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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

This morning and yesterday we presented a bumper crop of certificates to congratulate those children who have been recognised in particular for their efforts & achievements this term - which are always very difficult for the teachers to choose - as well as those certificates to recognise excellent attendance. This week we have also enjoyed taking part in the FHF Easter Egg Hunt, appreciated the creative ideas in our Easter Competition and watched & participated in the finals of the Interhouse Netball & Football following the earlier play-offs. A lovely last week at school! Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who have worked so hard to make this another busy & successful term; I hope you enjoy your holiday.



We wish you all a happy
and safe holiday.

The Summer Term starts
on Tuesday 18th April.



Just Bin It!

As part of our commitment to the local environment, all the children are invited to participate in the Swanley District Council "Just Bin It!" poster competition. The children are bringing home their blank entry today, which they can complete using either pencil, pen or paint, to encourage others to use bins for rubbish rather than just being dropped. The overall winning poster chosen by the council will be displayed throughout the parish. The children should return their completed entries to school by **THURSDAY 27TH APRIL**.



Hello...

As part of our commitment to local teacher training providers, we are pleased to welcome Miss Simmons and Miss Townend to High Firs. They will be working in Year 4 & Year 5 respectively but will have the opportunity to also visit our other classes over the coming weeks.

We also give a warm welcome to Mrs Morgan who is joining our Midday Supervisor team from after the holiday.

...and goodbye

Mrs Mason, one of our Midday Supervisors, is leaving our full-time team but we are pleased that she will continue to offer cover supervision.

We also say thank you and farewell to Mrs Stewart today, who has been teaching Yr2 for two days a week since September.

End of Term Certificates

Congratulations to all our children whose achievements, both personal and academic, have been recognised in particular this term:

- R - Isla and Lily
- 1 - Alec and Sunni
- 2 - Grace, Georgi and Matthew
- 3 - Alfie and Kerime
- 4 - Freya and Yuri
- 5 - Rabin and Lexie
- 6 - Kajus and Jessica

House Points

Congratulations to **CHESTNUT** house who were this term's House Points winners with a fantastic **566** points. The totals for each house were:

CHESTNUT	566
ASH	522
OAK	475
BEECH	453



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Interhouse matches

All of our KS2 classes had the opportunity to take part in Interhouse netball and football matches over the past couple of weeks. The semi-final outcomes were:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Yr3 NETBALL	CHESTNUT	ASH	BEECH	OAK
Yr3 FOOTBALL	CHESTNUT	BEECH	ASH	OAK
Yr4 NETBALL	ASH	BEECH	CHESTNUT	OAK
Yr4 FOOTBALL	BEECH	ASH	OAK	CHESTNUT
Yr5 NETBALL	OAK	ASH	BEECH	CHESTNUT
Yr5 FOOTBALL	OAK	CHESTNUT	ASH	BEECH
Yr6 NETBALL	BEECH	OAK	CHESTNUT	ASH
Yr6 FOOTBALL	BEECH	OAK	ASH	CHESTNUT

The exciting finals were held yesterday afternoon; congratulations to our victors:

	FOOTBALL	NETBALL
Lower KS2	Yr4 BEECH	Yr3 CHESTNUT
Upper KS2	Yr5 OAK	Yr6 BEECH



Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day last Friday by Dressing Up Red and making / buying cakes at the sale after school. We raised an amazing **£295.80**.



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Gritters Day

Four of our Year 6 children took part in the Swanley District Challenge Day at the Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone and had a fantastic time! Here is their account of the day -

Four children in Year 6 were chosen to go to a Challenge Day at the Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone. We all split into different groups with three other children from other schools. The first challenge was to count from 1-10 in Japanese! After that, we had to make lots of shapes and pictures using shapes. After the lunch break there was the difficult challenge of making a building out of spaghetti and just 1m of sticky tape. Lastly, we met a West End dancer and got taught a dance to "Mamma Mia". We had such a lovely time and all came back with a smile on our faces.



