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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

We have spent the last year in school revising our school values. The children produced drawings as the inspiration for these new images to symbolise the values for our school community moving forwards. Our next job is to arrange for some professional printing so these beautiful designs can be displayed all around our school building and grounds. If anyone has any contacts at a professional printing service who may be able to help us for a minimal cost, we would love to hear from you - please contact the school office. Please can I ask parents to park with a little more consideration moving forwards. This week I have had three separate complaints from local residents relating to inconsiderate and illegal parking connected with our school. These range from dropped curb driveways in Cranleigh Drive being blocked, loud music being heard from cars of parents dropping to breakfast club at 7.30am and parents using Gala Avenue to park – blocking the pavement and parking in a private road. It detracts from my time and the support I can offer your children if I am regularly having to hear, chase and respond to parking related matters. We already organise the Park and Stride and commit staff hours to this to try and alleviate congestion around the school. We really need to work together with our local community to build good relationships – this is a mutual benefit for all concerned – and I hope to see and hear of greater consideration in respect of parking as we move forwards.



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Book Week

Next week (and a little bit more!) is our school Book Week. We have lots of class learning planned as well as some special events—



Thursday 9th March to Wednesday 15th March BOOK FAIR

After school every day to 3.45pm

Your World Book Day voucher and RRAH voucher will be valid at this event. There will also be a special assembly to show the children some of the books available to purchase.



Friday 10th March BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character! If your child would prefer not to dress up, they can simply bring in a book of their choice – be prepared to talk about a favourite character though!

CLASS OPPORTUNITIES There will also be lots of in-class opportunities for book-themed activities and story times.

CLASS READING SWAPS At the end the week there will be the chance for all the children to choose from a story that they would like to hear read by one of the teachers.



WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS are coming home today and are worth £1 off selected books in book stores or all books at our Book Fair next week.



SATS INFORMATION MEETING

Yr2 SATs information meeting for parents

We are looking forward to seeing Yr2 parents at their class assembly at 10.10am on Thursday 9th March. This will be followed by an information session with Mrs Ford, when she will be telling parents about the arrangements for Yr2 SATs this year.

Special Mentions

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

- Marco P – super painting representation of 19 trees.
- Emma B – showing and sharing great reading this week.
- Sofia M – working hard to improve her handwriting.
- Logan P – working hard to improve his handwriting.
- Morgan J – his determination and good progress in swimming lessons.
- Beatrice J – her perseverance in Maths and extra effort in English.
- Mariana S – always being her best.
- All of Year 3 – amazing work with their class assembly.
- Bethanie L – working hard in all areas of the curriculum, all of the time.
- Olivia W – working hard to improve her reading and writing.
- Benjamin A - for showing great focus in his learning this week
- Luke G - for showing determination in his Maths learning
- Ruby Bu – excellent piece of writing about the Galapagos.
- Elliot M – great information about how camels are adapted to their environment.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 6



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Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, 8th March, at 7pm – please come along, everyone is welcome!



In our classes this week
Reception – learned the features of the Gruffalo.
Year 1 – wrote facts about lions.

Year 2 – learned about the parts of a moving vehicle and made a prototype.
Year 3 – learned about nets of 3d shapes.
Year 4 – found out what life was like in Pompeii.
Year 5 – separated solids from mixtures.
Year 6 – tested how different birds' beaks pick up food in the Galapagos!

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	75	2098	George N, Scarlett W-B
CHESTNUT	96	2512	Aaron B, Faye R, Ellie R, Evie T
OAK	83	2307	Sabiha M, Karina C
ASH	37	1873	Michael K, Freya T

Parents Consultations

Spring Term Parents Consultations will be held by appointment on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd March. Parents will be sent a text next week for the online booking link to request their appointment.



Coming up next week...



Weds 8th March at 7pm
FHF Meeting

Thurs 9th March at 10.10am
Year 2 class assembly followed by SATs meeting

INSET DAYS
No children in school
Fri 26th May 2023
Mon 10th July 2023

Thurs 9th March at 3.15pm
Book Fair

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