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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

What a lovely start to the Summer Term! The children have come back to school with enthusiasm for their new topics and we have enjoyed the sunshine and the excitement of the parade for Olympic athlete, Lizzy Yarnold. We look forward to another busy learning term ahead...

Lizzy Yarnold Parade

More than 70 of our children went to see Lizzy Yarnold's victory parade through sunny Swanley on Wednesday. What a great occasion! Lizzy took time to talk to lots of the children and to let them ask questions and hold her medal.



The sun has got his hat on...



The warm weather made an appearance this week! It has been lovely to see the children having their picnic lunches outside and enjoying the sunshine. Long may it continue... Please may we remind parents that all children should have a school sun hat to wear outside and to apply sunscreen before coming to school in the morning. All children have been provided with a sun hat in the past thanks to a donation from FHF and these are a uniform item; if you need to purchase a new hat these can be ordered from the office.



St George's Day

Members of Guiding (Rainbows/ Brownies/Guides), Scouting (Beavers/ Cubs/Scouts), Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade etc. may wear their organisation's uniform to school on Monday 23rd April to commemorate St George's Day.



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Attendance - Assessment weeks

Thank you to all our parents who continue to support their children's good attendance at school. Can we please ask in particular that appointments are not made for children in the following weeks due to statutory testing taking place when the children's attendance is essential:

Year 6 - week beginning **14th May** (SATs testing)

Year 1 - week beginning **11th June** (Phonics screening)

Year 2 - **throughout May**



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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We look forward to welcoming parents & carers to this term's class assemblies -

Weds 2 May (10.15am) - Year 4

Weds 9 May (10.15am) - Year 1

Mon 21 May (10.15am) - Year 3

Tues 12 June (10.15am) - Reception

Tues 19 June (10.15am) - Year 2

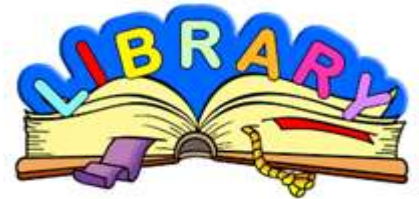
Tues 10 July (10am) - Year 5/6 (Activity Week & Isle of Wight)

Mon 23 July (10am) - Year 6 (Leavers Assembly)

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

We look forward to seeing you at our
**FHF Meeting next Monday, 23rd April,
7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Yr6 classroom.**
Everyone is welcome, please come along!



The School Library will be
open to borrow a book on -
Tuesdays 3.20pm - 3.40pm
**All classes
welcome!**

We have a vacancy for a

Midday Supervisor



5 days a week

12pm - 1.15pm

£7.22 per hour

More details & application information -
www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/

Deadline: 24th April 2018 (12pm)



World of Work Week

As part of our commitment to supporting the children's understanding of economic well-being and the wider world, we are holding our "World of Work" week next week. We hope to welcome a number of visitors into school to support this and will also be talking about it in class.

This week's Talk Topic is:

Talk to an adult about their job. What do they do? Why do they like it? What do they have to be good at to do it well?



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Reading Passports

This week we have launched new Reading Passports for the children. Each class has ten special books we think they would enjoy and the children are being challenged to read each book before the end of the school year; they can do this at home or in school. Please do take some time to look at the passport with your child and to support them with reading these - the passport should be in either their Contact Book or Reading Record.

In our classes this week

Reception - have lost their dinosaurs!
Year 1 - have been writing recounts.
Year 2 - are enjoying their new Aztec topic.
Year 3 - started learning their routines for country dancing.
Year 4 - have been writing balanced discussions.
Year 5 - learned about Emily Pankhurst.
Year 6 - are writing journals of the voyage on The Beagle.

DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of
our classes this week

From Year 2
There are no alligators in Mexico!



Staff News

We were pleased to welcome back Mrs Rumsey this week following her absence last term. Mrs Verge has also joined us as our new specialist PE teacher; she will be with us every Thursday and we are looking forward to working with her.

Important Health Information - PLEASE REMEMBER!

Important Information

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. **



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:

Yr5 Kent Rider all week

Mon 23 April St George's Day – uniformed organisations may wear these uniforms
FHF Meeting 7.15pm for 7.30pm in Yr6

Tues 24 April Roman Day at Kent Life –Yr3

Thurs 26 April FHF Spring Discos - KS1 5pm-6pm
FHF Spring Discos - KS2 6.15pm – 7.15pm



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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