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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

The end of another busy year! There have been so many highlights it is difficult to pick just a few but I think for me what has come across in conversations with parents and visitors, and indeed our children, is how much our focus on "the whole child" is appreciated. Whilst we will always strive for our children to achieve academically, we also want to give them experiences that will support their emotional wellbeing and wider opportunities - and memories. This has certainly come across from our Yr6 children and their families this week as they prepare to leave. I wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Have a great



Autumn Term 2018

starts on

Tuesday 4th September.

GOODBYE

Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 Assembly yesterday was a great opportunity to say 'goodbye' to our Year 6 children and their families - and reminded us what a fantastic time they have had at High Firs! We wish them all the very best as they leave for their secondary schools; we are sure that they will all continue to do well and wish them every success for the future. Keep in touch!

GOOD LUCK

Annual Achievement Awards

At the end of the academic year, staff are asked to nominate children in their class who they feel have made an exceptional achievement over the year, be it academic or personal. Our Annual Achievement Awards were awarded this morning to:

Year R - Isabel & Teddy

Year 1 - Eloise & Joshua

Year 2 - Jacob & Elija

Year 3 - Joseph & Jack

Year 4 - Grace & Harley

Year 5 - Holly, Freya & Adeoluwa

Year 6 - Rachael & Fletcher



CONGRATULATIONS OAK! HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS 2017-2018



The final scores for the year

were:

OAK - 2235

ASH - 2176

CHESTNUT - 2150

BEECH - 2048



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Community Awards and Sports Awards for Year 6

Each year, Community Awards are presented to Year 6 Leavers who have shown a great commitment to the school community throughout their time at High Firs. We were delighted to present this year's awards to: **Ella, Rachael, Jessica, Tommy, Beth & Grace**. We also awarded our Sports Award in recognition of both significant sporting ability but also enthusiasm and sportsmanship to **Asa**.



Yr6 Outstanding Attendance Awards

Six of our Year 6 children - **Asa, Thomas, Ewan, Joel, Jessica and Tommy** - received Outstanding Attendance Awards for their amazing 98% or 99% attendance for their entire primary school years; a fantastic achievement, well done.

Holiday Postcards

Don't forget over the holiday to send a postcard to the school! It doesn't matter if you aren't going away anywhere - just write and let us know what you are up to...

Our address is -
High Firs Primary School
Court Crescent
Swanley
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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 13th September at 7pm
(following Class Curriculum Meetings)

All parents/guardians and staff are encouraged to attend

I hereby give notice of the AGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on 13th September 2017. An overview of the AGM's Agenda is set-out below:

- FHF's accounts for previous financial year
- The events taken place so far
- Election of committee members - (... would you like to join us ?)
- Appointments
- Any other business

The Friends' AGM will commence at 7pm following the class information meeting held by each teacher and the social evening. We anticipate that the AGM should last approximately 10 minutes. Please add this date to your diaries now so that you don't miss out on a social event. Further information, including nominations form, has been sent home by letter.

Chris Tiller
Chair



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Uniform Orders

The school office will be open for anyone who wishes to drop in to make uniform sales in person on the INSET day on **Monday 3rd September from 1.30pm to 3pm**; very useful for children who tend to grow over the summer!



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. **

INSET DAYS

No children in school
Monday 3 Sept 2018

Coming up

Monday 3 September	INSET day - no children in school Uniform Sales 1.30pm - 3pm
Tues 4 September	Start of term for children Reception collected 12pm
Weds 5 September	Reception collected 12pm
Thurs 6 September	Reception collected 12pm
Fri 7 September	Reception staying for lunch - collect 1.15pm



TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

This does **NOT** include INSET days which are issued separately.

August 2018	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018
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WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 2018 SUCCESSES...

- Phonics continues to be a strength for our Year 1 children
- Our Year 2 results have exceeded the past two years results IN ALL AREAS.
- Year 6 results have exceeded last year's in GPS. Our Writing and GPS scores are above National levels.



HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTING OF STATUTORY DATA 2018

The outcomes of this year's Early Years, Yr1 Phonics, Yr2 and Yr6 statutory assessment are shown below:

EY (RECEPTION)	% AT GOOD LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT
2014	66%
2015	75%
2016	69%
2017	72%
2018	69%

YR1 PHONICS SCREENING	% AT PASS
2014	83%
2015	83%
2016	83%
2017	78%
2018	83%

YR2 TEACHER ASSESSMENTS (INCLUDING STATUTORY TESTING OUTCOMES)

% at Expected				
	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science
2016	65%	61%	65%	71%
2017	76%	69%	76%	76%
2018	77%	73%	80%	80%

2018 comparison National / Kent figures are not yet released.

YR6 STATUTORY TESTS OUTCOMES AND TEACHER ASSESSMENTS

% at Expected					
	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Reading	Writing	Maths	R+W+M combined
2016	67%	57%	80%	70%	50%
2017	73%	80%	83%	83%	73%
2018	79%	66%	79%	69%	55%
2018 Kent	75%	75%	81%	75%	66%
2018 National	78%	76%	78%	76%	64%



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