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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Our Reception children started school this week and are to all be congratulated on such a super start to their time at school. It is lovely to have them with us and Miss Rennie & I have enjoyed meeting our new families at collection and drop off this week. Welcome to High Firs!

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- All of our Reception class for a fantastic first week in school.
- Ayotunde O - for a super first week at High Firs.
- Ethan V - lovely fluent reading.
- Jessica T - always working hard, being polite and setting a great example to others.
- Evie T - for her good explanation in English.
- Alec G - for his fantastic detail when writing in character.
- Korley A - for his fantastic detail when writing in character.
- Carolina - for her incredible times tables.



HOME LEARNING

Home Learning

We have really enjoyed sharing the children's home learning this week. A particular "well done" to -

- Morgan W - super writing describing different kinds of weather.
- Beatrice G - completing all tasks to a high level.
- Lily E - a fantastic pirate hand hook!
- Walter A - a fabulous pirate ship.
- Harrison A - an amazing model of a Stone Age House.
- Eliza RW - her super Victorian toy zoetrope with detailed planning and making skills.
- Jake R - a working model of a lighthouse.
- Elizabeth P - a super robot model.
- Zoe L - making a Tudor house
- Nicole K - incredible detail in her home learning and a fantastic rhyming poem about WW2.
- Evelyn C - a beautifully illustrated postcard and description of the countryside whilst living there as an evacuee.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception - made lots of new friends and learned each others' names!
Year 1 - wrote about how different kinds of weather can make us feel.
Year 2 - found out about where pirates came from and what they were like.
Year 3 - learned about different types of rocks.
Year 4 - solved problems about place value.
Year 5 - used the short video "The Lighthouse" to inspire their work in English.
Year 6 - started reading "Carrie's War".

Class Curriculum Information

Class curriculum newsletters for this term will be posted on the class pages of the school website later today so please do take a look to find out what your child will be learning this term as well as general information about their class.



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Who can collect my child?

Government regulations remain that **people from different households should continue to avoid close contact so childcare should only be provided if it is possible to socially distance between the adult provider and the child(ren) they are caring for.** This means that younger children in particular may not be able to be safely cared for by someone not in their household as the level of supervision will either not be high enough to ensure the child's safety or alternatively too close to prevent the risk of Coronavirus transfer. If parents do give permission for an adult outside their immediate household (or household bubble) to collect their child from school they need to be aware of these implications and therefore **MUST** put additional measures in place to limit the associated risks both for others and their child. School staff will contact parents to request a change of arrangements if they are concerned that these precautions are not being met. (Please note these requirements do not apply to registered childminders who are subject to different guidelines and who may collect your child as part of their employment status.)

Meet our Family Support Worker

Hi. My name is Julia Yandle and I work as a Family Support Worker at High Firs; I am here one morning and one afternoon a week. I have worked in the community for many years supporting families with a variety of issues. These have included housing, financial matters, locating community services and strategies for children's behaviour. If you have concerns regarding an issue like these which are affecting your family and would like to discuss it further please do feel able to contact me on 07983 000493 or via the school office. I would be happy to meet and see if I can help in any way.



No dogs, please!

Please may we remind you that for health and safety

reasons dogs are not to be brought onto the school site. Thank you.



Our Newsletter

We will continue to send home our weekly Newsletter every Friday, with lots of information to share, and hope that you will find it a useful resource as well as an interesting read! Copies of the Newsletter are also placed on the school website so you can log on if you lose a copy or if your child is absent and you want to catch up.



School Website



www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk

This is regularly updated with news and information for the whole school and individual classes. Unfortunately, our dates section is a little quieter than usual at the moment due to restrictions on activities!



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Health & Safety

Please may we remind you that:

- We ask parents and children to park and to walk around the local area with consideration for both our neighbours and other families. Please do not block our neighbours' drives when parking or stop on the yellow / zig zag lines.
- The school car park is for staff and visitors' use only at all times of the day; please do not park or drop off in the school's car park.
- All children, including younger siblings, should be closely supervised when on the school site after school and at events. Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment, in other areas of the playground or on our field. Please ensure that distancing is maintained and that you leave the school site as soon as you can. Only one adult per family to collect, please, to reduce the number of people on site.
- Only children in Yr6 are permitted to cycle to & from school, and only if they have successfully attended Kent Rider Safe Cycling training. We do not have facilities for children from other classes to store bikes / scooters on-site during the day. Any parents bringing up bikes / scooters etc for their child to ride home on are asked not to allow their children to do so until they are off the school site. Please remind your child to cycle / scoot with consideration for pedestrians and our neighbours.

School Office

Please remember that letters and dinner money can be handed in via your child and do not need to be brought directly to the school office. Similarly, your child's contact book can also be used to request appointments with staff or passing on of other general information, rather than this going via the office. Thank you.



Postcards

Thank you to the children who sent us postcards over the school holiday - we have loved finding out where you have been! Thank you to: Poppy G, Samuel W, Evie B, Daisy-May LG and Alfie L.



Coming up next week



Reception:

Monday 14th Sept to Thursday 17th Sept - collect between 1.25pm and 1.40pm

Friday 18th September onwards - collect between 2.50pm & 3.20pm (or attend ASC)



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Important Information

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.

We are a **NUT FREE** school - this is **ALL TYPES OF NUTS**. Please can we therefore ask for the support of all our school families in ensuring that none of our children or visitors bring any nuts or nut-based products (eg: Nutella spread / Snickers / nutty cereal bars etc) into school. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to ensure the safety & wellbeing of those members of our school community for whom these products pose a serious risk.



Fever



New cough



Loss of taste or smell

If your child or someone in your household has **any** of these symptoms s/he and the rest of your household **MUST SELF-ISOLATE** – stay at home and arrange for Coronavirus testing to be undertaken.

A cough is a concern if they are coughing a lot for more than an hour, or if they have three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (or if they often have a cough, if it is worse than usual)

Do not return to school until:

- a negative result is received OR
- after 10 days if your child receives a positive result OR
- after 14 days if a member of your household receives a positive result.

Contact the office to report your child's absence as soon as possible and to update us once their test result is received.

If your child is well enough to learn at home they should complete the learning at www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/absencelearning/

HM Government

NHS

From Monday 14 September, you **must not** meet socially in groups of more than 6 in any setting.

This limit will be **enforceable in law**.



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