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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Over the past two weeks children have shared some really well thought through new year's resolutions – and you can see their fresh determination in work efforts across the school this January.

We have been reminding children about using Numbots (Y1) and Times Table Rock Stars (Y2-6) over the past couple of weeks, including opportunities for children to challenge each other and challenge the teachers live in assembly! If you are not sure of your child's login details, please check with your class teacher. Using either of these online practise tools really helps embed your child's basic maths skills needed to access the rest of the curriculum – we would suggest 10-15 mins a few times per week.

Additionally, we really want children to read as much as they can using a school library book or a book from home. For any book they have read, they can come into school and see if there is an Accelerated Reader quiz available, which will lead to them increasing their personal and the class's word total, as each class competes to hit their personalised target by the end of term.

Please see below the class assembly times and a date for the next Friends of High Firs meeting.

Remember that clubs start next week and we have Bikeability for Y6 children to look forward to on Wednesday, and for some of the children, Thursday as well.

I have not had any recent complaints about parking, so thank you very much for your efforts there.

One matter that has given rise to a couple of recent complaints is some of our younger children have been seen running away from their parents and onto driveways and gardens of our neighbours. There are two issues here – consideration for others' property and safety. Your younger children cannot be seen by cars entering and exiting driveways. Children in Reception and Year 1 really should either walk alongside their parents or hold their parents' hands as they journey to and from school – this ensures they stay safe and learn to respect the school community around them.

Class Assemblies and information meetings

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the following class assemblies and information sessions this term:

Year 6 – Thursday 6th February at 10.10am

(followed by SATs meeting)

Year 5 – Thursday 13th February at 10.10am

Year 4 – Weds 26th February at 10.10am

(followed by Times Tables check meeting)

Year 3 – Thurs 6th March at 10.10am

Year 2 – Weds 12th March at 10.10am

Year 1 – Weds 19th March at 10.10am

Year R – Monday 24th March at 2pm



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Parent information and support online sessions


Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 22/1/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
- Understanding ADHD 4/2/2025 – 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Introduction to Autism 28/02/2025 12:30 – 2.30pm
- Understanding Anxiety 10//03/2025 5:30 – 7.30pm
- Sleep & Autism 27/03/2025 5.30 – 7.30pm
- Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 9/04/2025 10.30am – 12.30pm


Visit www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/parentworkshops to book

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

- Harrison W – for super effort this week in all his learning, especially in his writing.
- Frankie C – super progress in his sound recognition.
- Tallulah C – listening and acting on advice how to improve her writing.
- Mikayla I – making a fantastic effort writing about “Lila and the Secret of Rain”.
- Penelope T – for always being her best.
- Marco P – positive attitude to learning.
- Lowen P – writing an excellent story about a robot.
- Sofia M – great effort joining her handwriting and brilliant work in Maths.
- Ellis A – for his fantastic home learning linked to tectonic plates.
- Henry F – for working really hard with his writing about ‘Lila’.
- Mason T – excellent effort with long multiplication.
- Hannah C – persevering even when her learning is challenging!
- Kenny C – a great start in Maths this term. Always ready to learn and enthusiastic.
- Laquisha MD – progress learning her times-tables.



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



YEAR 4
YEAR 1

Our class attendance this week was:

- Y1 – 98.9%
- Y4 – 98.5%
- Y5 – 95.9%
- Y6 – 95.6%
- YR – 94.1%
- Y2 – 93.6%
- Y3 – 93.3%



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 in school from 6.30pm.

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	194	282	Elliott R, Emelia S
CHESTNUT	202	309	Esme B, Ellie R
OAK	173	252	Oscar P, Lily G, Poppy C
ASH	191	273	Leo W, Scarlett T

In our classes this week

Reception – described different types of vegetables.

Year 1 – made teen numbers.

Year 2 – discussed what makes a good leader.

Year 3 – learned the Anglo-Saxon origins of place names, including Swanley!

Year 4 – enjoyed starting our new book *The Firework Maker's Daughter*.

Year 5 – investigated thermal insulators.

Year 6 – learned about Charles Darwin.



Coming up next week...

Clubs start this week

Wednesday 22nd January

Bikeability for Group A and B

Thursday 23rd January

Bikeability for Group A

INSET DAYS

30th June

21st July

22nd July



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