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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

I hope that you found the opportunity to attend Parents' Consultations with your child's class teacher this week useful, as well as the opportunity to look at your child's books. It was good to hear the many very positive comments from parents about the school and the children's learning - thank you.

Easter Competition



For this year's Easter competition everyone is bringing home a polystyrene egg! The children can use it to make anything they like so long as it is on an Easter theme....

Bring your finished entry to school on **Tuesday 28th March** (not before please - we have nowhere to store them!)

PARENTS - you are invited to pop in after school on **Tuesday 28th March** to view all our finished entries.



Book Week

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Week in school this week; the children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their Book Day costumes on Wednesday and we had lots of shoppers at both the Book Swap on Monday and the Book Fair from Tuesday onwards.

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

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Thank you to everyone who came along to the Quiz Night on Saturday evening and made the evening such a success; we raised a fantastic £365 from ticket sales and more on the night from our raffle and other games. The money will all be used for resources for our new woodland area.

At High Firs we firmly believe in the value of off-site educational opportunities and generally all our classes participate in at least one trip per year to support their learning topics. Unfortunately, the cost of trips is becoming very expensive due to increases in admission prices and transport costs. The school is therefore very grateful to FHF who have agreed to donate **£100 to each class** towards the cost of their next class outing. For classes who have already had trips this year (or who have already paid for them for a future date) this will be carried forward to the next academic year.



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World of Work Week

As part of our commitment to supporting the children's understanding of economic well-being and the wider world, we are holding our "World of Work" week w/b24th April. We hope to welcome a number of visitors into school to support this and would be very pleased to hear from any of our parents or friends who may be willing to share with the children information about their job or profession. Please do let us know using the form later on in the Newsletter if you think you can help!



High Firs Red Nose Day

High Firs will be celebrating Red Nose Day next Friday, 24th March. As you know, this is for a great cause and the money raised for Red Nose Day is spent by Comic Relief to transform the lives of millions of people, both at home in the UK and across Africa.

On **Friday 24th March** everyone can **wear something red to school** in return for a **£1 donation** not to wear school uniform! We also plan to have a **cake sale** after school on Friday so please send in your donations of cakes on Friday morning for us to sell.



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 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 after half-term:

Mon 20 March	Deadline for FHF Egg Hunt slips
Tues 21 March	Yr4 visit to Chiddingstone Castle
Weds 22 March	Yr5 Class Assembly 10.15am
Thurs 23 March	FHF Discos: KS1 5pm-6pm & KS2 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief Day - wear something red for a £1 Comic Relief Cake Sale after school - please donate some cakes! Deadline for Yr5 & Continuers Benenden Day forms to be returned



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TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

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

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.

www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk

WORLD OF WORK WEEK

Please return by Fri 24th March

My name is

I can support World of Work Week by talking about



My availability to come in to school w/b 24th April is:

Child's name Child's Class

Thank you for your support



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