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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Welcome back after half term for what usually rivals the lead up to Christmas as the busiest time of the school year; there are end of year assessments to do, reports to bring together, lots of sporting events going on, preparations for transition to new classes for next year, recruitment of staffing for September, end of year celebration events to organise, new children and families to welcome to High Firs and many more as well – the list really is endless!

In amongst this, most classes have their main school trip in this term too.

This week Year 2 had a terrific day visiting Hemsley Conservation Centre – the children were beautifully behaved and utterly captivated by the animal experiences and information in front of them for the day.



I had the pleasure of taking 24 of our Y3-6 children to a D-Day commemorative event at the Civic Centre in Swanley yesterday. Children from schools all around Swanley were in attendance. They stood around the flag pole as the Epitaph was read out before a two minute silence – then each school recited a learned verse from the poem D-Day Heroes, written by Chelsea Pensioner Roy Palmer. Once again, our children did us proud with their respectful behaviour and their beautifully performed recital.



Next week, we look forward to football and netball tournaments for the older children, an assembly and workshops from Safety Seymour – to do with Carbon Monoxide awareness, welcoming our new Reception children for the Teddy Bears' Picnic on Monday, Sports Day on Friday and the Friends' annual Funday on Saturday – our chance to raise lots of money for new playground markings to be painted for playtimes and sports.



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Year 5 Secondary Transition information

For those of you who missed the meeting before half-term, information about Year 5 Secondary School applications can be found

at: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

If you are interested in applying for your child to take the Kent grammar school selection test then please ensure you register your child for this by Monday 1st July. Information is available at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

If you register your child for the Kent Test, please can you notify us by adding your child's name to this form - <https://forms.office.com/e/2pXGEg5tVH> - enabling us to check the correct names are registered once Kent send us their list in July.

Our talented pupils!

We know lots of our children are already rehearsing for this year's "High Firs School's Got Talent"!



Class heats will be held the first week of July and then followed by Key Stage finals the week after. Parents and families will have a chance to see all the finalists at our Open Evening on Thursday 18th July.

Assemblies for remainder of term

Music assembly – Parents of all of Year 5 and children in Year 6 who are learning an instrument with Mrs Jarvis are invited to join us for a music performance assembly on 19th June at 10.10am.

Yr5&6 Isle of Wight & Activity Week assembly – due to the general election this has been rescheduled to Friday 5th July at 10.10am.

Year 1 class assembly – Thursday 20th June at 10.10am

Rocksteady children will be performing to parents on Monday 15th July at 9.45am.

Year 6 Leavers Arrangements

Please note the following arrangements for our Yr6 leavers' activities:

Monday 22nd July

10.10am: Leavers' Assembly and Tea (parents and families are invited to join us).

pm: Water Activities - please bring swim-wear, shorts & t-shirt, shoes that can get wet, and a towel. Water pistols optional... we can provide if you don't have one already!

Tuesday 23rd July

Children can bring in a shirt for signing and/or their leaver's hoodie.

2.55pm: Last day photos.

Please ask Miss Allin if you have any queries.



Sports Day Arrangements

Sports Day will be held next, **Friday, 14th June, with KS1 sports starting at 10.30am (Pedestrian Gate opens 10.15am) and KS2 at 1.30pm (Pedestrian Gate opens 1.15pm);** we regret we are unable to invite parents to stay with us on site over the lunch period. Should the weather on Friday 14th June not be appropriate for the event to take place parents will be notified by text as soon as possible and it will be rescheduled for Friday 21st June.

If you are coming to KS1 Sports in the morning, rather than going home after dropping off at 8.55am, please do come into the hall between 9am & 10.15am to give a hand with preparing for the Fun Day on Saturday. We will be doing lots of preparation on Friday throughout the day so please do pop in to help if you can!

Please may we remind you that the children are in school session as normal during the sports events and must remain with their teacher / supervising staff at all times. This will be explained to the children and your cooperation with this would be much appreciated, as would your cooperation with health & safety measures in place on the day.

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, sun-hat and suitable trainers, as well as their normal PE kit in school. Sun cream may be required! We look forward to a very enjoyable day.



