



22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2023

# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

We have been delighted with the school attendance rate this year so far. This week all classes attended over 95%, with several over 98% and a special mention for Yr4 who achieved 100% for the entire week. It makes such a difference when children are in school every day – it really helps the class move forward together in the most efficient way for all – so thank you to everyone for your great support of your child's education.

It has been lovely to see clubs resuming this week – we are very fortunate to be able to offer clubs from a wide range of teachers, teaching assistants and outside providers. We hope your children enjoy these offers this term.

Please do sign up for the chance to come into school and see your children's reading lessons in action.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming many of you next week to our Harvest Assembly on Thursday – the children's first chance of the school year to perform to an audience. In addition, this event is followed by our Macmillan Coffee Morning – so please donate a cake if you can, or bring some money along to buy a tasty treat and donate to this wonderful 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 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:

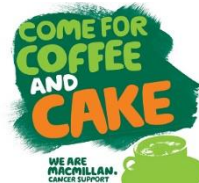
- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of committee members – (... would you like to join us?)
- Appointments
- Future planning for 2023-24
- Any Other Business

*Details of how your child can take part in our Sponsored Bounce – and how you can help – are at the end of this Newsletter.*



### Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Coffee Morning

All our parents & carers are invited to join us at **10.15am** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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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### Special Mentions

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



- Joel C – super sound learning.
- Drew D – great number writing.
- Alice H – trying hard with her phonics.
- Mikey K – working hard in all lessons.
- Sofia M – her detailed letter to the town of Dull-on-Sea!
- William B – trying extra hard to improve his writing.
- Eleanor A – being a kind, hard-working member of the class.
- Ivy C – amazing effort with her reading.
- Rakshanaa S – showing real perseverance with home learning.
- Scarlett T – her fabulous description of The Iron Man.
- Smilte M – working hard in all her lessons, completing work to a good standard.
- Poppy G – excellent explanations in Science this week.
- Bethanie L – great work in Maths on place value.
- Sienna G – working really hard and trying her best in Maths this week.
- Alan Z – fantastic understanding of Europe in Geography.

### Register Rabbit

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

#### REC & YEAR 1 YEAR 4

Our class totals were:

Year 4	100.0%
Year 1	98.5%
Year R	98.5%
Year 6	98.1%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95.2%



### In our classes this week

Reception – practised holding a pencil correctly.

Year 1 – were weather forecasters.

Year 2 – tested materials to see if they were waterproof and would fix Mrs Ford's leaky bucket!

Year 3 – learned to count to 10 in French.

Year 4 – enjoyed writing descriptions of The Iron Man.

Year 5 – learned about the jobs children did in Victorian times.

Year 6 – used playdough to map out the first events of WW2.



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	129	234	Harrison F, Ella V
CHESTNUT	119	212	Joel C, Jessica T, Ezra W
OAK	105	211	Oscar P, Lacey G
ASH	126	235	Drew D, Jack B



### INSET DAYS

**No children in school**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1 more date to be confirmed

### Coming up next week...

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Rocksteady music sessions restarting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Quest Maths for parents 1.30pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Assembly & Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.10am  
Macmillan Cake Sale 3.15pm



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#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...

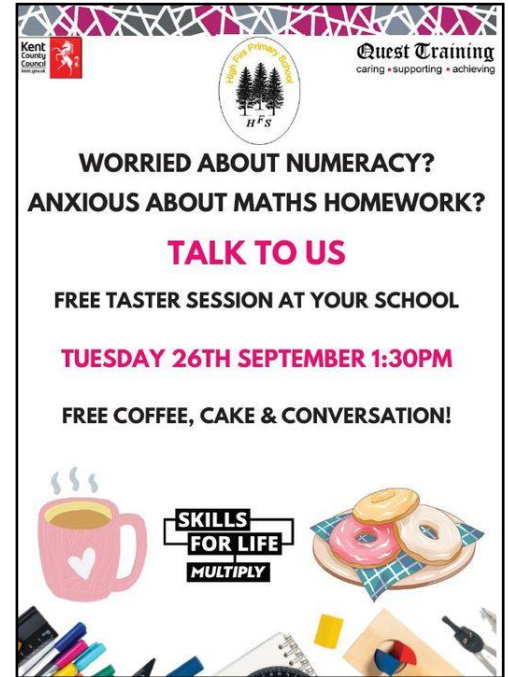
... and please show consideration to our neighbours.



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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.



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Quest Training  
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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

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>




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## Sponsored Bounce

Dear Parents/Guardians


Your child is invited to take part in a Sponsored Bounce on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, during school hours.

Please help your child to get as many sponsors as possible and at the end of the day your child will bring a certificate back to you completed with the number of the bounces they were able to do.

Please then collect the promised sponsor money and return the money and the form to school via your child by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**. Also, if you are eligible for gift aid, please tick the appropriate box on the form and add your door number and post code so that we are able to claim extra on your donation.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**In aid of my School, High Firs Primary School, I am participating in a Sponsored Bounce. I will try and do as many bounces as possible in 3 minutes (KS2) or 2 minutes (Reception and KS1). Please sponsor me.**

<p><b>Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.</b></p> <p>This means that £100 can be turned into £125, just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid.</p> <p>Imagine what a difference that could make and it doesn't cost you a thing.</p> <p><i>To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.</i></p>						<p>So just tick here to Gift Aid your donation. It's that simple</p> 
Name	Door No.	Post Code	Amount per Bounce	Amount Overall	Total	
						PTO .....



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Name	Door No.	Post Code	Amount per Bounce	Amount Overall	Total	Gift Aid

Thank you  
Happy Bouncing!!

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP £ \_\_\_\_\_

This form is valid from the date it is returned until the date of the event. The Friends will hold your records securely until all sponsor money and gift aid claims have been processed.



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## SPONSORED BOUNCE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help in running this event! If you are able to spare some time, please complete and return the form below. Thank you.

**Child's Name :** ..... **Class** .....

I would be delighted to come along and help at the Sponsored Bounce on **Tuesday 10th October 2023**.  
I agree to comply with school / FHF safeguarding and volunteer requirements.

Name:.....(parent/guardian) Telephone Number: .....

Email address: .....

I can help at the following times – (please tick the relevant boxes):-

9.00 – 10.30am

10.45 – 12.00

1.00 – 3.00pm

Please return this slip to school by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Thank you.



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