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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

Lots of the children have mentioned how excited they are about the upcoming Royal Wedding tomorrow! I hope that if you are watching on Saturday that you enjoy sharing in this special day and we look forward to our own celebrations in school on Monday.

## Royal Wedding Celebration Day

High Firs will be celebrating the Royal Wedding next Monday with a fun themed day. The children are invited to come to school for the day wearing red, white & blue and to join in the fun of our "Wedding Party" picnic in the afternoon. Please could your child bring their own **small** picnic to eat in addition to their normal lunch (including children who have a school dinner).



## Payments Owing

In order to support our end of half-term financial processes, please can we ask that any outstanding payments for activities / meals / clubs etc. are sent in to the office by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**\*\* Please may we also remind parents that payments for lunches and Breakfast Club must be paid advance or on the day - we are not able to offer credit. If you have any concerns regarding meeting payments please do speak to a member of the office staff in confidence. \*\***



## World Cup 2018

We were very excited to hear the news on Wednesday that former High Firs pupil Ruben Loftus-Cheek has been selected for the England squad at this year's World Cup! We look forward to supporting him next month and hopefully onwards into July... good luck, Ruben. All of our classes will be given countries to find out about and to follow during the tournament - more information coming out next week.

## In our classes this week

- Reception - helped Year 3 with their country dancing!
- Year 1 - found half of different shapes
- Year 2 - are writing about Willy Wonka!
- Year 3 - are learning how to send emails.
- Year 4 - learned about Mother Teresa and Doctor Barnardo.
- Year 5 - used clay to make Greek pots.
- Year 6 - made fossils.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A fact from one of our classes this week

From Yr4 -

Doctor Barnardo wasn't really a doctor! He never finished his training...



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### Walk to School Week

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve you and your children's health. It's also free, great for the environment, and social. 90% of parents who walk their children to school recognise the journey's importance for them to socialise with their children. Over a third stated that the journey to school is where they find out the most about their child's life. (Info from



[www.livingstreets.co.uk](http://www.livingstreets.co.uk)) We are also always keen to find ways in which to ease congestion in our local roads and to minimise the inconvenience of "the school run" to our neighbours. To support this, we are asking all our children to

take part in **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day next week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school! Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day.

**Walk to school with the staff!** Members of our staff will be at various points around the local area to meet and walk to school with our families on the following dates -

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.

### Voluntary Fund

Attached to the Newsletter this week is the envelope for payment of this term's Voluntary Fund payment. We greatly appreciate these donations which are used to support many of the extra activities undertaken in school by the children. The suggested payment is £2 per child or £5 per family.

Please return your donation by **24<sup>th</sup> May** - thank you.

**What is the Voluntary Fund used for?** The termly voluntary fund money is used to pay for lots of different things! Essentially, it is used for expenses which we are not allowed to allocate to government funding but which we believe lead to a broader educational experience for our children or which support our community & families links. This also means we do not have to charge parents every time! Just a few examples of this spending are:

- Concert & performance costumes
- Refreshments for parents & visitors at school events - Nativities / Assemblies / class meetings etc
- Cookery ingredients
- Celebration of commemorative events eg: Royal Wedding
- Expenses for Open Evening & events such as the SATs BBQ
- Visitors in to school
- Additional resources for school visits

**We believe that visits and these other experiences are a vital part of our children's education - thank you to all those parents who support us in this way.**



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## Clubs

The following clubs have now finished:

- Golf
- Girls' Football
- Netball



All other clubs will continue after half-term, along with the following new clubs:

Athletics	Thursdays	3.15pm- 4.15pm	JGPlayed	Hall / PG	3 & 4
Rounders	Mondays	3.15pm-4.15pm	Mr Turtle	Field / PG	6
Multiskills Games	Tuesdays	3.15pm-4.15pm	Miss Allen	PG / Hall	2

To join one of our new clubs please return the slip in this Newsletter by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.

### 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. \*\***

Important Information



### 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:

Mon 21 May	Walk to School Week Royal Wedding Celebration Day 8.15am - Yr5 Early Bird Maths 10.15am - Yr3 Class Assembly 10.15am 5.30pm - Yr6 S&RE Meeting (in Yr6) 5.30pm - Yr5 Grammar Selection Meeting (in Yr5) 6pm - Isle of Wight meeting (in hall)
Tues 22 May	Class & team photos Deadline for any outstanding payments 8.40am - WTSW: Charnock & Court Crescent 1.15pm - Girls' Football Tournament at Crockenhill
Weds 23 May	8.40am - WTSW: corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top).
Thurs 24 May	Yr4 attendance celebration day Deadline for voluntary fund payments 8.40am - WTSW corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.
Friday 25 May	INSET day - staff training day, no children in school.



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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<b>TERM DATES 2017-18</b>							<b>September 2017</b>							<b>October 2017</b>							<b>November 2017</b>						
<b>These do not include INSET dates which are set separately.</b>							M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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**REQUEST TO JOIN CLUB**

Return to school by Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Club .....

Name of Child ..... Year .....

I give my child permission to attend the above club.

My emergency contact number at this time will be .....

\*\* My child will be collected at the end of the club by .....

OR

\*\* I give permission for my child to walk home unsupervised at the end of the club (Yrs 5&6 only)

Signed .....

Date .....



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