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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the wearing something blue for World Diabetes Day this Tuesday. This event prompted a fabulous question and answer session in assembly with a pupil with diabetes in school, helping children to better understand what it is like living with diabetes.

Thank you also for your donations of coppers for Children in Need – the children really enjoyed wearing a Pudsey item into school today. Four Pudsey silhouettes were filled with coins – we will update you next week on the amount raised, once the School Council have had a chance to count it.

In addition, it has been Anti-Bullying week in school this week. This year's theme has been 'Make some noise' about bullying. As part of looking into this, two definitions were shared with the children, relating to: bullying - "The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online"; and to banter - "The playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks." It was also discussed with children that it is no longer banter if:

1. You would be upset if someone said it to you
2. It's hurtful
3. You're not friends
4. Someone's asked you to stop
5. The target isn't laughing
6. It focuses on someone's insecurities

This work was further explored in lessons and will support children in maintaining our school values of – be kind, be safe, be honest and be your best.

Christmas / Winter Card Competition

The children will be bringing home a piece of coloured card today so that everyone can take part in our annual competition to design a Christmas or Winter Card.

There are a few simple guidelines:

- All cards must be on a Christmas or Winter theme and using the piece of card you are given – apart from that you can use whatever you like to make your card!
- Your card can be landscape or portrait
- Please do not write inside your card
- Write name and class on the back

Please bring your completed card to school on **Friday 24th Nov**. All cards will then be displayed in the hall and parents are invited to come in to view them after school on **Monday 27th November**.



**NOMINATE
A CHARITY**
for Christmas 2023

Our Christmas Charities 2023

As we look forward to our Christmas performances & concerts this year, it is time for us to decide the charities that will benefit from the generous donations that our audiences make. We know that lots of our families have affiliations with particular charities, often due to their own circumstances, and we would therefore like to invite you to nominate a charity to

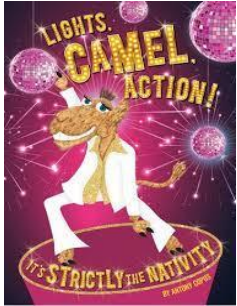
receive some of these funds. If you would like to suggest a charity then please complete the form at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/2023charities> or click on the QR code by **Thursday 23rd November**. We will let you know which have been chosen in a future Newsletter.



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December Performances & Concerts



Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

“Lights, Camel, Action!” – Tues 12th December at 2.15pm

“Lights, Camel, Action!” – Weds 13th December at 2.15pm

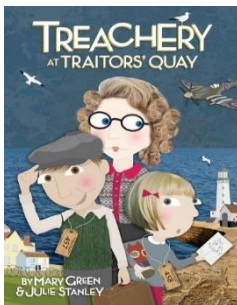
at High Firs Primary School

KS1 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/5rmu9JYx7e> or click on the text link sent.

Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert – Wednesday 6th December at 2pm & 6.30pm
at St Mary’s Church, Swanley

Yr3 & Yr4 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/T0fgxzH4kF> or click on the text link sent.



Year 5 & Year 6

“Treachery at Traitors’ Quay” – Monday 4th December at 2pm & 6.30pm
at High Firs Primary School

Yr5 & Yr6 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/hiysV3NFaw> or click on the text link sent.

Seats must be booked for all performances; please do not attend without a ticket! Please use the forms in this Newsletter to request your tickets and return by **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER** – tickets run out quickly so return as soon as you can.

Tickets will be allocated as follows:

- **In the first instance a total limit of two tickets** will be allocated for the class concert / performances in which your child(ren) will be taking part (this may be two tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance).
- Parents may request additional seats for their child(ren)’s own performances, which will then be allocated on a ‘lucky dip’ basis following initial allocations.
- Should any seats still be available after this time then they will be made available to parents in other classes, again on a ‘lucky dip’ basis.

We welcome pre-school age children to attend performances this year, however, if they are walkers, they will require a ticket. If they are ‘babes in arms’ they can attend without a ticket.

All audience members will be asked to sit in their seat and to watch quietly, enabling the children on stage to do their best. If there is any disruption from younger viewers, we would expect parents/guardians to show consideration by settling or removing their child. If disruption persists, you may be asked to leave to allow the performance to continue smoothly.

We cannot accommodate prams and buggies in the building – but you are welcome to leave them outside on entry.

There is no charge to attend the performances but visitors are invited to donate to the collection for one of our chosen charities.

All High Firs children will have the opportunity to watch the performances and concerts during school time.



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Reception 2024

Our Reception 2024 tours have now finished but there is still time to book on our pre-school Craft Afternoon on Friday 1st December from 2pm to 3pm; please visit <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/receptiontours> to book a place.

Park and Stride parking

Please can parents making use of Park and Stride avoid parking and turning in the driveway of Winton Court Flats. We have had recent complaints from residents who have been unable to access their parking space or driveway, due to parents using the Park and Stride service.

After requesting that parents do not park in the bays reserved for the three houses at the top of Goldsel Road following similar complaints from residents, people have heeded that request and no further issues have been observed.

We ask that you turn in the road and park for dropping on the double yellow lines at the top end of Goldsel Road - this is what our risk assessment allows for.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation with these requests. I am sure you will appreciate that we need to work with local residents to continue to provide this service.

Special Mentions

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

- Reyansh R – fantastic independent writing.
- Madeleine S – independent name writing.
- Nicole M – a lovely dragon description.
- Harry H – trying hard in all of his lessons.
- Lenny G – working hard to improve the detail in his writing.
- Luiza-Maria P – a detailed description of Paddington Bear.
- Demi B – thoughtful responses in History.
- Joshua W – consistently producing high quality home learning.
- Daisy B – being a positive, hardworking member of the class.
- Lottie A – working so hard to improve her Maths.
- Beatrice G – always trying hard and taking on board advice given to her.
- Connie R – a lovely description of Camp Green Lake.
- Anne-Grace G – an excellent piece of writing retelling the story of Rose Blanche.
- Bobby R – always trying his best and working hard.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2

YEAR 6

Our class totals were:

Year 6	97.4%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 3	91.9%
Year 5	91.1%
Year R	89.6%



**Christmas &
Winter
Jumpers Sale**

**Come along for some
fantastic shopping bargains!
FHF will be selling second-hand
Christmas / Winter Jumpers on**

Friday 24th November

Friday 1st December

at 3.15pm

*We would be grateful for donations of
jumpers to sell on Tuesday 21st November.*

In our classes this week

Reception – investigated floating and sinking.

Year 1 – solved addition problems.

Year 2 – practised their passes in netball.

Year 3 – learned why the Roman Army was successful.

Year 4 – designed Tudor pouches.

Year 5 – made prototype pulley systems.

Year 6 – created WW2 propaganda posters.



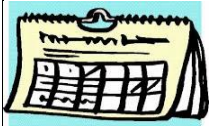
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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	195	857	Robert L, Harrison E, Aayden C
CHESTNUT	161	825	Aaron B, Harry M, Isabelle Z
OAK	131	747	Oscar P, Amy V
ASH	156	778	Sophia S, Isabella T, Emanuela M



INSET DAYS
 Tues 2nd Jan 2024
 Fri 24th May 2024
 1 more date TBC

Coming up next week...

Thursday 23rd November – no Forest School today for Yr2
 Yr1 Class Assembly at 10.10am



#Stay Safe
 Get Active
 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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