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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

The government released more information this week about the new times tables check which is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school. All our Yr2 and KS2 children have opportunities during the school week to practise their tables and I know that many of you also work on these at home with the children; they are particularly excited about the "Rock Stars" programme which can be used online and are enjoying challenging their friends on this!



## Remembrance Assembly

Thank you to everyone who took part in this Monday's Remembrance Assembly and two minute silence. It was a privilege to be able to share so many stories from High Firs children and staff about their own families who served in WW1

and to reflect on the impact of this. This year, as well as our displays in the hall, the children also made poppies to "plant" in front of the school to mark the centenary of the armistice - they make a very simple but poignant reminder.



## Top Hats needed!

Yr5/6 need 3 top hats / magician-style hats for their December production.

Please let Miss Allin or Mrs Ford know if you have one we can borrow!



**ASDA FOUNDATION**  
'Supporting Your Local Community'

## Asda Tokens

High Firs is still one of the community fundraising groups at ASDA so when you do your shopping please do ask for a token and pop it in the collecting tub to raise money for our school.

**POPPY RECYCLING**

Please return any poppies to school by **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER** so we can send them back to the Poppy Appeal and help them to make more money by saving costs next year.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Thank you to everyone who came along to last night's FHF meeting.  
**DIARY DATE** – next meeting will be on **THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
at 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

**\*\* Helpers still needed for the Christmas Bazaar – please let us know if you can help! \*\***



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High Firs Primary School invites you to a

**READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP**  
for Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 parents

**Weds 28 Nov 10.45am**

Would you like some more ideas on how to support your child's reading?

Would you like to know more about how we teach reading, letters and sounds at school?

*Then come along and find out more....*

**Reception 2019**

Our Reception 2019 tours have now finished but there is still time to book on our pre-school Craft Afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 3pm; please contact the office to book a place. A special mention also goes to the group of Year 6 children who stayed at school until 6.30pm to show our visitors around on yesterday's evening tour. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them - thank you.

**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	Coming up	
No children in school		
1: Mon 3 Sept 2018	Mon 19 November	Football match at The Gateway – depart HF 2.30pm
2: Thurs 3 Jan 2019	Tues 20 November	FHF Ice Skating at Ruxley – ticket holders only!
3: Fri 4 Jan 2019	Weds 21 November	Yr2 Class Assembly & SATs meeting – 10.15am
4: TBC	Thurs 22 November	District Benchball Tournament at St Mary's
5: TBC		Deadline to book school Christmas lunch



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# 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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