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FOSC After School Club

Please can we remind parents that bookings for After School Club should be made by text to 07594 439691 by the previous Friday at the latest and are confirmed only once a booking confirmation has been received back from FOSC to parents. Thank you.

Special Mentions

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

- Joel C – always trying his best in all of his learning.
- Ted H – for his super reading this week.
- Julia R – her excellent reading skills.
- Harry H – for improving his phonic and reading skills.
- All of Year 2 - their sensible behaviour and enthusiasm during their school trip to Hemsley Conservation Centre.
- Edward S – a great piece of information writing.
- Sadie B – for her thoughtful comments in Art about the work of Mandy Barker.
- Smilte M – showing great perseverance in swimming.
- Mason T – showing great perseverance in swimming.
- Hashmin D – working hard and trying his best in all lessons this week.
- Samuel S – for always wanting to complete his work to the best of his ability.
- Elsie W – writing a fantastic set of instructions about catching and cooking a tarantula.
- Luke G – writing a fantastic set of instructions about catching and cooking a tarantula.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 4

Our class totals were:

Year 4 99.6%
Year 1 98.5%
Year 5 98.1%
Year R 97.8%
Year 2 97.4%
Year 3 97.2%
Year 6 95.9%



Year 6 Cake Sale

Please come and buy a cake to raise money for our leavers party. This will take place on Thursday 20th June after school.



In our classes this week

Reception – learned what a visit to a supermarket is like.
Year 1 – learned about seasonal changes.
Year 2 – found out about different habitats at Hemsley Conservation Centre.
Year 3 – are learning to tell the time to the nearest minute.
Year 4 – learned all about angles.
Year 5 – learned about the Five Pillars of Islam.
Year 6 – learned where and when the Ancient Maya lived.



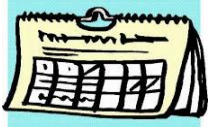
HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	213	955	Sophia M; Samuel S
CHESTNUT	247	1094	Aaron B; Sid P; Grace F
OAK	224	990	Oscar P; Elijah B
ASH	252	1068	Aylen G; Mason T



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INSET DAYS
Mon 1st July 2024

Coming up next week...

Monday 10th June

2.00pm - Teddy Bears Picnic for Reception September 2024 intake

Tuesday 11th June

Girls' Football at Crockenhill Primary School (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th June

Maths Day at Horton Kirby (selected pupils)

Thursday 13th June

Own Clothes Day – KS1 bring a bottle / KS2 bring confectionary

1.15pm – Netball at Hextable Primary School (selected pupils)

Friday 14th June

Donations of cuddly toys to FHF on the gate.

9am onwards – Fun Day prep in hall: please come along to help

10.15am – Gates open for KS1 Sports Day

1.15pm – Gates open for KS2 Sports Day

Saturday 15th June

12pm – 3pm - FHF Fun Day



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

The Exciting High Firs Summer Fun Day is almost here!!!

The Friends still need volunteers to help run the stall for the Fun Day, if you can give any time to a stall please contact the Friends or your Class Rep thank you

Thursday 13th June – Own Clothes Day

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donating:

KS1 – an unopened and in date bottle for the very popular bottle tombola.

KS2 - an item of confectionary for the confectionary tombola

All donations will be collected at the school gate.

Friday 14th June

We are looking for donations of any cuddly toys. Please bring them to the gate on Friday morning.

Friday 14th June

Between dropping your child off at school and returning for the sports day races, come and join us in the school hall for a cup of tea and to help get ready for the Fun Day. You will be most welcome and will not miss any of the races.

Grand Draw

Fantastic prizes to be won including a family day pass to Kent Life, family ticket to Air Jump Trampoline Park , free dance classes to name a few. Please return your raffle tickets plus money for a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes plus many more. Tickets will also be on sale at the Fun Day.

Saturday 15th June (12pm-3pm) – The High Firs Fun Day

Come rain or shine we look forward to seeing you and your families and friends at the Fun Day; enjoying all the fabulous events. Thank you in advance for supporting this very popular annual day.

++ Please do not take any donations to the School Office, thank you ++



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