



9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

We owe a huge "thank you" to two members of the Friends of High Firs - Sarah Jones, who has left her role as Deputy Chair, and Christine Munday, who is leaving as FHF Chair next month. These Trustees have put an enormous amount of effort and time into running FHF - they have helped to raise an incredible amount of money for the school and the events they have supported have provided a lot of fun for all involved! The search is now on for a new team to lead the Friends so please do consider joining this fantastic team... more information below.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

### Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting To be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

All parents, carers and staff are invited and encouraged to attend



A new Chairman and Deputy Chairman must be appointed at the upcoming EGM in order for the FHF to continue to offer its fantastic opportunities for our children. Following the end of roles for our Chair and Deputy Chair, the opportunity has therefore arisen for others to get involved at school in new ways and to take on these positions; both Christine and Sarah are happy to continue to support new Trustees through the first few months so you can make the most of their expertise! You will also have the support of the school and the other members of FHF.

**The President & Trustees of the Friends of High Firs Primary School Association hereby give notice of an EGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

#### Agenda:

- *Welcome & Review*
- *Election of Chair & Deputy Chair*
- *General Business*

Everyone is welcome and we can promise you tea and biscuits! Please come along and give your support to the Friends – everyone has a part to play in this very important part of school life, which provides a large amount of support for **your child** – not to mention lots of fun opportunities both for the children and the adults who help! If you have any queries, please do speak to a member of FHF.

## Staff News

Mrs Dyer leaves us today after being a part of our Lunchtime Supervisor Team (and previously Breakfast Club staff) for a number of years - we say "goodbye" with our very best wishes for her new ventures.

We were pleased to hear that Mrs Rumsey is recovering well after her recent operation; cover arrangements will continue to be in place in the office after half-term.

**Staff  
News**



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### Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents & carers to the following class assemblies taking place after half-term:

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.15am - Yr4  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am - Yr3  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15am - Yr2  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15am - Yr1  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15am - Reception

### In our classes this week

Reception - read "Mr Wolf's Pancakes" and wrote instructions for how to make them.  
Year 1 - wrote Grace Darling's diary.  
Year 2 - are reading "The Magic Finger".  
Year 3 - invited a special visitor to share some Viking artefacts.  
Year 4 - continued their learning on "The Iron Man".  
Year 5 - wrote instructions based on poems by Benjamin Zephaniah.  
Year 6 - wrote non-chronological reports.

Sevenoaks STLS at 

**Limited places!**

## FREE Parent Session Supporting your Child with Homework

An interactive evening session for **parents of struggling learners**, aged from 6 to 16, on:

- Learning ideas and strategies to help your child complete their homework easily and with less stress
- Boosting your confidence working with your child
- Finding out how they think and learn best!

**Course date:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Refreshments will be available from 6.20pm

**Venue:** Trinity School, Seal Hollow Rd, Sevenoaks TN13 3SL



**Neil MacKay:**  
An independent international educational consultant and trainer, and author of:



**Cost:** Free

To book your place email: [senco@trinitysevenoaks.com](mailto:senco@trinitysevenoaks.com) or phone 01732 469111 to book with Reception

### 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 soon:

**Mon 12 to Fri 16 Feb**  
Mon 19 February  
Weds 21 February  
Fri 23 February

**Half Term holiday**  
Children return to school  
Year 4 Class Assembly 10.15am  
Yr3 Swimming starts



### 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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**TERM DATES 2017-18**  
 These do not include  
**INSET** dates which are set  
 separately.

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**Friends of High Firs Quiz Night**

*Please return to the school office with payment asap - tickets usually run out fast!*

I would like ..... tickets for the Friends of High Firs Quiz Night on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

*Please note below if you have others you wish to sit with but are not purchasing tickets for them:*

I enclose £..... (cheques made payable to *Friends of High Firs*)

Signed .....

Date .....

Name of child

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Class .....



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