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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

We were very pleased to receive a letter this week from Patrick Leeson, the Corporate Director of KCC Children, Young People Education, congratulating the school on our 2017 achievement outcomes.

In particular, Mr Leeson praised the school's -

- Well above average results in all subjects at Key Stage 2
- Strong value-added scores (progress made from Year 2 to Year 6)
- Proportion of children achieving the expected standard in Year 2
- Achievements in Early Years (Reception class)
- Attainment for children in receipt of Free School Meals
- Strong Leadership and sustained effort on school improvement

Well done to all the staff and children for all their hard work in achieving this.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Earlier this week, each family was given a leaflet & information sheet about the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal which High Firs is pleased to be supporting again this year.

Just to remind you, there are three ways to take part if you would like to:



- *Make up a shoebox as described in the leaflet*
- *Donate one or two items as described in the leaflet so that we can make up boxes in school from the items collected*
- *Donate an empty shoebox to use for the individually donated gifts*

Please refer to the leaflet for the kinds of gifts and items which can be donated.



More information is also available at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Please could all shoeboxes and gifts be returned to school by

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER. We hope that you and your children will enjoy participating in this opportunity to provide support to those in less fortunate communities than ours. Last time we beat our own target to send more than 50 boxes and we are hoping to do the same this year - thank you for your support.

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

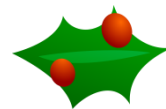
Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Do your Christmas Shopping at our adults only



XMAS MARKET



THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017 7pm – 9pm



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House Points

Our House Point system is used to recognise children's achievements - both academic and otherwise. Here are the half-term scores so far...

BEECH	CHESTNUT	OAK	ASH
357	336	399	444

Upcoming dates

There are lots of dates for the term ahead on our school website. We will be sending home booking information for our Christmas productions and concerts in next week's Newsletter.

Tours and visits

It was lovely to welcome the first group of prospective Reception 2018 parents and children to our information meeting and tour on Tuesday morning. We still have two more sessions available so please do let anyone know who may be considering a place at High Firs for next September. These will be on:

* Wednesday 8th November at 11am

* Thursday 16th November at 5.30pm

Please book with the office.

Pre-School Christmas Craft Afternoon

Pre-school children and their parents are invited to join us for an afternoon of Christmas Crafts on Monday 11th December from 2pm to 3pm. Please contact the office to book.



Remembrance Day Assembly

This year's Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday 10th November at 10.45am. Parents from all classes who would like to attend this assembly, which will include marking the two-minute silence, are very welcome to join us.

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 next week:

- Mon 6 November
- Tues 7 November
- Weds 8 November
- Thurs 9 November
- Fri 10 November

- Yr4 Italian Day
- Yr5 Class Assembly - 10.15am
- Reception 2018 Tour - 11am
- FHF Christmas Market evening 7pm - 9pm
- 10.45am Remembrance Assembly



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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