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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

As ever, once into the swing of things, time starts to fly by as we have blinked and suddenly two whole weeks of term passed! All Reception children are in full-time and all places are taken across each of our 7 year groups. Children have settled really well into new classes and routines and many interventions and clubs begin to start up next week.

You will see below the opportunity to sign up for an Open Morning for EXISTING PARENTS. This is a chance to come into school and see for yourselves children's learning in action. This term we will show you our **reading** provision across school, after Christmas we will showcase our **maths** and in the summer you will have a chance to view our **creative writing** processes. After parent feedback last year, one aspect we wanted to action was to give you some opportunities to see our teaching and learning taking place and to find out more about how children progress.

When you come in, you will be invited to a short talk by me in the hall, then you will have the chance to tour around the school during the first lesson of the morning, viewing our approach to the teaching of reading from Reception, all the way up to Y6.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing with you many of the aspects that have seen us exceed national expectations in reading over recent years.

**Find out more about how we teach reading
in school and visit our classes to see them
in action at our**

OPEN MORNING

on Thursday 5th October at 9am



Places are limited so book soon at:

<https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/openmorning>



Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Coffee Morning

All our parents & carers are invited to join us at **10.15am** on **Thursday 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 **Thursday 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 these two very worthwhile causes.



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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 16th 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 16th October at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of committee members – (... would you like to join us?)
- Appointments
- Future planning for 2023-24
- Any Other Business

**COMING HOME SOON –
SPONSOR FORMS FOR
THIS YEAR'S FHF
SPONSORED BOUNCE!**

Special Mentions

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

- Reyansh R – trying hard to make new friends.
- Jessica B – super listening.
- Freya S – lovely writing about the weather.
- Harrison F – for being a helpful and kind member of the class.
- Robert L – his fantastic model of a treasure chest.
- Albert T – for his interesting pirate description and detailed picture.
- Ellis A – an amazing Stone Age model.
- Edy O – an amazing Stone Age model.
- Selena L – making really good progress with her reading.
- Maisie K – making excellent progress in her reading.
- Lily L – demonstrating all of our school values all of the time.
- Holly P – fantastic work on place value in Maths.
- Liam S – excellent home learning: making and reviewing a wartime trench stew!
- Julian F – great knowledge about light and shadows in Science, and working well to carry out investigations.



Register Rabbit

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



**YEAR 4
YEAR R**

Our class attendance was:

Year 4	99.3%
Year R	99.3%
Year 5	99.2%
Year 6	97.8%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 1	94.8%

In our classes this week

Reception – learned the names of the adults who help in our class.

Year 1 – learned to be a kind friend.

Year 2 – wrote pirate descriptions.

Year 3 – learned to stay to a beat in dance.

Year 4 – learned how Hindus worship.

Year 5 – learned how surface area affects air resistance.

Year 6 – wrote an Evacuation Record for Willie Beech from "Goodnight Mr Tom".

**THIS WEEK'S
LEARNING**



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	105	105	Freya S, Edward S
CHESTNUT	93	93	Faye R, Ellie R, Luiza-Maria P, Albert T
OAK	106	106	Sabiha M, Amy V
ASH	109	109	Michael K, Anastasia P, Edy O, Scarlett T



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Friday 1st Sept 2023

Mon 30th Oct 2023

Tues 2nd Jan 2024

Fri 24th May 2024

1 more date to be confirmed

Coming up next week...

Activity clubs starting

Friday 22nd September – Reception parents pop in and play at 2.15pm

Stay Safe Get Active

Got to drive?

Park and stride!

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

No Parking

Think before you stop. Choose a safe spot...

... and please show consideration to our neighbours.

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

Register at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/receptiontours> to join us for one of our school tours in October & November 2023 and for our pre-school Craft Afternoon in December.

WORRIED ABOUT NUMERACY? ANXIOUS ABOUT MATHS HOMEWORK? TALK TO US

FREE TASTER SESSION AT YOUR SCHOOL

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 1:30PM

FREE COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION!

SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY



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