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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Many of our classes are focussing on times-tables in school at the moment and it is great to share some of the "tricks" and strategies the children have for learning these. Well done to all those children who are also practising their tables using our online tools, Mymaths and Rock Star Times Tables - there is some fierce competition amongst some of the children!

Individual Photographs

The children will have their individual and school sibling photographs taken on **Friday 19th October**. Any non-school siblings are invited to come into school for photographs between **8am and 8.40am**. Children who are absent on the day will be given the opportunity to have their photograph taken when the photographer returns later in the year to take the class photos. **Breakfast Club will be in Year 4 on Friday 19th.**



Asda Tokens

Thank you to ASDA who are supporting our school by choosing us as one of their community fundraising groups for this month. If you shop in ASDA please ask for a token and pop it in the collecting tub to raise money for our school.



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Well done to all our bouncers! Please return your sponsorship money asap if you haven't already. Thank you for your support.

ICE SKATING AT RUXLEY

There are no tickets left for this very popular event – sorry!



Parents Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents & carers into school for their consultation meetings next week. We recommend that parents come into school about 10 minutes before their appointment. If your appointment is after school please go to the hall on arrival, where your child's books will be available to view. Appointments will be announced every ten minutes when you will be invited to make your way to your meeting. For meetings being held before or during the school day please come to the office and we will let you know where your appointment will be held. Please could we remind parents that meetings are for **ten minutes** only and that any additional time will need to be requested outside of the consultation period, thank you. Year 6 parents please contact the office if you would like to make an additional appointment to discuss secondary school options, or put a note in your child's contact book.



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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 **19th October** - 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 - Whole School Jubilee Day party etc.
- 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.



Clubs next week

Due to Parents' Consultations meetings, there will be no school clubs next week apart from French on Monday. Please note that Dance Club on Thursdays has now finished; see later in the Newsletter for information on our new Benchball Club.

Wanted, please!

Year 1 would be grateful for donations of any unwanted rolls of wallpaper, please.



Welcome to High Firs

As part of our commitment to local teacher training providers, we are pleased to welcome Miss Nowell to High Firs; Miss Nowell will be based mainly in Year 1 but will also be visiting many of our other classes over the next few weeks.

TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

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

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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. ****

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

NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK APART FROM FRENCH ON MONDAY.



Sat 13 October	FHF Murder Mystery Evening
Tues 16 October	Parents Consultations by appointment Yr5 Class Assembly - 10.15am YrR & Yr6 Height & Weight checks
Weds 17 October	Parents Consultations by appointment
Thurs 18 October	Parents Consultations by appointment
Fri 19 October	Individual Photos - non-school siblings 8am to 8.40am Breakfast Club in Yr4



Mrs Verge will be running a Yr3&4 Benchball Club on Thursdays after school (3.15pm to 4.15pm) on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November. Come along to learn lots of fun skills and games. If you would like to join please return the slip below by Wednesday 17th October.

REQUEST TO JOIN BENCHBALL CLUB

Return to school by Weds 17th October

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

Signed Date



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