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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

Thank you to all those parents who completed the questionnaires last month; the summaries and outcomes are coming home today. We were very pleased with the very many positive responses and comments received and will be using all the outcomes to help plan for the year ahead - more information is included on the summary pages.

## Yoga at School

As part of our commitment to the children's emotional and physical wellbeing we are taking part in a project with other Swanley Primary Schools to introduce age-appropriate Yoga techniques to our children. Next week we will be welcoming Michael Chissick from Yoga at School to work with our teachers and some of our classes to share some ideas and techniques. Research has found that using Yoga in schools can increase and improve children's:

\* Concentration \* Behaviour \* Physical fitness \* Relaxation & Calmness \* Well-being & self esteem

We will then look at ways at which we can integrate this into our school day. Hopefully the children will come home and tell you all about it!



## Parents Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents & carers into school for their consultation meetings next week. We recommend that parents come into school about 10 minutes before their appointment. If your appointment is after school, on arrival please go to the hall where your child's books will be available to view. Appointments will be announced every ten minutes when you will be invited to make your way to your meeting. For meetings being held before or during the school day please come to the office and we will let you know where your appointment will be held. Please could we remind parents that meetings are for **ten minutes** only and that any additional time will need to be requested outside of the consultation period, thank you. Year 6 parents please contact the office if you would like to make an additional appointment to discuss secondary school options, or put a note in your child's contact book, and we will be happy to arrange this for you.



## In our classes this week

All our classes have taken part in an art project this week based on the technique of pointillism, where pictures are produced by a series of dots. Everyone has produced a picture on the theme of "Autumn" - we hope you enjoy looking at them when you next come into school. The photo shows Year 2's lovely scene.

## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club children have been enjoying some fabulous tasty "fruit kebabs" this week! Don't forget that Breakfast Club is open to all our children every day at 8am for £2.50 each.



## School Clubs next week

Due to Parents Consultations next week there will be no school clubs after school **except** FRENCH (Monday). The Library will be open as normal on Tuesday and Thursday.



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## Voluntary Fund

Attached to the Newsletter this week is the envelope for payment of this term's Voluntary Fund payment. We greatly appreciate these donations which are used to support many of the extra activities undertaken in school by the children. The suggested payment is £2 per child or £5 per family.

Please return your donation by **20<sup>th</sup> October** - thank you.

**What is the Voluntary Fund used for?** The termly voluntary fund money is used to pay for lots of different things! Essentially, it is used for expenses which we are not allowed to allocate to government funding but which we believe lead to a broader educational experience for our children or which support our community & families links. This also means we do not have to charge parents every time! Just a few examples of this spending are:

- Concert & performance costumes
- Contribution to new sun hats per child
- Refreshments for parents & visitors at school events - Nativities / Assemblies / class meetings etc
- Cookery ingredients
- Celebration of commemorative events - Whole School 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- Expenses for Open Evening & events such as the SATs BBQ
- Visitors in to school
- Additional resources for school visits

**We believe that visits and these other experiences are a vital part of our children's education - thank you to all those parents who support us in this way.**

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:

**DUE TO PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS, THERE ARE NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK EXCEPT FRENCH ON MONDAY.**

Mon 16 Oct

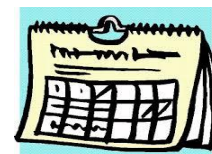
Parents' Consultations - by appointment  
Yr4 visit to Hall Place

Tues 17 Oct

Parents' Consultations - by appointment  
Yr6 Class Assembly 10.15am + SATs meeting afterwards

Weds 18 Oct

Parents' Consultations - by appointment  
Yoga Day for Yrs 1-6



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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