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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who have taken the time to either write, email or talk to staff this week about how much they have enjoyed the Christmas performances this year; your time and kind words are much appreciated, thank you.



KS1 Nativity

Well done to our KS1 children for their fantastic "All About Christmas" performances - they played to packed audiences on both Tuesday and Wednesday! Our thanks to the staff involved and to parents for their support.



Yr3 & Yr4 Carol Concert

Thank you to Years 3 & 4 for two brilliant Carol Concerts this week; as always it was lovely to be able to do these at St Mary's Church and we are grateful to Father Dane for his support.

Sunrise Singing

16 of our KS2 children visited the Sunrise Home on Friday to sing a selection of Christmas Carols to the residents. The children also enjoyed chatting to them afterwards and gave each resident a Christmas Card.

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FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY

is our



Pyjama Day

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas (or other suitable nightwear) to school in return for a donation to the FHF of any unwanted:

- Christmas gifts
- Toiletries
- Toys

Children should wear normal school footwear (not slippers or trainers!) and coats, please. Representatives of the FHF will be on the gate on Friday morning to collect your donations -
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



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Christmas charity collection

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our Christmas charity collections following our concerts performances this year. The final amounts raised were:



KS1 "All About Christmas"
£209.61



Lower KS2 Carol Concert
£215.21

Shelter

Upper KS2
"Christmas Around The World"
£131.35

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Monday 19 th December	Visit by Santa	Santa will be visiting the children at High Firs!
Monday 19 th December	Secrets Room	Children can buy presents (maximum of 3 gifts) for their family costing between £1 & £3 per gift. The presents come ready wrapped and the children are then helped to write their own labels. If you wish your child/ren to visit the "Secrets Room" please enclose some money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, year & who they are buying for.

Competition Time !!! easyfundraising.org.uk

Don't forget to register & use this site when shopping online to raise funds for **FHF** at no extra cost to the buyer. The person who raises the most whilst using this site over Christmas will win a bottle of wine and some chocolates.



THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Christmas Bazaar last Friday and a special mention to our great team of volunteers & Year 6 for helping at the event – what a great afternoon! We will let you know how much was raised soon.



Uniform Orders

Uniform orders requested for delivery by the end of this term should be handed in to the office by Monday 19th December, please. However, the school office will be open for anyone who wishes to drop in to make uniform sales in person on the INSET day on **Wednesday 4th January from 1.30pm to 3pm.**



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New rucksack bags for Yr5 & Yr6

Following discussions with parents and children, we have added rucksack-style bags to our range as an option for children in Years 5 & 6. This is particularly intended for those children who cycle to school as the record bags are not particularly easy to wear while cycling. They may, however, be purchased by any children in these two year groups as an alternative to the record bag, which may also continue to be used and purchased. The rucksacks cost £8.70 and are available from our office as normal or using the uniform order form. May we please also take this opportunity to remind all parents that only school issued bags should be used please - they form part of our uniform and are also designed to be easily stored in the limited space we have available in school.

In our classes this week

- Reception - wrote facts about penguins
- Year 1 - found out about how Victorians did their laundry!
- Year 2 - are learning about halves and quarters
- Year 3 - are cooking Cornish pasties
- Year 4 - made Tudor purses
- Year 5 - have been learning on the theme of "A Christmas Carol"
- Year 6 - read about Anne Frank



From Year 5 -
Crackers were invented in 1847 by a sweet maker called Thomas Smith to encourage people to buy his sweets!

INSET DAYS 2016-2017

No children in school

- 1 - Mon 5 September
- 2 - Tues 3 January
- 3 - Weds 4 January
- 4 - TBC
- 5 - TBC

Coming up next week:

No clubs this week

Mon 19 Dec

FHF Santa visits & Secrets Room
Breakfast Club in Yr5 today
Deadline for outstanding payments

Weds 21 Dec

End of Term 3.15pm



TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

September 2016						
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These dates do not include the five additional INSET dates set by the school - these will be notified separately.



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