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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Following last week's information about ticketing for the Christmas productions, I wanted to re-iterate a couple of messages here, to ensure that people understand this year's arrangements:

- Every child is entitled to two tickets to one of their productions.
- It is possible to apply for additional tickets if you wish – they are allocated, in the event that not all other tickets are taken up, on a first come first served basis.
- With the exception of babies carried in arms, **EVERYONE ELSE ATTENDING WILL NEED A TICKET** to come in – including: all adults, all pre-school age children and all school age children (the latter for siblings attending evening performances).
- Tickets are free and can be obtained by completing the following forms:
- YR/1/2 - <https://forms.office.com/e/5rmu9JYx7e>
- Y3/4 - <https://forms.office.com/e/T0fqxzH4kF>
- Y5/6 - <https://forms.office.com/e/hivsV3NFaw>
- The deadline for ticket applications is today, so if you missed the information last week and the texts that have been sent out, please crack on with applying straight away in order to avoid disappointment.

Rehearsals for end of term events are now well underway, bringing the lovely sounds of Christmas songs reverberating around the building.

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Monday straight after school to view the children's Christmas and winter themed cards they have designed to enter our annual competition.

Children's Christmas Cards

We know that some of our children have already written their Christmas cards to their friends! Please could we ask that all the children follow the same arrangements:

- Cards to be brought into school from **Monday 4th December** onwards only
- Please label envelopes with recipient's first name, surname and year group
- All cards to be put into the postbox outside Year R/1
- Cards will be distributed by our 'post elves' and then taken home to be opened

Thank you for your support – this will ensure that class time is not spent distributing cards and that they do not get lost around the school during the day.



Christmas Lunch

All our children are invited to our traditional Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 5th December. This is one of the favourite events of the whole school year and is always looked forward to by both staff and children! Everyone will eat together in the hall regardless of whether they are having a packed lunch or hot Christmas meal. It is also Own Clothes Day so maybe your child would like to wear their special Christmas or winter jumper if they have one to celebrate this special occasion! If your child would like to have a hot Christmas meal you will need to book at <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com> by 9am on **Thursday 30th November**. You will need to do this even if your child is in KS1 and normally has a free meal or are in KS2 and are eligible for free school meals so we know how many to cook! Please note that if you ordered for this date prior to the Christmas lunch being assigned then you will need to re-order for your new meal preference.



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Children in Need collection
 Thank you to everyone who brought in pennies for Pudsey last Friday! We raised **£118.52** for Children in Need.

Clubs
 Due to our Christmas events, there will be **no school clubs from Monday 4th December to the end of term.** We hope the children have enjoyed taking part – club information for the Spring Term will be issued nearer the time. Our paid-for Breakfast Club and After School Club provision continues as normal.

Special Mentions

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

- Frankie B – trying so hard with his letter formation.
- Florence F – her continued perseverance with writing her name.
- Aaron B – enthusiasm for learning.
- All of Year 1 – an amazing class assembly.
- Lowen P – trying his best in all lessons.
- Louisa C – working hard to improve her writing.
- Roman T – an amazing catapult model for home learning.
- Chloe P – great knowledge of regular and irregular verbs.
- Clark RW – good understanding of Tudor explorers.
- Oscar S – answering lots of questions in History.
- Jacob G – fantastic effort in Maths this week.
- Kenneth C – fantastic effort in Maths this week.
- Aayden C – being focussed on his learning and working hard this week.
- Lacey G – trying her best in all areas of learning.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 5
YEAR 2

Our class totals were:

Year 5	97.0%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 2	91.5%
Year 6	90.7%
Year 1	87.8%
Year R	81.9%



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

In our classes this week

Reception - described characters in their sharing book "The Jolly Postman".

Year 1 – learned to subtract numbers.

Year 2 – have been learning to take a clear photograph.

Year 3 – learned about different forces acting on objects.

Year 4 – learned about Tudor exploration.

Year 5 – were solar systems!

Year 6 – are enjoying their new book "Letters from the Lighthouse".



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	144	1001	Jessica B, Sophia M, Robert L, Aayden C
CHESTNUT	156	981	Aaron B, Annie-Grace G
OAK	151	898	Oscar P, Elsie W, Harry F
ASH	145	923	Drew D, Jack B



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TILLY'S PORTRAIT CHALLENGE!



Mrs Kumah and Tilly have set the children the challenge of drawing a picture of Tilly. Mrs Kumah says....

You can have Tilly sitting or standing, laying or just her face whichever you choose. You can use any craft ideas you decide to make a beautiful picture - please try and use a whole A4 page as we will display them once they have been judged by Mr Kilbride & Miss Rennie.

The WINNER will receive a 10x8 framed photograph with Tilly. You will also get 20 minutes to spend with myself & Miss Johnson and Tilly where you can do tricks, go outside throwing her a ball or just petting her. Your choice!

There will be an overall winner – and a runner up from each class who will receive a photograph of Tilly.

Please return your entries to your teacher by Thursday 30th November - please make sure your names are on the back.

Children's Festive Wreath Workshop

Saturday 2nd Dec 10-12pm

Get into the Christmas spirit with
our workshop to decorate a
Christmas wreath.

Festive cake, drinks and music! £20pp £10dep

Book now at 01322 619862

Will be held at all souls church room crockenhill

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INSET DAYS

Tues 2nd Jan 2024

Fri 24th May 2024

1 more date TBC

Coming up next week...

Mon 27th November – 3.15pm: Card competition viewing in hall

Thurs 30th November – 9am: deadline to order Christmas lunch
2.30pm: Rec sharing time – parents welcome!

Fri 1st December – pm: Football match at Holy Trinity, Dartford
2pm: pre-school Christmas Crafts (please book)
3.15pm: FHF Christmas / Winter Jumper sale



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very pleased to let you know that Father Christmas will be coming to High Firs Primary School on Monday 11th December when he will be visiting all our classes.

Please let us know if you would like your child to receive a gift when Father Christmas visits; the cost for this is **£3.00** per child. This year we are offering the option to have your child's gift wrapped in Christmas wrapping or a non-Christmas alternative wrapping.

Please enclose the attached slip together with your payment in an envelope marked "Father Christmas" and return your envelope to school by Monday 4th December.

Any questions or concerns please speak to your class reps.

Thank You.

Friends of High Firs



FATHER CHRISTMAS

Return by 4th December

NAME OF CHILD: CLASS:

- I enclose **£3.00** for my child to see Father Christmas and to receive a present with Christmas wrapping.
- I enclose **£3.00** for my child to see Father Christmas and to receive a present with non-Christmas wrapping.
- I do not wish my child to see Father Christmas or to receive a present.



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