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High Firs Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

A very busy week of remembrance culminated this morning with our Remembrance Assembly. Our KS2 children read out information all about Armistice Day and the work of the Royal British Legion and the whole school community came together for an impeccably observed two minutes of silence at 11am. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to all the children who created poppies for display, which have adorned the school beautifully this week. I would also like to thank parents for their generous donations to the poppy appeal, which has once again been very well supported this year.

We have hosted two really busy Open events for prospective new Reception parents for 2023 over the past fortnight. Our final one of these is on Monday evening and we have many people booked in to come and look round once again. If you know anyone who has a 3-4 year old, please flag up this Monday's event for them to come and take a look. I would also like to thank in advance the Yr6 children who are coming back to help conduct tours for prospective parents - you really are our very best advocates!

And finally, I have been asked by a parent to share the lyrics of our school values song in the Newsletter - this is sung to end assembly on several occasions each week: -

*Be safe and be honest, be the best you can be;
Be kind so that we live as a happy family;
At High Firs we rise to our values each day;
In our work and in our friendships and in our play.*



Poster Competition

Sevenoaks District Council are running a competition to design a poster which could be displayed on the roads throughout the Sevenoaks district. Sevenoaks District Council want to encourage drivers to reduce idling. Engine idling is when a driver leaves their engine running when the car is stopped e.g. in a traffic jam or when waiting to pick someone up. If you would like to enter, have a look at the information attached further on in this newsletter or speak to Miss Selby.



Children in Need

Because our families have donated so generously to the Poppy Appeal in the past couple of weeks and as we have a number of FHF events coming up we will not be holding a fundraising event for Children in Need this year. However, we know some of our children like to support Children in Need by buying and wearing some of their associated products or by wearing their own "spotty" items and we are happy for the children to wear one of these to school on **Friday 18th November** if parents wish to donate directly to Children in Need for them to do so.



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December Dates

We are pleased to be able to confirm dates for our events in December. Further details, including how to book tickets for performances, will be sent home in due course but save the dates for now!

*Thurs 1st December – Christmas / Winter Jumper Day
Donations for FHF Fair
Christmas Lunch
Pre-school craft afternoon – 2pm*

Fri 2nd December – FHF Christmas Fair

Tues 6th December – KS1 Performance – 2.15pm

Weds 7th December – KS1 Performance – 2.15pm

*Thurs 8th December – Yr3/4 Concert at St Mary's Church
– 2pm & 6.30pm*

*Fri 9th December - KS1 Pantomime in school
KS2 Pantomime – Bromley Churchill Theatre*

Mon 12th December - Yr5/6 performance 2pm & 6.30pm

Weds 14th December – FHF Secrets Room & Santa visit

Fri 16th December - End of Term 3.15pm

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in today's Remembrance Assembly and two-minute silence; it was lovely to be joined by so many of our families and well done to all the children who read so well. All of the children made a poppy for our hall displays and another for this year's special "poppy field" display outside on the grass outside the offices.



Special Mentions

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

- Leo W – super phonics blending.
- Freya S – her great letter writing in home learning
- Luiza-Maria P & Anastasia P – always working hard and being helpful members of the class.
- Elias M – his enthusiasm for learning.
- Edward S – working hard to improve his learning.
- Clark RW – his "Roman catapult" home learning.
- Morgan W – constantly improving in her work.
- Poppy G & Isabella T – working hard to improve their reading.
- Belle Z – for always persevering with tasks she finds difficult.
- Luke G – for fantastic independent work in Science this week.
- Scarlett WB – for fantastic maths and writing this week.
- Evie S – a brilliant diary entry as a character from our class book.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 6



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In our classes this week

Reception – learned about houses around the world.

Year 1 – learned to use question marks.

Year 2 – wrote character descriptions of Paddington Bear.

Year 3 – learned how the Romans built roads.

Year 4 – created an electrical circuit to make a light bulb work.

Year 5 – learned about the planets of the solar system and Roman crime & punishment.

Year 6 – wrote diary entries and stories.

**THIS WEEK'S
LEARNING**



WINNERS this week

CHESTNUT

222 points
Top scorers: Benjamin A & Amelia B

BEECH

200 points
Top scorers: Chanelle M & Tommy B

ASH

28 points
Top scorers: Tenuki A

OAK

19 points
Top scorers: Walter A



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Fri 26th May 2023

Coming up next week...

Mon 14th Nov – Reception 2023 Tours: 5.30pm

FHF EGM Meeting: 7pm – all welcome

Tues 15th Nov – Netball match at Crockenhill after school

Weds 16th Nov – Yr2 Class Assembly: 2pm – all welcome

FHF Discos: 5pm – 6pm (KS1) / 6.15pm – 7.15pm (KS2)

Fri 17th Nov – Football match at The Gateway: leave 2.20pm / return approx. 4.20pm

High Firs Primary School invites you to a

READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS

Join us for...

- Info on our new Reading Scheme - for use in school & at home.
- Details on how we teach reading, letters and sounds at school.
- Ideas on how to support your child's reading at home.

We will be holding the same session twice - please do come to either!

Weds 23rd Nov at 10.30am (after Yr1 Assembly)

Weds 23rd Nov at 1.45pm (before Rec Pop in & Play Assembly)



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