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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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Visit our school website at [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk)

## Message from Mr Turtle

Thank you to all the parents who attended their children's Parents Consultation meetings this week. I hope you found the information shared useful and enjoyed the opportunity to look at the learning in the children's books. Please do continue to contact your child's teacher via the Contact Book should you have any concerns or queries before the next meetings take place in the Spring. Enjoy the half-term break!

## Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents & carers to the following class assemblies taking place next half-term:



- **Year 4** - Weds 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.15am.
- **Year 5** - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am
- **Year 2** - Weds 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am. This will be followed by an information meeting about Yr2 SATs.
- **Reception** - Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.15am.

You are also invited to join us for our **Remembrance Assembly** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am.

## Secondary Schools 2018

Please may we remind Yr6 parents that applications for children due to start secondary school in Sept 2018 must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

## Governor Appointment

We are pleased to confirm that Charmaine Malcolm has been appointed as a parent governor to the school.



Wristband - Suggested Donation: 50p



Reflector - Suggested Donation: 50p



Friendship Bracelet - Suggested Donation: £1.00



Snap Band - Suggested Donation: £1.00

## Poppy Appeal

As well as poppies, the items shown will also be available in school from 30<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile cause.



Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



## Swanley Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all our children who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at Swanley Library. Unfortunately we didn't win the trophy for the school with the highest number of participants in the District but we did have one of the highest uptakes in the Swanley area! We hope you enjoyed taking part.



## Harvest donations

We have received a lovely letter from Swanley & District foodbank thanking the school community for their generous donations at Harvest time; we sent an amazing 42.6kg of food. The foodbank provides essential support for local people in need - since April they have made contributions to 312 adults and 172 children.



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### Finance updates

Please can we remind you:

- We can no longer accept the old-style £1 coins.
- Please put separate payments in separate envelopes. Please ensure each envelope states your child's name, year group, amount in envelope and what the payment is for.

All cheques should now be made payable to **KCC High Firs Primary School**.



### Yoga

Our children from Years 1 to 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Yoga sessions on Thursday. Ask your children if they can remember how to position in these ways or any others....

- \* stick
- \* hands
- \* dog
- \* elephant
- \* cobra



## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

**Don't forget to return your Christmas / Winter card orders by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who sponsored the children to take part in the Sponsored Bounce last month. We raised an amazing **£1,594.52**.

**Do your Christmas Shopping at our adults only**



**THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017 7pm – 9pm**



**This week's Talk Topic is:**  
**In half-term I am looking forward to...**

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. \*\***



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**INSET DAYS  
2017-2018**

**No children in school**

- 1 - Mon 4 September
- 2 - Thurs 4 Jan
- 3 - Fri 5 Jan
- 4 - Fri 25 May
- 5 - Mon 2 July

**Coming up:**

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct Half Term

Tues 31 October Reception 2018 Tour - 9.30am

Weds 1 November Year 4 Class Assembly - 10.15am  
Football at Wilmington Primary - KO 3.15pm



*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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## **GUY FAWKES COMPETITION** *Monday 6th November* *Recreation Ground from 5pm*

The winning Guy will be selected by the Mayor of Swanley and will take the prime position at the top of the Bonfire and the maker will receive a £25 cash prize. All other Guys entered will receive a small prize and their Guys will also have a place on the bonfire.

Entrants must deliver their Guy to the Recreation Ground by 5:30pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> November to be entered in the competition. Any entrant NOT wishing to have their guy on the bonfire may take it home with them if they choose.

**Rules:**

1. Only one entry per person / group
2. Guys must be made of natural materials / clothing / paper
3. They **MUST NOT** contain plastic / bottles or any type of metal cylinder
4. They should be no taller than 8 foot
5. They must be portable / carriable by one person (or two small people)
6. The face **ONLY** can be a purchased mask (of plastic)
7. The contents/stuffing of the guy must be made with flammable materials
8. The Guy must be one item and must not require any type of assembly to place it on the bonfire.
9. Selection will be based on the amount of work put into the Guy, its realism, and its sturdiness
10. Any entry containing banned materials will be disqualified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL 01322 665 855**



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