with Y5/6 boys and girls next week taking part in the Dartford District 7-a-side competition. In school, we will also be putting on a wider programme in inter-house sporting events, and as such, we have recreated the role of Sports Leaders amongst our Year 6 children – see the decorated individuals below, along with an announcement of our House Captains for the year.

Finally, we had a super staff meeting on Wednesday as part one of our balance bike training came, along with the delivery of 15 balance bikes for use with Y1 and 2 children. We are very proud to undertake this innovative approach to the PE programme of study and we look forward to seeing a wide range of benefits that come from having confident and capable riders.

Our Tribute Tree

Our children all had the opportunity to contribute their thoughts to our Tribute Tree in memory of HM the Queen.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 26th to 30th September

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day next week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school! Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day.

Walk to school with the staff! Members of our staff will be at various points around the local area to meet and walk to school with our families on the following dates –

Tuesday 27 th September at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction)
Wednesday 28 th September at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent
Thursday 29 th September at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	69	138	Joshua, Sienna & Aayden
CHESTNUT	90	169	Elias & Bella
OAK	53	111	Henry, Harry & Luke
ASH	63	116	Sadie & Emanuela



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PARKING REQUEST

I write to ask that all parents and carers show an appropriate degree of kindness and consideration when parking their vehicles to drop and collect children. We have had a couple of recent complaints from residents about people parking across and even on their driveways. We all lead busy lives and are concerned with our own affairs before and after the school run – but please pause for a moment and consider the safety of our children and neighbours as drop and collect.

Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

All our parents & carers are invited to join us at **10.15am** on **Wednesday 28th September** for our Harvest Assembly. Our Harvest contributions this year will be donated to Swanley Foodbank. Please send your child into school with your donation on **Wednesday 28th September**; this should be **tinned or packeted food only**, please. Our assembly will be followed by refreshments & cakes for a donation in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support so we would welcome any cake donations too. We will sell any surplus at the end of the school day! We hope you can join us to enjoy our Harvest celebrations and to support this very worthwhile cause.



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Notice of Annual General Meeting
to be held on **Monday 3rd October at 7pm**
All parents/guardians and staff are very welcome to attend – please come along!

I hereby give notice of the AGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Monday 3rd October at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of committee members –
(... would you like to join us?)
- Appointments
- Future planning for 2022-23
- Any Other Business

Special Mentions

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

- George N – writing his name independently.
- Harrison F – a super “Mr Blue” Mr Men character.
- Sofia M – settling in so well and making new friends.
- Stanley W – a super sentence using finger spaces.
- Sadie B – trying hard to improve the detail in her writing.
- Roman T – his detailed character description.
- Emelia S – showing her leadership skills and working well in a team.
- Scarlett T – amazing home learning on sabre tooth tigers.
- Agnish S – making a super Tudor house with descriptions.
- Beatrice G – great participation in Close Reading.
- Sam W & Ezra W – always making positive contributions and sharing their ideas in lessons.
- Elliott M – brilliant labelled model of a Spitfire.
- Scarlett W-B – super knowledge about the eye in science.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1

YEAR 3



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In our classes this week

Reception – learned about the season of Autumn.
 Year 1 – learned about different weather in different seasons.
 Year 2 – estimated numbers on a number line.
 Year 3 – wrote Stone Age stories
 Year 4 – used descriptive language to write about the Iron Man.
 Year 5 – learned about jobs of Victorian children.
 Year 6 – found out about how our eyes work and the different parts of the eye.



Congratulations to our new Year 6 Captains!



CAPTAINS

2022-23	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS
BEECH	Zoe Francesca	Olivia Tommy
CHESTNUT	Amelia Evie T	Lily Summer
OAK	Millie Eloise	Joshua Evie S
ASH	Ruby Bu Alby	Lucy Belle



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Mon 31st Oct 2022

Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Fri 26th May 2023

Coming up next week...

Walk to School Week all week!

Monday 26 to Weds 28 Sept Year 6 Bikeability (as per group info)

Mon 26 Sept Boys' Football Tournament at Dartford

Tues 27 Sept 8.40am - Walk with the staff: Pinks Hill / Cranleigh Dr

Weds 28 Sept Cake & Foodbank donations
 Girls' Football Tournament at Dartford
 8.40am – Walk with the staff: Charnock/Court Cres
 10.15am – Harvest Assembly
 10.45am – Macmillan Coffee Morning
 3.15pm – Macmillan Cake Sale
 6pm – Yr4 Blackland residential meeting

Thurs 29 Sept 8.40am – Walk with the staff: Waylands/Pinks Hill



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