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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

We welcomed the second tour of prospective parents for Reception 2018 on Wednesday and it was lovely to receive their very positive feedback about the school as they went round the classes. This week's Newsletter details many of the exciting learning opportunities currently taking place for our children and it is great to see how keen they are to share this with visitors to the school.

Remembrance Assembly

Thank you to parents and families who joined us to mark the two-minute silence along with our children and staff at today's Remembrance Day Assembly. "Well done" to all the children who read or wrote information for the assembly and thank you to all the classes for their poignant poppy displays. Thank you also to everyone who has so generously supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by sending in their donations this week.



Italian Day

Year 4 celebrated their fantastic attendance with a special "Italian Day" this week. The children all wore their "own clothes" (many in green / white / red to match the Italian flag) and took part in lots of themed activities including making pizza and making their own Leaning Tower of Pisa.



First Aid Day

Thank you to Mrs Daniels and Mrs Phipps who have carried out First Aid learning sessions with all of our classes this week, from Reception to Year 6, with the children learning vital information such as how to deal with cuts and nosebleeds or what to do if someone collapses. There are some fantastic resources on the Red Cross education site if you would like to look at this further with your children:

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Teaching-packages/Microsite/Life-Live-it-first-aid-education-for-children>



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Market yesterday evening. We look forward to seeing you at the FHF Meeting next Weds, 15th November at 7.15pm for 7.30pm in Year 6. Everyone is welcome, please come along!



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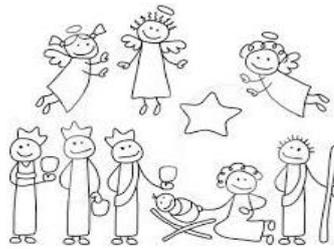




Well done, Ruben

Congratulations to Ruben Loftus-Cheek, who has been called up to the England football team for the upcoming international games against Germany and Brazil - the Crystal Palace midfielder, currently on loan from Chelsea, is an ex-pupil of High Firs and we are very proud of him!

Christmas Performances & Concerts



Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

"Christmas is coming" - Weds 6th December at 2.15pm

"Christmas is coming" - Thurs 7th December at 2.15pm
at High Firs Primary School

Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert - Thurs 14th December at 2pm & 6.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Swanley



Year 5 & Year 6

"Aspects of Christmas" - Mon 11th Dec at 9.30am & 6.30pm
at High Firs Primary School



Seats must be booked for all performances; please do not attend without a ticket! Please use the forms later in this Newsletter to request your tickets and return by **FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER** - tickets run out quickly so return as soon as you can.

Tickets will be allocated as follows:

- Ticket priority will be given to children in the classes participating in each performance
- **In the first instance a total limit of two tickets per child** will be allocated for their own class concert / performance (this may be two tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance).
- Parents may request additional seats for their child's own performances, which will then be allocated on a 'lucky dip' basis following initial allocations of two per child.
- Should any seats still be available after this time then they will be made available to parents in other classes, again on a 'lucky dip' basis.

*We ask for your cooperation in our request that **no children of under school age** are brought to any of the above events as they often become unsettled, causing disruption to others in the audience and distracting & upsetting the children performing; children under school age will therefore not be admitted. Please do not come to any performances without having received tickets for all those attending. Thank you for your support with this.*

There is no charge to attend the performances but visitors are invited to donate to the collection for one of our chosen charities.

All High Firs children will have the opportunity to watch the performances and concerts during school time.



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In our classes this week

Reception - made Gruffalo paw biscuits
Year 1 - have continued their fantastic castles topic.
Year 2 - painted the London sky
Year 3 - found out about Cornish pasties!
Year 4 - enjoyed their special Italian day
Year 5 - were Atlas detectives
Year 6 - went through the mystery door...

DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Year 4 -
The Leaning Tower of Pisa is 57m high and has 296 steps to the top.



This week's Talk Topic is:
If someone hurts themselves I know how to...

Important Information

Important Health Information - PLEASE REMEMBER!

Please remember to **let the school know immediately** if you suspect your child has any of the following (even if it has not been confirmed): **measles, chicken pox or shingles**. It is also important to let us know if your child has been exposed to these illnesses (eg through a friend at a club or a family member) but has not shown the symptoms themselves. Please also let us know if your child has also been in contact with any other infectious diseases.



** Please note we are a **PEANUT-FREE** school; please do not send in peanut-based products. **

INSET DAYS 2017-2018

No children in school

- 1 - Mon 4 September
- 2 - Thurs 4 Jan
- 3 - Fri 5 Jan
- 4 - Fri 25 May
- 5 - Mon 2 July

Coming up next week:

- Mon 13 November
Deadline for Operation Christmas Child appeal
- Weds 15 November
Yr2 Class Assembly - 10.15am + SATs meeting afterwards
FHF Meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm
- Thurs 16 November
Reception 2018 Tour - 5.30pm
Yr6 tea for children helping with tours
- Fri 17 November
Flu Immunisations for classes Reception to Yr 4



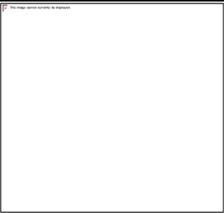
Don't forget that our school website has lots of further up-to-date information, including letters and dates. There are also pages for each class and lots of photographs to look at.

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Earlier this week, each family was given a leaflet & information sheet about the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal which High Firs is pleased to be supporting again this year.



Just to remind you, there are three ways to take part if you would like to:

- Make up a shoebox as described in the leaflet
- Donate one or two items as described in the leaflet so that we can make up boxes in school from the items collected
- Donate an empty shoebox to use for the individually donated gifts

Please refer to the leaflet for the kinds of gifts and items which can be donated.

More information is also available at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Please could all shoeboxes and gifts be returned to school by

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER. We hope that you and your children will enjoy participating in this opportunity to provide support to those in less fortunate communities than ours. Last time we beat our own target to send more than 50 boxes and we are hoping to do the same this year - thank you for your support.



Christmas Lunch

All our children are invited to our traditional Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 5th December. This is one of the favourite events of the whole school year and is always looked forward to by both staff and children! Everyone will eat together in the hall regardless of whether they are having a packed lunch or hot Christmas meal. It is also Own Clothes Day so maybe your child would like to wear their special Christmas jumper if they have one to celebrate this special occasion! If your child would like to have a hot Christmas meal, please complete and return the slip later on in the Newsletter no later than **Tuesday 21st November.** You will need to do this even if your child is in KS1 and normally has a free meal. Children in KS2 will need to complete the form and return along with **£2.20 cash only** (no cheques please) or pay online with your other meal orders. Children in KS2 who normally have a free meal will need to return the slip only.

Christmas Lunch

Return to school by Tuesday 21st November

I would like my child to have a school dinner Christmas Lunch on 5th December.

Child's Name

Class

Please indicate:

- I enclose £2.20 cash (no cheques please)
- My child receives a Free School Meal
- I have already paid in advance online for my child's meal on 5th December.

Signed

Date



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