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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

I hope that those of you who have given up something for Lent are doing well so far! Rather than "giving up", at High Firs we are "taking up" and renewing our attention to the school values which were voted for by the children last year and which we hope encompass all the important aspects of school life. This week's particular focus is "Love of Learning".

## In our classes this week

- Reception - have been learning to tell the time.
- Year 1 - designed pancakes for the seagulls.
- Year 2 - learned how to use adverbs.
- Year 3 - produced fantastic Newsletters of their own!
- Year 4 - learned about Abraham.
- Year 5 - explained some brilliantly wacky inventions.
- Year 6 - wrote biographies about Mary Anning

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
A fact from one of our classes this week

From Yr5 -  
Canterbury Cathedral costs £18,000 per day to maintain.

**Walk to School**

**WELL DONE** to all the children who took part in Walk to School week this week!

**PANCAKE DAY RACES**

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Congratulations to everyone who took part in our annual Pancake Day Races! After tough competition, the class winners were - Belle, Oliver, Lewis, James, Brandon, Lillie and Brooke. For the first time ever our final race ended in a tie! Well done to Lewis and James. Special mention to our staff winners too - Mrs Payne for KS2 and Miss Allen for KS1.





**Royal Mail Competition**

We have been invited to take part in the Royal Mail's competition to design a Christmas stamp for 2017. The children will be working on this in school and will be bringing their finished artwork home over the next few days. As well as the fantastic opportunity to win the chance of their design appearing on stamps next Christmas, there are also prizes of up to £1000 for families and the school. If your child would like to submit their entry to the competition, please sign the consent on the Entry Form and return to school by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.




**Certificates**

Our weekly Celebration Assembly on Fridays is a fantastic opportunity for staff to share and celebrate the children's successes in the previous week. In order to support and promote our "School Values" all our certificates over the next few weeks will focus on aspects of these.



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# Book Week

## World Book Day Celebrations

As you may know, 2<sup>nd</sup> March was World Book Day. In celebration of this (and not being content with just a day to celebrate!) there are some exciting events and opportunities for our children during our upcoming **BOOK WEEK** starting **13<sup>th</sup> March**:



**FHF Book Swap** will be held during the school day on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**March** - bring an old book to donate and for a 50p donation you can take a 'new' one home. Parents and siblings are also invited to purchase books after school.

The **Book Fair** will be held in school every day from **3.15pm to 3.45pm** from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Your World Book Day voucher will be valid at this event.



## World Book Dress Up Day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Come to school dressed as your favourite character!



**Dress as a Book Character Day** will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - children can come to school dressed as a favourite Book Character! There is no cost to take part.

**World Book Day Vouchers** are being sent home with your child today. This voucher is worth £1 off the purchase of any new children's book at participating stores and will also be valid at our Book Fair if you want to save it. The children who took part every day in January in **Resolution Read at Home** also have a £1.00 voucher to spend.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

### **\*\* FHF MEETING \*\***

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, in the Staff Room.**

*All welcome – please come along*

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  
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:**

Tues 7 March	Reception hearing tests Yr2 Cookery Day
Weds 8 March	Yr1 Class Assembly 10.15am
Thurs 9 March	High Fives Netball at Joydens Wood - 1.15pm FHF Meeting 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Staff Room
Sat 11 March	FHF Quiz Night 7.30pm



**This week's Talk Topic is:**  
**If you could invent something what would it be?**



**School Governors**

Did you know that school governors are the largest volunteer force in the county? School governors are people from the school's community who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education and they play an important part in raising school standards through their three key roles of:

- \* *Setting strategic direction*
- \* *Ensuring accountability*
- \* *Monitoring and evaluating school performance.*

The High Firs Governing Body currently has vacancies for Parent Governors. If this is something that you might be interested in, or would like to consider nominating a fellow parent for, please do come and talk to us.

**TERM DATES 2016 - 2017**

<b>September 2016</b>	<b>October 2016</b>	<b>November 2016</b>
<b>December 2016</b>	<b>January 2017</b>	<b>February 2017</b>
<b>March 2017</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>
<b>June 2017</b>	<b>July 2017</b>	

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



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