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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

We hope that those parents who came along last night to the class curriculum meetings found them useful; the presentations from the evening will also be put on the class pages of the website as a reminder or if you were not able to attend. Thank you to everyone who supported the FHF BBQ and social event following the meetings - it is always good to be able to catch up with everyone. Our FHF are a fantastic team and we are very grateful for all that they do for the school - do think about joining them!

## In our classes this week

Reception - have been writing their names.

Year 1 - have been learning their teen numbers.

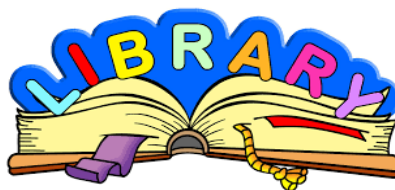
Year 2 - wrote a message in a bottle.

Year 3 - are excited about learning French.

Year 4 - have been exploring place value and ordering numbers.

Year 5 - were introduced to the Victorian detectives, "Shamus and Wotsits".

Year 6 - have read and written about "Goodnight Mr Tom".



**The School Library will be open to borrow a book on -**  
**Tuesdays 3.20pm - 3.40pm**  
*(for Reception, Yr1 & Yr2)*  
**Thursdays 3.20pm - 3.40pm**  
*(for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6)*  
**There will be prizes for our most frequent readers!**

## Thank you

Today is "National Teaching Assistants' Day" and an opportunity to say "thank you" to our fantastic TA team. We are very lucky at High Firs to have such a super team of TAs who support our children in so many ways, both with their learning and pastorally.



## School Council

Congratulations to those children who were nominated by their peers to represent their classes on the School Council over the coming months.



Our School Council Representatives are:

2	Oliver & Eliza
3	Matthew & Charlotte
4	Amy T & Taylor
5	Lukas & Jalena
6	Jessica B & Eoin

## School Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have been chosen to lead our team houses this year.



	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS
<b>BEECH</b>	ELLIE RABIN	GRACE EWAN
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	BETH ROHAN	SUMMER THOMAS
<b>OAK</b>	RACHAEL WILLIAM	ESME JOEL
<b>ASH</b>	JESSICA E TOMMY	LEXIE ASA



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# Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Thank you to everyone who supported the AGM and social event yesterday evening.  
Details of this year's committee & representatives will be issued soon.

Next meeting – ALL WELCOME – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, in Yr 4.



## Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

All our parents & carers are invited to join us at **10.15am** on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** for our Harvest Assembly. Our Harvest contributions this year will be donated to AgeUK and Swanley Foodbank. Please send your child into school with your donation on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**; this should be tinned or packeted food only, please. Our assembly will be followed by refreshments & cakes for a small donation in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope you can join us to enjoy our Harvest celebrations and to support this very worthwhile cause.



### Questionnaires

As part of our commitment to "Achieving More Together" and working alongside parents, our annual questionnaire is coming home today which all of our parents are invited to complete. Our children in Yrs 1-6 will also have the opportunity to complete their own survey in school. The information will then be evaluated and used by the staff & governors to continue to work with you to improve our school during the year ahead. Please return your completed questionnaires by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thank you.

### Individual Photographs

The children will have their individual and school sibling photographs taken on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Any non-school siblings are invited to come into school for photographs between **8am and 8.40am**. Children who are absent on the day will be given the opportunity to have their individual photograph taken when the photographer returns later in the year. **Breakfast Club will be in Year 4 on Tues 19<sup>th</sup>.**



### Swanley Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all our children who have been taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Swanley library. Don't forget the challenge closes on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. We are so pleased that High Firs has been at the top of the leader board for the highest number of entrants from all the local schools throughout most of the holiday - what a fantastic achievement!



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### Starting High Firs...

Although the new academic year has only just started, we are already looking ahead to our new Reception children starting in September 2018! Parents with a child due to start school next year (children born 1.9.2013 to 31.8.2014+) are warmly invited to tour the school during one of the following sessions:

- \* Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am
- \* Wednesday 8th November at 11am
- \* Thursday 16th November at 5.30pm



There will also be an informal meeting and play activity session for prospective parents & children on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** from 2pm to 3pm. Please let the office know if you would like to attend a tour and / or the play afternoon. Please do also pass this information on to those friends or family who may be considering applying for a place at High Firs for their child.

### Fencing

Our new gates and fencing will be installed at the front of the building next week. We do not anticipate any changes to drop-off or collection arrangements but should these need to be put in place we will let you know!

### Parking and Car Park

Sadly we have already had concerns this term raised by our neighbours regarding careless and thoughtless parking - thank you to the vast majority of our families who we know do drive and park with care. Please may we also remind you once again that the school car park is for staff and visitors' use only. Thank you.

#### INSET DAYS 2017-2018

No children in school

1 - Mon 4 September

2 - Thurs 4 Jan

3 - Fri 5 Jan

4 - TBC

5 - TBC

#### Coming up next week:

Tues 19 September Individual photos

Non-school sibling photos in hall 8am-8.40am

Breakfast Club in Yr4 today



**This week's Talk Topic is (for Roald Dahl Day):  
My favourite Roald Dahl story is...**

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. \*\*



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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**TERM DATES 2017-18**

These do not include  
INSET dates which are set  
separately.

**September 2017**

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**October 2017**

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**November 2017**

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**December 2017**

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**January 2018**

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**February 2018**

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**March 2018**

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**April 2018**

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**May 2018**

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**June 2018**

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**July 2018**

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