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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

What a fantastic first few days back in school! It has been so lovely to have ALL of our Yr1-6 classes back and to chat to so many of our parents; thank you for your very positive feedback on the measures that we have put in place. The staff have all been incredibly impressed with how well the children have returned to school and the fantastic learning that they have done already - well done, everyone. Our first Newsletter of the school year is normally a bumper issue so this edition is rather shorter than usual! We will be sending out our routine reminders next week instead once our new Reception children are in school too; class curriculum Newsletters will also be sent out next week.

How to contact us

Although access to our school buildings is restricted we still want to keep in touch with our school parents! Please use the following to contact staff -

- For admin queries - please contact our office: 01322 669721 or office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk
- For admin notes (eg absence or a query that is not urgent) - please write a note in your child's contact book
- To contact your child's teacher - please write a note in your child's contact book or send an email to your child's class email address - this will be in the format yearNUMBER@high-firs.kent.sch.uk where the word NUMBER is replaced with your child's class in **word** (not number) form - eg: ONE. Please note that emails may not be read before school each day so please use the contact book if attention is needed during the school day.

Special Mentions

As we can't meet all together for our usual weekly celebration assemblies at the moment, we will continue to put our special mentions for classes in the Newsletter.

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Nick S: fantastic diary writing
- Liam H: fantastic effort in his learning and a great start back at school.
- Alyah E: a super start at her new school.
- Teddy H: settling back in to school so well.
- Ted B: great sentence work on "Fantastic Mr Fox".
- Taylor C: her very sensible and positive attitude.
- Jackson W: being caring and thoughtful to others in his class.
- Zak H: his detailed explanation of how and why WW2 began and his enthusiasm for the topic.
- Evelyn C: her detailed explanation about why WW2 began and her great positivity about returning to school!



Home Learning

Thank you to all the children who have brought back their fantastic summer Home Learning projects, your teachers are really enjoying looking at them! New weekly tasks are coming home this week.



New arrival!

We are very pleased to be able to share the lovely news with you that Miss Durrant had a baby girl, Felicity Alice, at the end of August.



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Drop-off and Collection

A huge thank you to the vast majority of our parents who are supporting safe drop-off and collection with keeping their distance from others while at the gate and on the playground. Please can all parents ensure that they do wait by the cones as indicated and do not come to the classroom doors. Thank you too to those parents who find a safe space to wait if their line runs out of cones! We know the paths in the local area can be narrow so please can we ask parents to move on as soon as possible and not to wait - thank you for your understanding.

This week has shown that 2.50pm does tend to be a little busier at collection so please consider arriving just a bit later if you would like to - later in the session is definitely quieter! Please be reassured that the children are undertaking learning activities right up until the time that you collect them so please don't worry that they are sitting there doing nothing if you do not pick them up right at the start of the pick-up session!

PE Days

As per the texts sent home this week, children should wear their PE kit to school instead of uniform on the following days:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mondays Wednesdays	Mondays Wednesdays	Tuesdays Thursdays	Tuesdays Thursdays	Tuesdays Thursdays	Thursdays Fridays

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Further to the information sent out in July and over the summer break, due to the current restrictions on numbers and spacing children must not attend Breakfast Club or After School Club unless a place has been booked and confirmed by the school.

The booking forms can be accessed on our website at:

Breakfast Club - <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/bcbookings/>

After School Club - <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/ascbookings/>

"Drop ins" are therefore not currently possible although if you need to book at short notice due to an unforeseen circumstance please contact our office to see if arrangements can be made.

In our classes this week

Year 1 - talked about feelings and emotions.

Year 2 - counted in 2s, 5s & 10s.

Year 3 - learned about the different areas of the United Kingdom.

Year 4 - are enjoying "Fantastic Mr Fox" and have written Mr Fox's diary.

Year 5 - learned to care for themselves and others whilst reading "The Boy, The Mole & The Fox".

Year 6 - read "The Boy, The Mole & The Fox" and made postcards using their favourite quotes.



If your child is away

Government requirements are that children who are absent due to self-isolation but who have no symptoms or children who are recovering but are well enough must undertake missed school learning at home during this period. From next Monday, the school will therefore make available to these children a learning pack and online Oak Academy learning.

Coming up next week

Mon 7 September

Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic: Drop off 1.55-2.10pm
Collect 2.50pm - 3.05pm



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Tues 8 September	Reception start today: 9am-9.15am to 11.45am-12pm
Weds 9 September	Reception: 8.30am-8.55am to 11.45am-12pm First Day for Reception at Breakfast Club if booked
Thurs 10 September	Reception: 8.30am-8.55am to 11.45am-12pm
Fri 11 September	Reception: staying for lunch - collect 1.25pm-1.40pm



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.

COVID 19 - your child MUST remain at home and the school be notified if they or any member of your household show any of the following symptoms: New, continuous cough / high temperature / loss of smell or taste.

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.

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