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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

The beginning of term is always a good opportunity for a fresh start – and it has been evident to me this week that children were really focussed after their week-long break.

We have lots to look forward to next week with Y4 children off on their first residential visit of three days and two nights at Blackland Farm Activity Centre from Monday to Wednesday.

We welcome a further 50 prospective parents for next year's Reception class on Monday morning. Our event of a similar size last Tuesday morning seemed to be well-received and our Y6 children were a real credit to the school as tour guides and advocates.

On Friday we invite you all to attend our annual remembrance assembly – a really powerful occasion where silence speaks the loudest form of respect.

I can highly recommend a trip to see Charlton Athletic Women play football through the free ticket offer they have sent to us (see below). I took my own family to the last such event a couple of weeks ago and it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon watching a really entertaining match between two highly skilled and competitive teams.

And finally, please stay safe over the weekend as many of you will be joining in some form of Guy Fawkes related celebrations. I advised the children in assembly today that fireworks can be great fun when you stay with trusted adults and follow instructions carefully, but that they can be very dangerous if this is not the case. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Parents and families are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am on Friday 10th November, which will include observing the 2-minute silence.

Poppy Appeal

As well as paper poppies, a variety of other items will be on sale from Monday in return for the children's donations towards this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items available and the donation suggested by the RBL are shown here. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile cause.



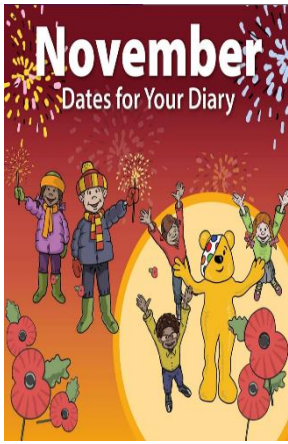
School Tours for Reception 2024 starters

It was lovely to welcome so many new prospective High Firs parents and children into school on Tuesday for the first of our Reception 2024 tours. We still have other tour dates available and our Craft Afternoon if you haven't yet booked for your own pre-school child or know someone else who may be interested. Please visit <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/receptiontours> to book a place on the tour and/or Craft Afternoon or for further information.



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Mon 6th Nov
 Mon 6th – Weds 8th Nov
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 Thurs 9th Nov
 Fri 10th Nov
 Mon 13th Nov
 Tues 14th Nov
 Thurs 16th Nov
 Thurs 16th Nov
 Thurs 23rd Nov
 Fri 24th Nov
 Mon 27th Nov

Poppy Appeal merchandise goes on sale
 Yr4 residential at Blackland Farm
 Reception 2024 tour (bookings only) – 11am
 FHF Meeting – 7pm
 Year 3 Class Assembly – 10.10am
 Remembrance Day Assembly – 10.10am
 Reception 2024 tour (bookings only) – 5.30pm
 Wear something blue for Diabetes Day
 Year 2 Class Assembly – 10.10am
 Rec & Year 6 Height & Weight checks
 Year 1 Class Assembly – 10.10am
 Winter Card competition deadline (info coming soon...)
 Winter Card competition viewing for parents

Yr5/6 Clubs

Now that the clocks have changed and the darker nights are upon us, please can we ask that where possible Yr5/6 children are collected by an adult from after-school clubs rather than walking home unaccompanied at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Harvest donations

We have received the following from Swanley Foodbank:

A massive thank you to all of your staff, students and their families.

What an amazing Harvest you gave to the Foodbank.

Can you please pass on our gratitude to all involved for all of their hard work.

It was wonderful to have your students think of us here at the foodbank.

Your school's brilliant contribution came to a whopping 153.65kg.

This has already gone out to families that are in need.

Thank you to all our families for your fantastic support.



Special Mentions

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



- Ted H – super phonics.
- Lyla R – her independent name writing.
- Charlotte G – for her lovely writing about a castle.
- Francesca F – super identification of the different features of the town & country.
- Kaya O – super identification of the different features of the town & country.
- Sadie B – an amazing Stone Age house model.
- Henry F – persevering with all of his work when he finds it tricky.
- Sadiya M – working hard in maths.
- Poppy C – working hard to improve her maths.
- Michael C – improved focus and being a kind friend.
- Laquisha MD – working well and with more independence.
- Benjamin A – an excellent “Trip Advisor” review for our school trip.
- Ezra W – always working hard and being his best.

Register Rabbit

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



YEAR R

YEAR 5

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 5	97.1%
Year R	96.2%
Year 6	95.7%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 1	91.9%
Year 4	91.0%



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In our classes this week

- Reception – learned about the job of a postman.
- Year 1 – identified different materials.
- Year 2 – learned about London in the past compared with now
- Year 3 – identified the key features of a diary entry.
- Year 4 – created Rangoli patterns.
- Year 5 – identified Victorian features of Swanley.
- Year 6 – learned to use BIDMAS in Maths.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	74	662	Jessica Y1, Connie Y5
CHESTNUT	71	664	Aaron Y1, Harry and Sid Y5
OAK	81	616	Alice Y1, Beatrice and Amy Y5
ASH	79	622	Isabella Y5, Emanuela Y6, Florence YR, Charlotte and Sophia S Y1

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

Our next FHF Meeting is on Monday 6th November at 7pm – everyone is welcome so please come along!



INSET DAYS
No children in school
Tues 2nd Jan 2024
Fri 24th May 2024
1 more date TBC

Coming up next week...

Poppy Appeal items on sale all week – or until we run out!

Monday 6th November
Yr4 Blackland Farm residential
11am: Reception 2024 Tours
7pm: FHF Meeting – all welcome

Tuesday 7th November
Yr4 Blackland Farm residential
Yr3/4 Football at Downsview Primary

Wednesday 8th November
1.30pm: Yr4 pickup from Blackland Farm

Thursday 9th November
10.10am: Yr3 Class Assembly – all welcome

Friday 10th November
10.40am: Remembrance Day Assembly and 2 Minute Silence – all welcome



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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.

FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

CHARLTON ATHLETIC WOMEN VS SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY WOMEN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
KICK-OFF 12PM
AT THE OAKWOOD
(VCD ATHLETIC STADIUM)
DA1 4DN
GATES OPEN 10.30AM

FAMILY FRIENDLY ✓
FOOD & DRINK ✓

SCAN HERE FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS

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