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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

As the festivities draw to a close, I would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who has supported our Christmas events over the past few weeks. It has been great to welcome so many visitors to the school to enjoy these and their kind comments have been much appreciated. Occasions like the school concerts & productions and FHF Bazaar do not happen without much effort behind the scenes, however, and I am very grateful to everyone - both staff and volunteers - who have worked so hard to ensure that they are so successful for our children. Thank you.

Christmas charity collections

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our Christmas charity collections following our concerts and performances this year. The final amounts raised were:



KS1 "Christmas is Coming"
£182.14



Lower KS2
Carol Concert
£163.01



Upper KS2
"Aspects of Christmas"
£184.79



"Crazy Creatures" stories published

Congratulations to all our children whose "Crazy Creatures" stories were chosen for publication by Young Writers in their latest book - Lucy C, Freddy, Kerime, Jalena, Amelia, Safiya, Sophie C, Lexie, Amy T, Francesca, Yuri, Megan, Ella, Holly, Jack W, Morgan, Rachael, Aiden, William, Alec, Brandon, Sophie T, Kimi, Grace, Bobby, James H, Attila and Harry C.



"Aspects of Christmas"

Our Years 5&6 children treated us to their Christmas production on Monday, entitled "Aspects of Christmas". The children acted and sang so well and the audience enjoyed some familiar Christmas scenes such as the Aunties & Uncles coming to visit and trying to remember the last time we actually had a "White Christmas"!

Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert

Well done to all of the children in Year 3 and Year 4 who took part in the Carol Concerts on Thursday at St Mary's Church. The singing was lovely and all our readers told the story of the Nativity brilliantly.



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In our classes this week

Reception - made stick stars from materials they found in the woods.
Year 1 - made their own castles.
Year 2 - wrote winter poems and songs.
Year 3 - worked on their 3x tables.
Year 4 - practised digital and analogue time.
Year 5 - wrote a storyboard version of the Nativity story.
Year 6 - learned about Anne Frank.

DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Year 4 -
Christmas has only been celebrated in Japan for the past few decades.

Uniform Orders

Uniform orders requested for delivery by the end of this term should be handed in to the office by Monday 18th December, please. However, the school office will be open for anyone who wishes to drop in to make uniform sales in person on the INSET day on **Friday 5th January from 1.30pm to 3pm.**



Outstanding Payments

Please could you ensure any outstanding payments are paid to the school office on Monday, 18th December. This will ensure we can close down our accounts in time for the end of term on Wednesday. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Apologies for any confusion; next Wednesday's Celebration Assembly was listed on the diary dates on our website but is not a family event! Dates for our next round of class assemblies will be published after Christmas.

Pantomime visits

KS1 and KS2 both enjoyed their pantomime visits this week. Thank you to our volunteers who came along to help and well done to the children for their excellent behaviour - it was lovely to have some very positive comments from other theatre-goers about our school.



Finding Nemo!

Our Nemo toy went missing from the top of our fish tank during the Christmas Bazaar ☹ If you picked him up and took him home by mistake please can you pop him back to the tank!



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

	Monday 18 th December	Visit from Santa	During school time
	Monday 18 th December	Secrets Room	During the school day, children can buy presents (maximum of 3 gifts) for their family costing between £1 & £3 per gift. The presents come ready wrapped and the children are then helped to write their own labels. If you wish your child/ren to visit the "Secrets Room" please enclose some money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, year & who they are buying for.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Christmas Bazaar last Friday and a special mention to our great team of volunteers & Year 6 children for helping at the event – what a great afternoon!



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This week's Talk Topic is:

What characters would you have in "The 12 Days of Christmas" instead of the traditional song?

Breakfast Club

Don't forget that children can "drop-in" to Breakfast Club any day (arrive between 8am - 8.20am) - you don't have to book! There are a wide variety of breakfast items to choose from and play activities afterwards.

Reception 2018

We welcomed some of our prospective Reception 2018 children to a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Monday this week. It was lovely getting to know them! Don't forget that applications close on 15th January 2018.

Competition Time!

easyfundraising.org.uk

Don't forget to register & use this site when shopping online to raise funds for FHF at no extra cost to the buyer. The person who raises the most whilst using this site over Christmas will win a bottle of wine and some chocolates.



**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:

ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED.

Mon 18 December

FHF - Secrets Room & Santa's visit

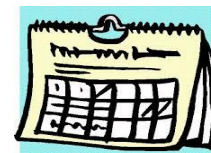
Breakfast Club in Activity Area & Year 4

Tues 19 December

Sunrise choir visit

Weds 20 December

3.15pm - End of Autumn Term



FHF 2018 CALENDARS – ONLY A FEW LEFT!

We have a very limited stock of 2018 calendars still left.... if you haven't yet bought yours then return the slip below with payment to the school office asap!

CHILD'S NAME..... CLASS.....

I should like to purchase the FHF 2018 Calendar and enclose a cheque payable to "Friends of High Firs Primary School" OR cash for the total amount:

	QUANTITY	TOTAL
FHF Calendars @ £5.00 each		£



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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. ****

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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