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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

What an exciting week it has been! We are so grateful to everyone for your understanding this week when we had to rearrange a number of diary items at very short notice due to the Ofsted inspection. We are looking forward to being able to share the outcomes of their visit with you in the coming weeks – hopefully shortly after half term. We were all very proud of the children over the last few days for their enthusiastic sharing with our visitors all about their learning and what being a pupil at High Firs is like – both subjects they are experts in!

Thank you for your engagement with the Ofsted parent survey – we had 74 families return a form, which for a school our size, with only 12 hours to get it done, is a really fabulous return.

We hope you have found Parents Consultations informative so far – more to come next week – in fact there will be rather a lot happening next week as some of this week’s rearranged events make for a very busy finish to Term 1. We look forward to the FHF AGM on Monday evening, a Y3/4 football tournament on Tuesday morning, Parents Consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, a Governor meeting Wednesday evening and the Break the Rules day on Friday next week.

I think it is safe to say that when half term finally arrives next Friday, we will all be ready for a break!

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – learned about repeating patterns.

Year 1 – used number lines.

Year 2 – wrote and performed poetry.

Year 3 – learned the four processes of soil formation.

Year 4 – learned to make flesh colours in art.

Year 5 – investigated levers.

Year 6 – learned about rationing during WW2.

Parents Consultations

Thank you for your understanding of our decision to cancel Tuesday and Wednesday’s consultation meetings this week. These have been rescheduled to next Tuesday, 17th October, and Wednesday, 18th October, at the same appointment times. If you are unable to attend on these new dates please contact your child’s class teacher.

Staff News

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We are very pleased to be able to let you all know the lovely news that Miss Allen has had a baby boy! Congratulations to Miss Allen and all the family – we look forward to meeting baby Asher soon.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Demings & Mrs Roy to our Midday Supervisor team.

We have been very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Deepa as she moves to a new school; she will be much missed by the children and staff team.

As part of our commitment to teacher training providers, we are pleased to welcome Miss Barbosa who will be completing a placement in Year 1.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	158	525	Harrison F, Freya S, Harrison C, Ella V
CHESTNUT	168	516	Reggie T, Gloria F, Belle Z
OAK	115	451	Oscar P, Elsie W
ASH	165	539	Penelope T, Fraser D



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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 –

- Grace R-H – fantastic independent name writing.
- Elliott R – super measuring when using water and different containers.
- Imogen T – her hard work in Art.
- Aylen G – working hard in Maths.
- Kaylee V – always being her best.
- Iyah M – her detailed postcard written in the past.
- Edward S – being really enthusiastic in Maths.
- Morgan J – trying really hard with his reading.
- Rakshanaa S – persevering with her understanding of subtraction.
- Daisy S – writing a lovely Tudor menu.
- Harry M – fantastic explanations in Science and Maths this week.
- Isabella T – demonstrating all of our school values at all times.
- Harrison A – fantastic model of an Anderson shelter.
- Baraa R – excellent work investigating angles of reflection.
- Jack B – a great suitcase of items for an evacuee.



Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's Key Stage winners of Register Rabbit:

YEAR 4
YEAR 2

Our class totals were:

Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	97.0%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	91.6%
Year R	90.7%
Year 1	89.6%



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Pantomime

We are still awaiting information from the Orchard Theatre regarding this year's pantomime. A decision as to future opening of the venue will be taken by Dartford Council on Monday next week so we should have more information after that.

Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to everyone who helped with this week's Sponsored Bounce and well done to all our children for doing so many bounces! Please collect your Sponsor Money and return by Friday 3rd November.

Christmas Card

Please return your Christmas card order and payment by Thursday 19th October.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
to be held on Mon 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.

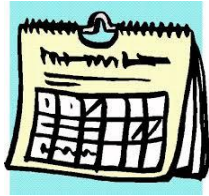
Agenda:

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



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INSET DAYS

No children in school
Mon 30th Oct 2023
Tues 2nd Jan 2024
Fri 24th May 2024
1 more date TBC

Coming up next week...

CLUBS RUNNING NEXT WEEK

(CLUBS NOT LISTED ARE CANCELLED):

FOSC After School Club & Breakfast Club

French (Monday)

Board Games (Monday)

Girls Football (Thursday)

Football (Friday)

Craft (Friday)

Monday 16th October

6pm – Yr4 Blackland Farm residential information meeting

7pm – FHF AGM – all welcome!

Tuesday 17th October

Parents Consultations rescheduled from Tuesday 10th October (same appointment times)

am – Yr3/4 Champions Trophy football team at Princes Park

FOSC After School Club in Year 2

Wednesday 18th October

Parents Consultations rescheduled from Wednesday 11th October (same appointment times)

FOSC After School Club in Year 4

Thursday 19th October

Year 6 WW2 Day at Horton Kirby

10.10am – Yr4 Class Assembly

Friday 20th October

Break the Rules day



**Friday 20th
October**

Pay 50p per rule you break -
maximum of 4 rules / £2 total.
All funds raised for Friends of High Firs.

You must wear a yellow school jumper.

You must not wear trainers to school.

You must wear matching socks.

You must not have squash in your water bottle.

You must not have a tattoo.

You must use your school branded rucksack.

You must not have coloured or wacky hair.

You must only eat a healthy snack
(if you break this rule it must still be nut-free, please)

You must not paint your nails.



These are the only rules you
are allowed to break 😊



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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.

yes you can
with Slimming World

New Group
Saturday 4th November
9.30am
High Firs School
Contact: Donna 07447 460129

slimmingworld.co.uk 

Did you know our school hall is available for hire?

One-off and regular letting times are available.

More information is available from our office:
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