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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

The festive season has begun! Our Christmas tree has been decorated and today we enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch. We are now looking forward to our Yr5&6 concerts and pantomime visits next week, followed by the KS1 performances and Yr3&4 Carol Service the following week, as well as several fun events which have kindly been organised by FHF. It is clear from talking to the teachers that there is also lots of learning still being planned for our classes! Thank you all for your support during this busy time; hopefully the Newsletter, website and text reminders will be useful in keeping you updated on all that is planned.



Christmas Tree Assembly

We held our annual Christmas Tree Assembly on 1st December. The whole school came together in the hall to sing Carols and each child and adult had a chance to add their own decoration to our



Christmas tree. As is our tradition, the youngest child in school put the angel on the tree and the eldest child in school did the "switch on" of the lights. Well done Jacob and William!



Christmas Lunch

Today we managed to fit all of the staff and children into the hall for our Christmas Lunch. More than 160 hot meals were served, with the remainder of our children enjoying a packed lunch. It was great to see the children wearing their own clothes to support FHF donations day, which added that special festive feeling - particularly with so many festive jumpers to be seen! It was also our opportunity to thank the Midday Supervisors and catering team who work so hard each lunchtime to support our children.



Our Christmas Charities

We have chosen **The Teapot Trust** as our KS1 charity for this Christmas, which provides art therapy for children with chronic illnesses in hospitals and hospices. Our Year 3 & 4 donations will go to a charity nominated by St Mary's Church as a "thank you" to them for letting us use their lovely church. **Shelter**, the UK's biggest housing and homelessness charity, will receive our donations from the Yr5 & Yr6 concerts. We are not making a charge for our performances so we are very grateful to everyone who chooses to show their appreciation through their support of these very worthwhile causes instead. Thank you; we will let you know how much we raise after all our events.



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Staff News

Mrs Patel will be leaving us at Christmas after many years at High Firs. The children and staff will miss her and we know that you will join us in wishing her all the very best for her new ventures.

Collection arrangements next week

Due to other events in school next week, please note the following changes to collection arrangements at 3.15pm:

MONDAY - Yr1 will be dismissed from the Reception gate

Yr6 will be dismissed from the Yr1 fire exit

FRIDAY - Yr3 will be dismissed from Yr6 fire exit

Yr4 will be dismissed from the Activity Area door

Yr6 dismissed as normal or collected at 4.45pm if helping at Bazaar

All other classes as normal!

Performances

Please could we remind parents that no children under school-age should attend our Christmas performances and that admission is by ticket only. We do also ask that parents don't get out of their seats and move around during the performances in order to take photographs or to film, or to use flash photography, as all these can be very distracting for our children on the stage - we want them to be able to show you their very best acting and singing skills throughout! We promise there will be "photo opportunities" after every performance. Concerns have also been raised in the past by some parents that photographs are posted on Facebook showing children other than the postee's own; please could we ask that you do restrict publication of photographs on social media to your own children in order to respect the wishes of those parents who do not want their child's image to be published on the internet. Thank you for your support. ++ Please note that we can not admit anyone who has not ordered a ticket due to restrictions on numbers for health & safety reasons ++

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 - TBC

5 - TBC



Coming up NEXT WEEK:

ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

Mon 5 Dec Yr5/6 Concert 2pm & 6.30pm – ticket holders only

Yr1 dismissed from Reception gate

Yr6 dismissed from Yr1 fire exit

Tues 6 Dec Reception 2017 Meeting & Play/Craft afternoon 2pm-3pm

Weds 7 Dec KS1 Panto visit – return approx. 4.45pm

Thurs 8 Dec KS2 Panto visit – return approx. 4.45pm

Fri 9 Dec 3.30pm - FHF Christmas Fair

Yr3 dismissed from Yr6 fire exit

Yr4 dismissed from Activity Area

Yr6 dismissed as normal or collected at 4.45pm if helping at Bazaar



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Christmas Reminders from FHF

Wednesday 7 th & Thursday 8 th December	Donations collected of "nearly new" toys	Please bring any donations of "nearly new" toys to the gate in the morning for your Friends' reps to collect. (Please do not bring to the office)
Wednesday 7 th & Thursday 8 th December	Donations collected of craft items	Please bring any donations of craft items to the gate in the morning for your Friends' reps to collect. (Please do not bring to the office)
Thursday 8 th December	Deadline for return of raffle tickets / stubs / money for the Grand Draw	Please return your tickets and money in an envelope marked for the attention of the Friends. Thank you.
Friday 9 th December	Deadline for pre-orders for Calendars	
Friday 9 th December	Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 only - £2 spending money for Christmas Bazaar	Please place it in an envelope, marked with your child's name and bring in to school
Friday 9 th December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR preparations am	All help welcome!
Friday 9 th December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR pm	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 will visit the Bazaar in their classes during the afternoon. Everyone welcome after 3.30pm – please come along! Year 6 helping on stalls until 4.45pm.
Friday 9 th December	Reception Only – please bring in donations of cakes / mince pies	Please bring in in the morning and hand to your Friends' Reps. (Please do not bring to the office)

TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

September 2016	October 2016	November 2016
December 2016	January 2017	February 2017
March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
June 2017	July 2017	

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

High Firs Primary School currently has a vacancy for

BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR

5 days a week (term-time only)

7.30am to 8.45am

£7.22 per hour

More information (including application form) is available from our website:
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