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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

It was a day of great excitement yesterday as our new trim trail was finally unveiled. The installation on Monday and Tuesday this week went very smoothly and with 48 hours drying time for the concrete, we can now get up and running. It was lovely to see yesterday classes have their first introductions to the new equipment; the atmosphere of team bonding and shared success was a joy to behold.

Please do get on board with our new official Facebook page – details overleaf. We intend to use this for the instant sharing of exciting school news. The text service will continue to provide reminders needed for school events and the weekly newsletter will continue to provide a wrap of all interesting goings in for that week.

A really busy week ahead beckons – with FHF film nights, the school hall being used as a polling station on Thursday and Coronation celebrations on Friday!

In amongst this, some Yr3 and Yr4 children will be representing the school at a benchball tournament on Thursday – so next week, there should be plenty to report.

Trim Trail

We are so excited that our Trim Trail has been installed and is now ready for use. Our thanks to FHF who funded this fantastic new addition to our playground through their fundraising activities. We had a special assembly on Thursday where we talked about how to use the equipment safely and then we had an official “unveiling” when we cut the barrier tape to allow access. All our classes have had a first go and we will be introducing a rota so everyone has the chance to play on it at some time each week.



World of Work Week

As part of our commitment to supporting the children’s understanding of economic well-being and the wider world, we are holding our “World of Work” week w/b 15th May. We hope to welcome a number of visitors into school to support this and would be very pleased to hear from any of our parents or friends who may be willing to share with the children information about their job or profession. If you can help, please do let us know using the form at

<https://forms.office.com/e/BiZKr74fCg> by Monday 8th May.



Collection & Drop-off supervision

Please can we remind you that children should be closely supervised at collection and drop-off times – please do not allow children to run around on the playground or to use the tyres, sensory area, field or our new Trim Trail equipment at these times.



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Facebook

Our school Facebook page will go live next week! We will be using it to share “good news” throughout the weeks – our text service and Newsletter will still keep you updated on events and other reminders too. It will not serve as a Messenger service so please continue to contact us via phone or email if you need to contact us.

You can request to join the group now using the QR code shown here or by searching for the group “High Firs Primary School”. We will send a text link too. There are a few similar group names so the one you are looking for is the one with our school values banner, shown in the picture here.

To ensure the page runs in a safe way for all of our school community, please note the following:

- Membership will be restricted to those 12+ who are known school contacts. Identifying information will be requested on application to join and will be checked by our administrators before admission to the group.
- Members will be removed when the associated child is no longer a pupil.
- Information and photographs posted on the site must not be shared, downloaded or forwarded.
- Failure of Members to agree and abide to the above conditions, or other conduct concerns, may result in removal from the group.



Coronation Celebrations

We will be having a special Coronation Celebration day next Friday, 5th May. The children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for the day, either on a “Red, White & Blue” or “Kings and Queens” theme. We will have lots of royal-themed activities during the day for all classes to enjoy and our lunch will be “Street Party” style – hopefully on the playground if the weather is good!



Meetings for Yr5 and Yr6 parents

The following meetings will be taking place on **Monday 22nd May** for parents of children in Years 5&6:

5.30pm – **Yr5 Secondary Transition Meeting**

5.30pm – **Yr6 SRE Meeting (Adults only!)**

6.00pm – **Yr6 Isle of Wight Residential Information Meeting**

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

Following this week’s EGM, we are pleased to welcome Rachel Lee as the new FHF Secretary.

Winning house:

★	Oak (260 points)	★
	Beech (58 points)	
	Ash (31 points)	
	Chestnut (25 points)	

Top scorers:

Beech
Chanelle M & Harrison C
Oak
Oliver M & Elliott M
Ash
Agnish S & Freya T
Chestnut
Harry M & Brad S



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As part of our Eco Club's quest to make our school more eco-friendly, this year, we are taking part in "No Mow May". This movement was started in 2019 by the conservation charity Plantlife to give wildlife and wild flowers the chance to thrive. We have decided to leave the area of grass in the school car park to grow throughout May and hope it will bring more wildlife to our school grounds. Maybe you could take part in this at home too? It doesn't have to be all of your grass area - you could just leave a small part uncut to support No Mow May.

Special Mentions

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

- Nicole M – showing super enthusiasm in all her learning.
- George N – sharing some fantastic reading this week.
- Teddy M – for working really hard in all lessons, particularly phonics.
- Joshua C – trying really hard in English and writing a lovely story.
- Lennie J – an interesting diary entry.
- Alan G – his great compass & navigating skills.
- Clark RW – working really hard and staying focussed.
- Mariana S – improving her writing through biography writing.
- Laquisha MD – working so hard to improve her Maths.
- Fraser D – showing a focussed attitude to learning, and for his kindness to others.
- Harry F – always trying hard and persevering with his learning.
- Annie-Grace G – a fantastic balanced argument about whether we should open the mystery box!
- Zoë L – excellent work with tricky angles problems.
- Eloise W – fantastic effort to improve her writing, and producing a great story.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR R
YEAR 5



Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following class assemblies taking place this term:

Yr4 – Thursday 18th May at 10.10am

Yr3 – Thursday 25th May at 10.10am

Yr1 – Thursday 8th June at 10.10am

Rec – Thursday 15th June at 10.10am

Yr2 – Thursday 29th June at 10.10am

Yr5 & Yr6 – Thurs 13th July at 10.10am

This term you will also have the opportunity to view your child's tray of exercise books after their assembly.

Leavers Assembly events will be confirmed at a later date.



In our classes this week

Reception – described the Rainbow Fish's scales.

Year 1 – counted in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2 – practised their compass skills and used them to navigate around a map.

Year 3 – learned how to write a biography.

Year 4 – are enjoying their new class book, "The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover".

Year 5 – learned about Greece and its surrounding seas and countries.

Year 6 – found where rainforests are located around the world.



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	98	2867	Harrison F, Sienna G
CHESTNUT	120	3265	Julia R, Annie-Grace G
OAK	99	2879	Francesca F, Elsie W
ASH	129	2466	Hannah N, Imogen T, Sophia M, Anastasia P, Jack B



Coming up next week...

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday: School Closed

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 4 trip - Horniman Museum

No Athletics Club

FOSC After School Club in Year 1

"Encanto" FHF KS1 film night: 5pm-7pm

Wednesday 3rd May

FOSC After School Club in Year 1

"Matilda" FHF KS2 film night: 5pm-7pm

Thursday 4th May

Breakfast Club entry via Nurture Room (door at front to left of our flag, by the scooter racks)

District Yr3/4 Benchball at St Edmund's

FOSC After School Club in Year 1

Friday 5th May

School Coronation Celebration Day

Children can wear Red/White/Blue or Kings & Queens clothes instead of uniform

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



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2 Events in 2023

COLOUR DASH 2023

25th June Jeskyns Park, Gravesend DA12 3AN
9th July Swanley Park BR8 7PW

Fun For All The Family, walk, jog, toddle or run the 5K route!
Fully inclusive and wheelchair accessible
Wear white and finish the colour of a rainbow!

£15 Adult -£12 Child 12-17yrs -£6 Child under 11 yrs
£38 Family (2 AD & 2 CH)

Use code **HighFirs10**
for 10% discount
off your entry fee

All proceeds go towards supporting disabled children and their families
www.wearebeams.org.uk or scan to enter

Jeskyns Park Swanley Park

Youth Cyber Survey 2023

How often are you online? Have you ever been bullied online?
Fill in this short anonymous survey!

#Stay Safe
Get Active

Got to drive?

Park and stride!

Sign up to join us at -
<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/park-stride/>



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