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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Our teachers shared some of the books and learning their classes have already done at our staff meeting last night and it is clear just how much the children have already learned! Some classes are already on to their second reading text and most of our topic areas are now fully under way. There is a lot in the media about "catching up" and our children (and staff) are working very hard on this - it is clear that our children have come back to school keen to learn new things and they are all making the most of the opportunities on offer. Well done, everyone!

School Council

Congratulations to those children who were nominated by their peers to represent their classes on the School Council:



Our School Council Representatives are:

2	Beatrice G & Ethan
3	Harry F & Jessica T
4	Alby R & Millie W5
5	Taylor C & Aziz H
6	James D & Vivienne

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- * Clark RW -fantastic description in his cloud writing.
- * Albert B - trying hard with phonics.
- * Bobby R - trying hard in all areas of learning.
- * Francesca T - great use of language in giving a character's point of view.
- * Joseph F - fantastic story writing about his lighthouse.
- * Veda T - descriptive and creative writing about the lighthouse.
- * James D - fantastic letter writing.
- * Josh S - brilliant work with rounding and negative numbers.



School Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have been chosen to lead our house teams this year:



2020-2021	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS
BEECH	Charlotte L Harry L	James L Janay C
CHESTNUT	Ruby D Jack M	Alex B Chiana W
OAK	Evelynn C Reuben B	Zak H Carolina G
ASH	Matthew C Nicole K	Josh S Darcie J

Home Learning This Week

Well done to the children who have been recognised for their fantastic home learning this week -

- * Hannah C - super weather pictures.
- * Bella A - lovely pirate flag.
- * Michael C - great pirate sword.
- * Daisy S - super pirate ship.
- * Ella V and Elsie W - fantastic models of stone age houses and writing about how they were made.
- * Chanelle M - amazing scene in a box for "Fantastic Mr Fox"
- * Micah W - well presented facts about lighthouses.
- * Isla S - very interesting research about Charles Darwin.
- * Carolina G - design and choice of evacuee's items in a satchel.
- * Jack M - beautifully presented postcard, poem and periscope.



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	98	98	Ronnie R, Korlekie A, Ella V
CHESTNUT	97	97	Annie-Grace G, Liam S
OAK	82	82	Elijah B
ASH	95	95	Jack B, Emanuela M

In our classes this week

Reception - stayed at school all day today 😊

Year 1 - learned about counting and representing numbers.

Year 2 - found out about what it was like at the seaside in the past.

Year 3 - learned about the properties of rocks.

Year 4 - have started reading "The Iron Man".

Year 5 - learned about Isaac Newton and explored forces using Newton meters.

Year 6 - learned how to make quizzes using powerpoint - on the theme of WW2.



From the governors

The Governors welcome all new children and their parents to the school and hope they have an exciting and interesting time with us. We also look forward to the time when we can come into school to see the brilliant work the children undertake and thank all the teaching, office and cleaning staff for all their hard work to ensure High Firs continues to keep staff and children safe during these unprecedented times.



Harvest Celebration 2020

Our Harvest celebrations will be a little different this year as unfortunately we will be unable to hold our special assembly for parents or to have our lovely display. However, we will be holding a Harvest day in our classes next week and will still be able to undertake our collections of items for AgeUK and Swanley Foodbank. Please send your child into school with your donation on **Wednesday 23rd September**; this should be tinned or packet food only, please. Thank you for your support.



Keep in touch calls

We know how much many of our families appreciated the "keep in touch" calls from teachers during school closure. Bearing in mind that we were unable to hold our "meet the teacher" event last week and that our necessitated changes to drop-off and collection arrangements unfortunately mean that regular contact between teachers and parents is not currently as easy as it used to be, teachers will be resuming this and making calls to parents next week. This will hopefully give parents the chance just to have a quick chat with their child's new class teacher and to catch up on how their child has started in their new class.

Coming up next week



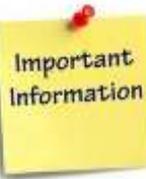
Weds 23 September

Harvest Celebration Day - please send in a donation of tinned or packet food.
Yr6 continuers instrument lessons starting



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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.

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/



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