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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

The children in school took home their Annual Report and new class transition packs yesterday; thank you to those parents with children who are at home and who have picked theirs up already or who have made arrangements for them to be sent home. Feedback has already been very positive, both about the content of the reports and the transition information sent home - thank you. We have also been able to send home some of the children's books so we hope you have enjoyed looking through these too. If you haven't yet received your child's information then this can be picked up from the office next week from Monday to Weds between 8am and 4.15pm; if you would like the packs to be sent home with someone else then please complete the form at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/reportcollection/> Once you have received your child's report then please give us your feedback at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/annual-report-2020/> Thank you.



## In school this week

Reception - made a snail habitat!

R/1 Smiles - have had fun with ships and boats!

Year 1 - made their own crowns.

Year 2/3 - have learned about religious and non-religious ceremonies.

Year 4 - have learned about the mummies of Ancient Egypt!

Year 5 - wrote and published their own "choose your own adventure" stories.

Year 6 - have designed their own heraldic shields.

## Coming up next week

There will be **NO PE lessons** next week so the children should come to school in their uniform every day, not in their kit on their designated day. (Year 6 please see separate note re Tuesday in your Leavers' arrangements later in this Newsletter.)

There will be **NO After School Club on Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**The Summer Term will finish on Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> - please collect at usual times between 2.50pm and 3.20pm.**

## Autumn Term

We are looking forward to all our children starting back in September! Further information about arrangements will be issued next week. However, please note the following dates:

\* **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** - INSET day (staff training - no children in school)

\* **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - school starts for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

\* **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - school starts for Reception.



## Special Mentions

Well done to the children at home and in school who have earned a "special mention" from their teacher this week:

\* **Tommy K and Joseph L** - for great maths constructing pie charts.

\* **Poppy C** - for making yummy fruit kebabs!

\* **Josue V** - fantastic number code-cracking!

\* **Ellie R** - brilliant mermaid story writing, jewellery

\* **Yr2** - great PE on Tuesday playing football rounders.

\* **Eliza R-W** - a super explanation of the Ancient Egyptian hierarchy.



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### New class emails

To contact your current class teacher, please use the numerical class email addresses eg: year1@ etc. These will be available only until the start of the new school year.

To contact your September class teacher please use the worded class email addresses eg: yearone@ etc. These are available now and will continue to be in use for the 2020-21 academic year. The full address is on the letter in your new class transition pack if you aren't sure!

The Reception class address remains the same - reception@

### HOUSE POINTS

Don't forget you can earn house points whether you are learning at home or at school!

	This Week	Term 6 Total
BEECH	12	131
CHESTNUT	24	153
OAK	20	127
ASH	19	148

### Uniform

Lots of parents have already been buying uniform for September! If you have not yet placed an order please:

- Refer to the order form on our website [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/uniform](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/uniform) for sizing & pricing etc
- Email your order to [office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk) by 3pm on Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- If we receive your order by 12pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July we will endeavour to make this available for collection before the end of term if items are available; please bring your payment with you.
- Alternatively, collect your order from the school office between 1pm and 3pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September; please bring your payment with you.
- We are NOT able to offer a "shop" service at the moment - purchase is currently by order only.
- We are also unable to currently offer "trying on" samples! If you need to return an incorrect size please contact the office for further information following your purchase.



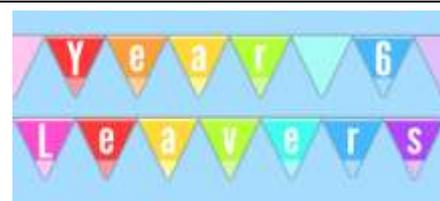
### Return to school arrangements

We will confirm return to school arrangements in our Newsletter next week.

### Year 6

We hope the children enjoyed their special breakfast this week!

We are pleased to confirm information for the following events for our Year 6 leavers next week:



#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Hoodie Day

Children will be presented with their leavers' hoodies if they have ordered these and (if it's not too warm!) may wear these in school during the day today.

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Water Fun Afternoon

Both classes will be taking part at the same time but will remain in their class "bubbles" with distancing maintained.

##### Bring to school:

- \* water pistols /super-soakers if you have them!
- \* a towel

##### Wear to school:

\* PE kit all day. Children will be taking part in the water activities in their PE kit and then going home in wet



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clothes and shoes!

\* Trainers or similar shoes that you don't mind getting wet and you can run around in. Open-toed shoes or slip-ons are not suitable.

\* You can wear your swimming costume / swimming trunks or shorts under your PE kit if you are comfortable in them until the afternoon or bring them in a carrier bag and change into them later in the school day - private changing will be made available and disinfected between each use.

#### Collection arrangements

Due to other classes being collected from 2.50pm and the playground being in use for this time, we will need to finish our activities at 2.45pm. So the children do not have to go back inside the school building in their wet clothes, **children who walk home will be dismissed at 2.50pm not 3.15pm**. If you are being collected from either 6a or 6b then collecting adults please come into the playground and collect your child from the picnic benches at the far end of the playground.

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Assembly and Picnic**

Hopefully the weather will be kind so we can hold a final celebration assembly for all our Yr6 children - together but still in their "bubbles" - outside. There will also be a special video presentation for all our classes to watch in their own classrooms; this will be made available to parents via googledrive too.

We intend to have Yr6 lunch "picnic-style" outside on the last day so the children should bring a towel or small blanket to sit on if they don't want to sit directly on the grass.

We are so sorry that we can't invite parents to join us for our usual Leavers' Assembly & tea or last day photo-call this year but we hope that the children will still enjoy this special time. Miss Allin and Mrs McCabe will take lots of photos so we can still share the children's last few days with you at home too.

We promised you a special event to mark the end of school once things were a bit more "normal". We are still planning what to do but it is likely to be in October (we know you are having your Leavers' Party then too) and we will let you know more details soon.

#### **Getting in touch**

We are sure that you appreciate that we currently have restricted access for visitors to our school site and our office may not always be open due to changing circumstances. Please bear with us!

If you need to contact us please try our phone number first - 01322 669721. If you can't reach us by phone then please email [office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk) Someone will get back to you as soon as we can.

Teachers can be contacted with news and updates via the addresses published in previous Newsletters.

Information will continue to be posted on our website [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk) and we will also continue to keep you updated by text.



*We hope to see you soon!*



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