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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

The Swanley District Primary Schools Sports Association held their AGM at High Firs yesterday and it was fantastic to hear of all the events that have been held over the past year in the local area to enable the children to take part in competitive sporting activities. We also planned lots more exciting tournaments and events to look forward to this year. We are proud of our sporting activities at High Firs, both those which are part of the curriculum and the extra-curricular clubs & matches that the children have the opportunity to take part in. It is also very important to us that these are accompanied by a sense of enjoyment & sportsmanship for all. The government provide specific funding for PE and you can see how we spend this by visiting the "PE Premium" section of our website.

Harvest Assembly - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Assembly - what a lovely occasion! Your kind donations of food meant there was a fantastic range of produce on display (arranged beautifully by our creative TA team) which we were then able to send to AgeUK and the Swanley Foodbank to distribute. Thank you also to the children who contributed readings, poems or art work and a particular mention to our youngest classes for their "Big Red Combine Harvester" song!



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning following Harvest Assembly and the Cake Sale after school on Wednesday - we raised a fantastic **£77.49** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who donated delicious cakes for us to sell.



In our classes this week

- Reception - enjoyed "The Leaf Man" book and made their own leaf pictures.
- Year 1 - made electrical circuits.
- Year 2 - are learning about Neil Armstrong.
- Year 3 - wrote diary entries for "Gregory Cool".
- Year 4 - learned about Aesop's fables.
- Year 5 - investigated water resistance in science.
- Year 6 - described what it was like to be in the Blitz.



HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TICKETS YET?
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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. **



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Walk to School Week

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve your 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) 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 1st to 5th October**

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 2 nd at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
Wednesday 3 rd at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent.
Thursday 4 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

1: Mon 3 Sept 2018

2: Thurs 3 Jan 2019

3: Fri 4 Jan 2019

4: TBC

5: TBC



Coming up

Mon 1 October

Walk to School Week

Tues 2 October

Walk to School Week - walk with the staff 8.40am Pinks Hill & Cranleigh Drive (top junction)

Weds 3 October

Walk to School Week - walk with the staff 8.40am Charnock & Court Crescent
Yr6 WW2 day at Horton Kirby

Thurs 4 October

Walk to School Week - walk with the staff 8.40am Waylands & Pinks Hill

Fri 5 October

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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633



THANK YOU to everyone who has supported FHF events over the past year.

Your fantastic efforts and contributions have raised an incredible **£6458.41** (after expenses) which enabled FHF to support the children and school with funding for –

Class Trip Funding	Foam Balls for each class	Water Butt
Compost bins	Curling Kit	PA System with radios
Trellis and new plants	Indoor Goals	Ice Creams for Panto
Small World characters	Topic Reading Sets	Reception Garden Equipment
Yr6 Leaver's Party/Books	Maps for Playground	Display Board
Smartie Prize Books	New Library Books	Plants and Compost
Incubator and Heat Lamp	TV with VGA	CDs
Bake Ware and Utensils	Reception 2018 Bags & Bears	Indoor Athletic Kit

We are pleased to confirm that the 2018-19 FHF Class Reps are:

6 – Natalie Elliott / Chris Tiller

5 – Charlotte Tiller / Jo Almeida

4 – Emma Walford / Sarah Hart-Larkby

3 – Derya Halil / Lisa Spokes

2 – Rachel Baynton / Lisa Ellis / Gemma Sayers

1 – Holly Bunning / Beth Tiller

R – Jesal Trivedi / Kate Smith

If you would like to join the class representatives for your class(es) you would be made very welcome. There is no limit to the number of class representatives and the more the merrier! Please do talk to your class representative or any member of the Committee if you would like to get involved with the Friends.

The role of the Class Representative includes acting as a point of liaison with other parents in the class and to coordinate volunteers for events. Class Representatives (along with all members) are invited to attend Friends' meetings but everyone can get involved, whether they are a Representative or not!

Please contact your FHF Class Representative if you have any queries about the Friends or its events.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Friends of High Firs are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a murder mystery evening in association with Moneypenny Productions.

Moneypenny Productions will be providing an interactive murder mystery event with costumed cast, props and an original crime. Guests work as detectives and attempt to solve the mystery. Interrogations of each suspect will also be allowed as they join you at your table.

This fun filled evening will be held at High Firs Primary School on Saturday 13th October 2018. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. Tickets are £15 per adult with each table seating 8 people. Due to the content of the evening this is an adult only event.

Please bring along your own drinks and nibbles for the evening. There will also be a raffle during the interval with tickets being sold on the night.

We hope that you will join us in what is going to be a whodunit extravaganza and fun filled evening. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis as spaces are limited. If you would like tickets, please fill in the form at the bottom of this letter with the required payment. **DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS 5th OCTOBER SO ORDER SOON....**

THE FRIENDS OF HIGH FIRS

Name

Child Class

I would like tickets to the FHF murder mystery evening. I enclose my payment of £.....

Please can I sit with



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