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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Our Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Coffee Morning were a real success and I hope that those of you who came along enjoyed them. High Firs has always prided itself on its sense of community and this really came across yesterday as we shared this celebration together and supported these very worthwhile causes; thank you.



Harvest Assembly - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported yesterday's 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. A number of our classes and children contributed to the assembly - well done to Years 1 & 4 for their displays, Years 3 & 4 and Reception for their songs, our readers from Yr6, and the children who shared their lovely home-grown produce. We were also very pleased to welcome Father Dane from St Mary's Church to the Assembly; we all enjoyed hearing his story about drinking straight from a freshly cut coconut!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



We raised...

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 Thursday - we raised a fantastic **£169.53** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who donated so many delicious cakes for us to sell.

In our classes this week

- Reception - painted a "season tree"
- Year 1 - found out some fantastic facts about their bones
- Year 2 - learned about Hindu Gods
- Year 3 - practised some super similes
- Year 4 - are chasing Usain Bolt!
- Year 5 - found out about Victorian school-life
- Year 6 - learned about reflection and refraction of light

DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Year 1 -

Did you know that your finger has five bones?

Grapes

Our Midday Supervisors have requested that grapes should please be cut lengthways in order to prevent the possibility of choking, as per NHS advice; please be assured that this is already being done for our children in Breakfast Club.



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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) 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 3rd - 7th 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 4 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.
Wednesday 5 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
Thursday 6 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent.

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 - TBC
4 - TBC
5 - TBC

Coming up next week:

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 3rd - 7th October



Tues 4 Oct

Walk to School - meet the staff at Waylands and Pinks Hill at 8.40am
FHF Sponsored Bounce

Weds 5 Oct

Walk to School - meet the staff at Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction) at 8.40am
10.15am Year 3 Class Assembly - parents & carers welcome

Thurs 6 Oct

Walk to School - meet the staff at Charnock and Court Crescent at 8.40am

Fri 7 Oct

Reception photograph taken for Kent Messenger newspaper



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TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

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

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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