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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Yesterday morning's small flurry of snow brought much excitement for our children! Although it didn't last long and hopefully no downfalls are forecast, this is a good opportunity to remind parents to please ensure that their contact information at the office is up-to-date so that we can contact you in the case of an emergency. If you have changed your contact numbers - or order of preference for who we need to get in touch with - please do let us know.

Christmas Tree Assembly

We held our annual Christmas Tree Assembly today. The whole school came together in the hall to sing Carols and each child and adult had a chance to add their own decoration to our Christmas tree. As is our tradition, the youngest child in school put the angel on the tree and the eldest children in school did the "switch on" of the lights. Well done Jessica, Amy and Liam!



Staff News

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We send our congratulations to Mrs Everest who has become "Nanny" this week to a bouncing baby boy!

Mrs Neep from our office will be leaving at Christmas; we all wish her all the very best for her new ventures.

Our Christmas Charities

We have chosen **Children in Need** as our KS1 charity for this Christmas, which supports disadvantaged children and young people. Our Year 3 & 4 donations will be split between St Mary's Church, as a "thank you" to them for letting us use their lovely church, and their chosen charity **HBO: Swanley Therapy** which supports those in the local area with Multiple Sclerosis. **Crisis**, the national charity for homeless people, will receive our donations from the Yr5 & Yr6 concerts. We are not making a charge for our performances so we are very grateful to everyone who chooses to show their appreciation through their support of these very worthwhile causes instead. Thank you; we will let you know how much we raise after all our events.



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Collection arrangements next Friday

Due to the Bazaar, please note the following changes to collection arrangements at 3.15pm next Friday, 8th December:

Yr3 will be dismissed from Yr6 fire exit

Yr5 will be dismissed from the Activity Area door

Yr6 dismissed as normal from classroom or collected at 4.45pm if helping at Bazaar

All other classes as normal!

Performances

Please could we remind parents that no children under school-age should attend our Christmas performances and that admission is by ticket only. We do also ask that parents don't get out of their seats and move around during the performances in order to take photographs or to film, or to use flash photography, as all these can be very distracting for our children on the stage - we want them to be able to show you their very best acting and singing skills throughout! We promise there will be "photo opportunities" after every performance. Concerns have also been raised in the past by some parents that photographs are posted on Facebook showing children other than the postee's own; please could we ask that you do restrict publication of photographs on social media to your own children in order to respect the wishes of those parents who do not want their child's image to be published on the internet. Thank you for your support. ++ Please note that we can not admit anyone who has not ordered a ticket due to restrictions on numbers for health & safety reasons ++

In our classes this week

Reception - built a stable for the Nativity story.

Year 1 - wrote dragon stories.

Year 2 - made marmalade sandwiches!

Year 3 - explored landscapes around Cornwall.

Year 4 - learned about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Year 5 - went down the rabbit-hole with Alice in Wonderland.

Year 6 - tackled percentages!

DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Year 4 -

The earth's crust is about 18 miles thick.

Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who took part in our rather chilly Walk to School Week!

Children who took part every day will be bringing home a certificate next week.



Instrumental Lessons

Flute & clarinet lessons have now finished; they will restart in the new year.



This week's Talk Topic is:
I like the cold weather because...

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

Christmas Reminders from FHF

Friday 1 st December	Deadline for slip to offer help at the Bazaar	Please do come along to help if you can!
Monday 4 th December	Year 6 only – deadline to return permission slips to help at Christmas Bazaar	
Tuesday 5 th December	Own Clothes / Christmas Jumper Day	Today is Own Clothes Day (maybe a Christmas jumper for the festive season?) For the enjoyment of taking part so please donate either a bottle or an item of Christmas confectionery that can be used for the tombola stall at the Bazaar. Someone from the Friends will be available near the school gate for you to hand your donations to, please do not take them to the office.
Wed 6 th & Thur 7 th Dec	Donations collected of “nearly new” toys	Please bring any donations of “nearly new” toys to the gate in the morning for your Friends’ reps to collect. (Please do not bring to the office)
Wed 6 th & Thur 7 th Dec	Donations collected of craft items	Please bring any donations of craft items to the gate in the morning for your Friends’ reps to collect. (Please do not bring to the office)
Thursday 7 th December	Deadline for return of raffle tickets / stubs / money for the Grand Draw	Please return your tickets and money in an envelope marked for the attention of the Friends. Thank you.
Friday 8 th December	Deadline for pre-orders for Calendars	
Friday 8 th December	Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 only - £2 spending money for Christmas Bazaar	Please place it in an envelope, marked with your child’s name and bring in to school.
Friday 8 th December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR preparations - am	All help welcome! Please come to the hall from 9am.
Friday 8 th December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 will visit the Bazaar during the afternoon with their class. Everyone welcome after 3.30pm – please come along! Year 6 helping on stalls until 4.45pm.

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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Clubs

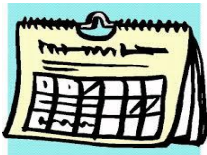
Due to the large number of other events in school over the coming weeks, our clubs are now winding down for the end of term. We hope that the children have enjoyed attending - look out for our new Spring Term clubs coming soon!

Club	Last session this term	Club	Last session this term
Football	No more this term	Table Games	Monday 4 th December
Cookery	No more this term	Woodland	Monday 4 th December
French	No more this term	Recorders	Monday 4 th December
Netball	No more this term	Construction	Tuesday 5 th December
Gym	No more this term	Computing	Thursday 7 th December
Golf	No more this term		

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:

Tues 5 December

Christmas Lunch

Own Clothes Day (Christmas Jumpers if wished!) - please bring a bottle or chocolate donation.

Netball vs W Kingsdown - leave 2.30pm

Weds 6 December

KS1 Nativity 2.15pm - ticket holders only please

Thurs 7 December

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Fri 8 December

FHF Christmas Bazaar - KS1 classes pm

Everyone welcome from 3.30pm

Dismissal arrangements today due to Bazaar:

Yr3 exit from Yr6 fire exit

Yr5 exit from the Activity Area door

Yr6 exit as normal or 4.45pm if helping at Bazaar

No instrumental lessons for remainder of this term

TERM DATES 2017-18

These do not include
INSET dates which are set
separately.

September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
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July 2018	M T W T F S S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

High Firs Primary School currently
has a vacancy for

**OFFICE
ADMINISTRATOR
(Finance)**

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