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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

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. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by sending in their donations this week.



Road Safety

KS2 welcomed a visit from Kent Police earlier this week who were visiting with their latest road safety programme "Ditch the Distraction". This focusses on three key safe behaviours when walking near traffic and crossing the road:

- Stop texting
- Pause your music
- Stop playing around

It is a sobering thought that in the past three years 78 children of school age have been seriously hurt or killed on Kent's roads so it is vital that our children do learn the safe ways to behave when out and about.

Our KS1 children learned about keeping safe *inside* the car during "Teddy Takes a Tumble", in which they were reminded about safe use of seat belts & booster seats and safe behaviours when travelling in the car.

In our classes this week

Reception - have been to space!

Year 1 - worked hard on their assembly.

Year 2 - explored maps using the Beebots.

Year 3 - are learning about the local area.

Year 4 - reported on the story of "The Gingerbread Man"

Year 5 - practised their rugby skills.

Year 6 - debated school uniform vs non-school uniform (and took a keen interest in the US election!).



From Year 6 -
School uniforms have
existed since the 16th
century!

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

**** FHF MEETING ****

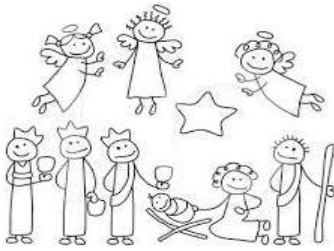
We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, which will be held next Thursday, 17th November, at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Please come along... everyone is welcome!



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Christmas Performances & Concerts



Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

"All About Christmas" - Tues 13th December at 2.15pm

"All About Christmas" - Weds 14th December at 2.15pm
at High Firs Primary School

Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert - Thurs 15th December at 2pm & 6.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Swanley



Year 5 & Year 6

"Christmas Around The World" - Mon 5th Dec at 2pm & 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 18th 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.



This week's Talk Topic is:
I like November because....



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Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

Return by Friday 18th November

Name of child

Class

Please can we request tickets for (to a maximum of TWO tickets total across both performances):

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS- Tuesday 13th December at 2.15pm No. tickets

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS- Wednesday 14th December at 2.15pm No. tickets

If additional tickets are available, please may we request the following:

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Year 3 & Year 4

Return by Friday 18th November

Name of child

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Carol Concert at St Mary's Church - Thursday 15th December at 2pm No. tickets

Carol Concert at St Mary's Church - Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm No. tickets

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Year 5 & Year 6

Return by Friday 18th November

Name of child

Class

Please can we request tickets for (to a maximum of TWO tickets total across both performances):

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD - Monday 5th December at 2pm No. tickets

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD - Monday 5th December at 6.30pm No. tickets

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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
No children in school

Coming up next week:

INSET DAYS
2016-2017
No children in school
1 - Mon 5 September
2 - Tues 3 January
3 - Weds 4 January
4 - TBC
5 - TBC

Tues 15 Nov High Fives Netball Match at St Bart's 3pm

Weds 16 Nov 2pm – Yr2 Class Assembly
2.30pm – Yr2 SATs workshop for parents

Thurs 17 Nov Reception 2017 Tour 5.30pm – please contact the office to book
FHF Meeting 7.15pm for 7.30pm – all welcome!



Christmas Lunch

All our children are invited to our traditional Christmas Lunch on Friday 2nd 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 **Friday 18th 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.

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Return to school by Friday 18th November

I would like my child to have a school dinner Christmas Lunch on 2nd 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 2nd December.

Signed

Date



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