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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

This week we had two very exciting cup football matches at Fawkham Primary School. Our girls won a tight match 2-1, with Connie scoring both goals. And our boys lost on penalties after a 3-3 draw – with Harrison and Omolade scoring the goals. All children represented the school with real commitment, passion and pride – really well done to all concerned.



I write today with a plea for Park and Stride parent helpers. We started this initiative two years ago and it contributes to the fitness of our children and the safety around our school site every day. With two staff committed, at a cost of approximately £3000 per year to the school, we can take 12 children each day. Currently however, there are often 16-17 children wanting to use the service. If we could attract one or two parent volunteers, we would be able to expand our offer to 18 children – as we had on certain days last school year. If you are interested in helping, even for just one day a week, please contact the office to help us to run this service in the most efficient way possible.

Thank you so much to everyone who gave pennies generously for Children in Need today. We filled up five Pudseys with the money collected – I will have a grand total for you next week.

Through Anti-Bullying week this week, children have begun to come in wearing odd socks to enforce the message 'It's ok to be different.' Class teachers are ticking children off on a list – a reminder that children are encouraged to come to school in odd socks for one day between now and the end of term.

There will be a number of events taking place in the run up to Christmas, more details will follow from school and The Friends in the early part of next week. If anybody would like to advertise their business in our Christmas Bazaar programme, please get in touch with the school office.



Remembrance Day

Thank you to all our parents and families who joined us for our Remembrance Assembly on Monday when the children shared the reasons behind why this is commemorated and why we wear poppies, as well as marking the two minute silence. Each of our classes also contributed to make six lovely displays to recognise this special event.



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Our Christmas Charities 2024
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/charity2024> by **Friday 22nd November**. We will let you know which have been chosen in a future Newsletter.

Middy Supervisor vacancy
Mrs Schott from our Middy Team will sadly be leaving us next month as she is off to new adventures. We are therefore recruiting for a new Middy Supervisor; please pass on the information below to anyone who may be interested.


We have a vacancy for a



Middy Supervisor

- 5 days a week
- 12pm - 1pm
- £12.10 per hour


More details & application information - www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/vacancies/

 **HOUSE POINTS**


	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	66	1013	Jessica Y1; Annabelle Y4; Logan & Rakshanaa Y5
CHESTNUT	78	1048	Molly Y1; Ellie & Faye Y5
OAK	75	1044	William Y3; Lily Y5
ASH	64	1057	Florence & Frankie Y1; Natasha Y4; Daisy & Demi Y5

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

- Henley S – for super phonics and reading.
- Charles L – for trying really hard with his letter formation.
- Esme B – great paired work in castle building DT.
- Meadow W – great paired work in castle building DT.
- Brooke B – for her good use of conjunctions when writing about Paddington.
- Emma B – for her enthusiasm for learning.
- Jonas C – excellent work in maths and a great start to learning the column method.
- Lenny G – a great attitude towards his learning this term and working hard in all lessons.
- Luca C – for always trying really hard in all areas of learning.
- Ivy C – for always trying really hard in all areas of learning.
- Maisie K – for always putting her hand up and sharing her ideas in class.
- Omolade O – for improved focus in his learning.
- Blou D – for his amazing effort and determination in swimming that has seen him move up a group.



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



YEAR 1
YEAR 5

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 5	99.2%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 6	97.8%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	94.8%
Year R	94.4%

- Alyah E – for her excellent acting skills.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

- Reception – learned all about floating and sinking.
- Year 1 – built castles using construction materials.
- Year 2 – started a new book – A Bear Called Paddington.
- Year 3 – practised their Kurling skills in PE.
- Year 4 – enjoyed their new book – The Creakers.
- Year 5 – learned about hospitals in Swanley in Victorian times.
- Year 6 – responded to the text 'Rose Blanche.'



Coming up next week...

Monday 18th November

Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

Thursday 21st November

Year 2 class assembly – 10.10am
Year 1/2 parent maths workshop – 10.30am

Friday 22nd November

Year 5/6 boys football match at Horton Kirby
Reception Pop in and Play event – 2.15pm
No football club

INSET DAYS

6th January
30th June
21st July
22nd July



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