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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

Well done to all the children on a great first week back! The staff shared some of the fantastic examples of learning that had already been done in the children's books at Wednesday's staff meeting and it is clear that the academic year has started with a real sense of purpose and the children have come back keen and ready to learn. Brilliant! At our INSET day on Monday the whole school staff worked together to evaluate the previous academic year and to set our targets for this year and we will be sharing the outcomes of this with you shortly.



## Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have been chosen as House Captains and Sports Captains for the coming year:

	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS
BEECH	GRACIE & LIAM	RUBY & ISMET
CHESTNUT	ISAAC & JESSICA	MASON & OLIVIA
OAK	JOSHUA & MAKEEBAH	WILLIAM & KIERSTEN
ASH	KAJUS & RUTH	GRACE & ALFIE



## School Council

Well done to our new School Council members who will be representing their classes over the coming months:

- Year 2 - Reuben & Nadine
- Year 3 - Megan & Attila
- Year 4 - Daisy & Harrison
- Year 5 - Emily & Tommy
- Year 6 - Isaac & Ashleigh



## Individual Photographs

The children will have their individual and school sibling photographs taken on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Any non-school siblings are invited to come into school for photographs between **8am and 8.40am**. Children who are absent on the day will be given the opportunity to have their individual photograph taken when the photographer returns later in the year. **Breakfast Club will be in Year 5 on Weds 28<sup>th</sup> September.**



## Swanley Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all our children who have been taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Swanley library. Don't forget the challenge closes on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Postcards

Thank you to the children who sent us postcards over the school holiday - we have loved finding out where you have been! Thank you to - Dawid P, Sarah P, Elizabeth P, Ewan M, Lillie S, Alfie S, Ellie S, Jack W and Lewis W.



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### Starting High Firs...

Although the new academic year has only just started, we are already looking ahead to our new Reception children starting in September 2017! Parents with a child due to start school next year (children born 1.9.2011 to 31.8.2012) are warmly invited to tour the school during one of the following sessions:

- \* Thursday 3rd November at 9.30am
- \* Tuesday 8th November at 11am
- \* Thursday 17th November at 5.30pm



There will also be an informal meeting and play activity session for prospective parents & children on **Tuesday 6th December** from 2pm to 3pm. Please let the office know if you would like to attend a tour and / or the play afternoon. Please do also pass this information on to those friends or family who may be considering applying for a place at High Firs for their child.

### In our classes this week

Reception - had a brilliant first week at school ☺

Year 1 - have started their African adventure and found out giraffes **can** dance - all it takes is practise...!

Year 2 - made their own planets

Year 3 - started their topic on forces

Year 4 - travelled the continents

Year 5 - explored the poetry of Michael Rosen

Year 6 - learned about how light travels



**This week's Talk Topic is:**

**Next Tuesday is Roald Dahl Day - which is your favourite Roald Dahl story and why?**

# Class Information Meetings, BBQ & FHF AGM

Parents are invited to attend their child's **Class Information Meeting** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** \*\*

\* Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 5.30pm

\* Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 6.00pm

These will be a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher(s) and to find out about the new curriculum and expectations for the year ahead.

This will be followed by our **Family BBQ and Friends of High Firs AGM**

**All Welcome - we hope you can join us!**

\*\* Please note this is a change of date to that originally advised \*\*



### 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 - TBC  
 4 - TBC  
 5 - TBC

**Coming up next week:**

**CLUBS START THIS WEEK - see slips for individual details**

**Mon 12 to Thurs 15 Sept Reception collection at 1.15pm**

**Weds 14 Sept Class Curriculum Meetings KS1 5.30pm & KS2 6pm  
 FHF BBQ & AGM 7pm**

**Fri 16 Sept 2.15pm - Reception Pop in & Play  
 Yr5 class & Yr6 continuers start instrumental lessons**



**TERM DATES  
2016 - 2017**

September 2016	October 2016	November 2016
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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 **\*\*new\*\*** 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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