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# High Firs Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mr Kilbride

What a terrific term it has been, to cap off a great calendar year. Your children have kept working so hard all the way up to the holidays – whether it has been learning songs and rehearsing or with their everyday lessons – they have really made us all in school very proud of them this year.

The end of term performances this year were really superb tributes to what the children and staff working together can achieve. We have had some lovely feedback from all three performances, where children acted and sung their hearts out and looked like they were genuinely enjoying every minute of being in the spotlight and performing with their friends.

Finally as we break for the holidays, I would like to express my thanks for the wonderful school community that we have. We enjoy such great support from you – our families, which makes a massive positive difference to children's education. But most of all, I would like to thank our tremendous staff, whose care, creativity and commitment to the cause astound me on a daily basis. There are straightforward times and there are times when working in schools presents a great many unpredictable and difficult to manage challenges – and whatever occurs, our staff are a fantastic ever-present of positivity for our children.

From all of our staff and school governors, I wish you all a wonderful festive season of happiness, kindness and cheer.

### KS1 Production

Well done to our KS1 children who finished off our Christmas production season in real style with "Lights, Camel, Action!" this week – there are definitely some X-Factor or Strictly contenders there for the future!



### Staff news

On Wednesday we wished Miss Durrant well as she started her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new addition in the New Year! Today we are saying goodbye to Miss Adams; we send her off with our best wishes as she moves on to the next stage of her teaching career. Today in assembly we recognised the much-appreciated long service of five of our members of staff – Mrs Loftus, Mrs Walford & Mrs Spokes (5 years), Miss Rennie (15 years) and Mrs Everest (20 years). We thank them for their commitment and hard work for our school community.

**Staff**  
**News**

### Our Christmas Charities

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas performances this week for donating so generously to our chosen charity for KS1 which was **Nordoff Robbins** who support children with psychological, physical, or developmental disabilities through music therapy.

KS1:  
**Nordoff Robbins**  
**£142.17**

**NORDOFF**  
**ROBBINS**  
Enriching lives through music therapy



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Friday 5th January

is our



Children are invited to wear their pyjamas (or other suitable nightwear) to school in return for a donation to the FHF of any unwanted:

- Christmas gifts
- Toiletries
- Toys

Children should wear normal school footwear (not slippers or trainers!) and coats, please. Representatives of the FHF will be on the gate to collect your donations –  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Friends of High Firs  
Primary School Association**  
Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported the Friends' fundraising in 2023.

We have raised lots of money to support the children's learning in school – as well as having lots of fun along the way! Events would not run without the support of those who volunteer to help out and we are very grateful to everyone who has given their time, either on the day or with preparations and admin. Thank you also to all those who also make donations, either monetary or with goods. *We look forward to more fun ahead in 2024....*

Our Christmas activities this year raised an amazing £1541.08 – **THANK YOU** if you supported the Bazaar and/or the Secrets Room.

**Special Mentions**

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly yesterday in recognition of their efforts this term –

- Oliver D-Q – huge improvement in his writing throughout the Autumn Term.
- Drew D – always trying her best in all areas of learning.
- Sophia S – always working hard and trying her best in all lessons.
- George S – always trying hard and working to improve his writing.
- Francesca F – working hard in all lessons and always being her best.
- Jonas C – his hard work and good progress in all areas of learning.
- Millie B – showing great improvement in all areas of learning.
- Oliver M – always being a kind and caring member of the class.
- Lottie A – working incredibly hard to improve her Maths and for beginning to show a more positive and independent attitude to learning.
- Hannah C – always listening carefully to instructions and advice given, and for showing a positive attitude towards learning.
- Laquisha M-D – hard work in Maths this term.
- Michael C – improved effort and focus throughout the term.
- Aayden C – improved effort and focus in his work.
- Ezra W – always trying his best and helping others.



**Register Rabbit**

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

**YEAR 6**

**YEAR 2**

Both classes will celebrate with a reward day next term.

Our class totals were:

Year 6	96.6%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 2	94.2%
Year R	93.1%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 1	92.8%



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## HOUSE POINTS

**CONGRATULATIONS BEECH!**  
**HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS**  
**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	72	1278	Ziggy, Jack M
CHESTNUT	47	1217	Henry T, Billy D, Ezra W
OAK	33	1063	Oscar P, Lewis C
ASH	62	1149	Penelope T, Jack B, Teddy H, Lola H

### Correction

Well done to Penelope on her lovely picture of Tilly last week – we're sorry that we said you were in Reception when you are in Yr 1!



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