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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception children and their families to their first play session yesterday afternoon - we all enjoyed our teddy bears' picnic and playing in the sunshine! We are looking forward to the children joining us in September.

District Football Tournament

Congratulations to our football team who played so well at Tuesday's District Football Tournament. Following group matches against St Mary's and Crockenhill we went through to the semi-final against The Gateway - this was a true nail-biter, going through to extra time before we were finally out of the tournament following a penalty shoot-out! We were incredibly proud of the way the boys played but also their very good sporting attitude throughout; thank you too to our parents who came along to support us so well.



Assessment Moderation and Monitoring

We welcomed Miss Facey and Mrs Ellerington on behalf of KCC in to school this week to verify our Year 6 assessment procedures. They spoke at length to Miss Allin about the children's learning and how it is assessed and looked at samples of the children's books. Mr Hopewood also visited from the Standards & Testings Agency and checked our Phonics testing process in Yr 1 - well done to the children who read to him and Miss Durrant! We are pleased to let you know there were successful outcomes from both visits and that our judgements & procedures have been confirmed as correct.

Country Dancing

Our Yr3&4 Country Dancing team had a lovely evening in the sunshine at St Paul's on Wednesday evening. Thank you to Mrs Payne and Mrs Perkins for their hard work in teaching the children the dances and to all the families who came along to support.



Please can you ensure that your child's lunchbox is clearly labelled with their name. This is particularly important for children with food allergies but does also hopefully stop all our children eating any "surprise" lunches!

Friends of High Firs Summer Fun Day
 Saturday 24th June 2017
 12pm - 3pm
 Court Crescent, Swanley, BR8 8NR
 Adults 50p admission
 Children free

Exercise with Emma
 The Big Sing
 Tombola
 Beer and Refreshments
 Swanley Dance Academy
 Beat the Goalie

BBQ
 Coconut Shy
 Grand Draw
 Splat the Rat
 Face Painting and Tattoos
 Inflatables
 Plus lots more



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FHF – COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Thursday 22nd June

- **Own Clothes Day** - the children can wear their “own clothes” to school if they bring in a bottle for the tombola.

Friday 23rd June

- **Fun Day preparations** – please come into the hall at 9am to help us prepare for the Fun Day.
- **Cakes and Refreshments Stall** – please bring in your donations of homemade or bought cakes, biscuits or other goodies for the refreshment stall (can also be brought in on Saturday).
- **Raffle tickets** - please ensure all your raffle tickets and money are brought back by today for entry in the Grand Draw.

Saturday 24th June

- Please come along to the Fun Day from 12pm to 3pm!
- The school site will be open from 9.30am for anyone who is able to help set up.
- Helpers still needed for stalls... see info at end of the Newsletter.

In our classes this week

Reception - enjoyed sharing their learning at their assembly.

Year 1 - have worked really hard on their phonics this week.

Year 2 - learned about the features of a church.

Year 3 - found out about light and dark.

Year 4 - practised their rounders skills.

Year 5 - tried to provide a balanced argument for later bedtimes!

Year 6 - have enjoyed learning about Tudor Explorers.

Francis Drake is famous for being the first Englishman to sail around the world (from 1577-1580) but did you know he is also supposed to be the first person to bring guinea pigs to England! He found them on his travels...



Sports Day Arrangements

Sports Day will be held one week today, on **Friday, 23rd June**, with **KS1 sports starting at 10.30am (Pedestrian Gate opens 10.15am)** and **KS2 at 1.30pm (Pedestrian Gate opens 1.15pm)**; we regret we are unable to invite parents to stay with us on site over the lunch period. Should the weather on Friday 23rd not be appropriate for the event to take place parents will be notified by text as soon as possible and it will be rescheduled for Thursday 6th July.

Please may we remind you that the children are in school session as normal during the sports events and must remain with their teacher / supervising staff at all times. This will be explained to the children and your cooperation with this would be much appreciated. Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, sun-hat and suitable trainers, as well as their normal PE kit in school. Sun cream may be required! We look forward to a very enjoyable day.

If you are coming to KS1 Sports in the morning, rather than going home after dropping off at 8.55am, please do come into the hall between 9am & 10.15am to give the FHF a hand with preparing for the Fun Day on Saturday - all help will be very much appreciated.



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**INSET DAYS
2016-2017**

No children in school

- 1 - Mon 5 September
- 2 - Tues 3 January
- 3 - Weds 4 January
- 4 - Fri 26 May
- 5 - Mon 3 July

Coming up next week:

- Mon 19 June Yr5 Breakfast Maths 8am / 8.15am
- Tues 20 June Yr1 Class Assembly 10.15am
Reception visit to Godstone Farm
- Weds 21 June Yr4 Benchball team at St Mary's pm
Benenden Meeting 6.30pm
- Thurs 22 June Own Clothes Day for FHF Fun Day (bring a bottle for the tombola)
Yr2 St Mary's Church visit
- Fri 23 June Sports Day - KS1: 10.15am for 10.30am start
KS2: 1.15pm for 1.30pm start
FHF Fun Day preparations in hall from 9am onwards
Raffle ticket return date
Cake donations for Fun Day
- Sat 24 June FHF Fun Day 12pm - 3pm (Helpers welcome from 9.30am)



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. **

**TERM DATES
2016 - 2017**

September 2016	October 2016	November 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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The Exciting High Firs Summer Fun Day is almost here!!!

The Friends still need volunteers to help run a stall for the Fun Day, if you can give any time to a stall please contact the Friends or your Class Rep thank you

Thursday 22nd June – Own Clothes Day

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donating a bottle for the very popular bottle tombola. All donations will be collected at the school gate.

Friday 23rd June

Between dropping your child off at school and returning for the sports day races come and join us in the school hall for a cup of tea and to help get ready for the fun day. You will be most welcome.

Cakes and Refreshments Stall

On the morning of the Fun Day we would be delighted to receive your donations of homemade or bought cakes, biscuits or other goodies for the refreshment stall or bring them to the school gate on Friday.

Grand Draw

Fantastic prizes to be won including a Kindle Fire, Amazon vouchers, family tickets to Leeds Castle, Godstone Farm, Hobbledown Farm, Eagle Heights and Cyclopark to name a few. Please return your raffle tickets plus money by Friday 23rd June for a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes plus many more. Tickets will also be on sale at the Fun Day.

Saturday 24th June – The High Firs Fun Day

Come rain or shine we look forward to seeing you and your families and friends at the Fun Day; enjoying all the fabulous events. Thank you in advance for supporting this very popular annual day.

++ Please do not take any donations to the School Office, thank you ++

Please complete this form and return it via your child or pass to your class reps
or to one of the Friends' Trustees at the school gate

Summer Fun Day Sat 24th June 2017

My Name is

Contact no./Email.....

Child's name and class.....

Jobs - Please tick if you are able to help with one of the following

I am able to help on a stall 11am to 1.30pm session (inc setting up stall).....

I am able to help on a stall 1.30pm to 4pm session (inc packing away).....



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