Easter Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in this year's Easter Competition to decorate an egg - the entries were very varied and showed some real imagination! We hope the parents who came in to see them on Tuesday after school enjoyed looking at them too. After much deliberation from the staff, certificates were awarded to children in each class:

- Reception - Alfie, Evie & Jacob
- Year 1 - Isla and Lauren
- Year 2 - James and Lewis
- Year 3 - Harry and Grace
- Year 4 - Harrison and Sophie C
- Year 5 - Asa and Fletcher
- Year 6 - Ruby and Ruth



Cross Country

Well done to our Cross Country team who participated in the Swanley District cross country event on Wednesday afternoon along with nearly 100 other children. Particular mentions go to Ewan who came in 3rd and Esme who came in 4th. All of our girls were also placed in the top 25! Miss Allen was very impressed by the fantastic effort and sportsmanship by all our children - well done.



Meetings for Yr5 and Yr6 parents

Please could parents of children in Yr5 & Yr6 make a note of the following meetings which will be taking place on **Monday 22nd May**:

5.30pm - **Yr5 Grammar School Info Meeting**

5.30pm - **Yr6 S&RE Meeting**

This meeting is adults only! Yr6 children may wait in the hall if also attending the IofW meeting. We will be showing the DVD that we use for the S&RE element of our PSHE curriculum so that parents have the opportunity to see what this includes and can discuss this at home.

6.00pm - **Yr5&6 Isle of Wight Info Meeting**



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Attendance

Thank you to all those families who continue to support their children's learning & social development by ensuring that their children attend school every day. Well done to the children below whose attendance for this term is 98% to 100%:



pJoel A, Kerime A, Aiden A, Jessica A, Yuri A, Ellie B, Rory B, Thomas B, Ashleigh B, Lucy B, Ruby B, Brooke B, Ruby B, Jaidene C, Jaisen C, Lucy C, Aiden CP, Mia C, Jacob CB, Lily C, Thomas D, James D, Luke D, Grace E, Jessica E, Lucy E, Jacob F, Carolina G, Aziz H, Kiersten H, James H, Bobby H, Freddy H, Beth L, Jack L, James L, Joseph L, Zoe L, Jalena LH, Charlotte L, James L, Thomas M, Daniele M, Adam M, Attila M, Daisy M, Jack M, Lily M, Ewan M, Isabella P, Charlotte P, Morgan P, Grace R, Jake R, Alby R, George R, Ellie S, Rebecca S, Isla S, Summer S, Harry T, Max T, Kaylem T, Francesca T, Asa T, Dru T, Amy T, Evie T, Harley T, Kajus V, Elija V, Francesca V, Megan V, Alec W, Tristan W, Rebecca W.

Reuben B, Alfie D, Tommy E, Brandon F, Harry L, Benjamin P, Kimi P, Ben P, Nadine R, Mason T, George V.



Skye B, Kamila B, Amelia B, Mason B, Taylor B, Janay C, Amy D, Nathan E, Faye F, Isaac F, Bobie F, Tommy G, William H, Daisy-May LG, Rebecca L, Jessica M, Lauren M, Ismet M, Chanelle M, Safiya M, Alfie R, Georgi T, Lewis W, Summer W, Jack W, Thomas W, Adeoluwa W.

Note that our attendance figures for individual children now take into account all absences, including those which fall within or after registration periods (for example, if a child is absent for a session due to attending a doctors' appointment in between am and pm registers or if they go home unwell after afternoon registration).

Congratulations to **YEAR 3** who were our winners for the highest class attendance this term with a fantastic **98.65%** attendance - they will have a prize day next term in recognition of their achievements. The totals for all classes were:

Year 3 - 98.65%

Year R - 97.12%

Year 6 - 96.79%

Year 2 - 96.70%

Year 5 - 96.61%

Year 1 - 96.52%

Year 4 - 96.52%

Our whole school attendance for the term has been an excellent **97.03%** - well done!



Year 4 had a fantastic Egyptian Day this week to celebrate winning the attendance prize for the Autumn Term!

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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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us to raise a fantastic:
£88 at the Book Swap
£360 from the Discos



This week's Talk Topic is:
I have enjoyed this term because...

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 Easter:

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE FIRST WEEK BACK
EXCEPT Yr3/4 GIRLS FOOTBALL ON THURSDAY.**



Tues 18 April

First Day of Summer Term

Weds 19 April

Yr2 visit to Tyland Barn

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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