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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

Miss Rennie & I attended the District Sports Meeting yesterday, at which sporting events for the year ahead are planned. We are proud of our sporting activities at High Firs, both those which are part of the curriculum and the extra-curricular clubs & matches that the children have the opportunity to take part in. It is also very important to us that these are accompanied by a sense of enjoyment & sportsmanship. Funding for PE in schools is currently a key focus and we will be sharing the outcomes of this with you in due course.

## Harvest Assembly - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Assembly - what a lovely occasion! Your kind donations of food meant there was a fantastic range of produce on display (arranged beautifully by our creative TA team) which we were then able to send to AgeUK and the Swanley Foodbank to distribute. Thank you also to the children who contributed readings or art work and a particular mention to our Reception and Year 1 classes for their "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow"!



## Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning following Harvest Assembly and the Cake Sale after school on Wednesday - we raised a fantastic **£126.28** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who donated so many delicious cakes for us to sell.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



## In our classes this week

- Reception - really enjoyed their first tri-golf lesson!
- Year 1 - told the story of "Dogger"
- Year 2 - learned about Neil Armstrong
- Year 3 - found missing numbers!
- Year 4 - learned about the dreamtime stories of the aborigines
- Year 5 - found out about the work of Lord Shaftesbury
- Year 6 - wrote stories set during the Blitz.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Year 4 -  
the aborigine people have lived in Australia for more than 40,000 years.

## Parent Governor

Following the recent election, we are pleased to confirm that Mrs Charmaine Malcolm has been nominated as a Parent Governor.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Please join us for our next FHF meeting on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome so do come along.... (Please note this has been rescheduled from 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.)



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### Walk to School Week

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve your and your children's health. It's also free, great for the environment, and social. 90% of parents who walk their children to school recognise the journey's importance for them to socialise with their children. Over a third stated that the journey to school is where they find out the most about their child's life. (Info from

[www.livingstreets.co.uk](http://www.livingstreets.co.uk)) We are also always keen to find ways in which to ease congestion in our local roads and to minimise the inconvenience of "the school run" to our neighbours. To support this, we are asking all our children to

take part in **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October**

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day next week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school! Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day.

**Walk to school with the staff!** Members of our staff will be at various points around the local area to meet and walk to school with our families on the following dates -

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.



High Firs Primary School invites you to a

## **READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP**

FOR PARENTS

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> October** **10.45am**

Would you like some more ideas on how to support your child's reading?

Would you like to know more about how we teach reading, letters and sounds at school?

*Then come along and find out more....*

## Autumn fun lunch

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

£2.20 cash to office or online [www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com)

- Pork sausage & fried onion baguette or
- French bread cheese & tomato pizza
- Sauté potatoes, cucumber & carrot batons, rainbow coleslaw
- Chocolate roll, fresh fruit, yoghurts



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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 - TBC**

**5 - TBC**

**Coming up next week:**

**Mon 2 Oct**  
**Walk to School Week**

**Tues 3 Oct**  
**Walk to School Week - walk with the staff at 8.40am from the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).**

**Weds 4 Oct**  
**Walk to School Week - walk with the staff at 8.40am from the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent**  
**Year 1 Class Assembly 10.15am**  
**Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 Phonics Meeting for parents 10.45am**  
**FHF Meeting 7.15pm for 7.30pm**

**Thu 5 Oct**  
**Walk to School Week - walk with the staff at 8.40am from the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill**

**Fri 6 Oct**  
**Walk to School Week**



*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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<b>TERM DATES 2017-18</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>October 2017</b>	<b>November 2017</b>
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