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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Further to the information posted on the website yesterday, I am pleased to report that a "negative" result was received this morning and that as a result, as per the NHS / government guidelines, I have therefore been able to return to the school site later today. Thank you to those members of the school community who kindly passed on their good wishes.

Staff News

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We are very sorry to say "goodbye" to Mrs Emery after 13 years at High Firs as both a class TA and our Speech & Language TA; she will be much missed. Ms Kelly will be taking over our Speech & Language programmes with the children, working with both NHS and our school commissioned therapists.

Children's Christmas Cards

We know that some of our children are already thinking about writing their Christmas cards to their friends! In order that we can distribute these in a safe way this year related to Covid precautions, please could we ask that all the children follow the following arrangements, which are a little different to usual:



- Cards to be brought into school on **Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th December only.**
- Cards to be written to those **in your child's own class only**, not in other year groups.
- Please label envelopes with recipient's first name and surname
- Each class will have their own postbox this year. The postbox / contents will be isolated between 8th and 16th December, before the cards are distributed by your child's class staff.

Home Learning This Week

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



- Lewis C - brilliant map to school.
- Eliz H - her instructions to make halloumi and olive bread.
- Albert B & Samuel S - made fabulous igloos.
- Bobby R - lots of great home learning.
- Mabel R - a super Roman headdress.
- Lily M - wonderful Charlotte's Web inspired stitching of a word web.
- Jessica A - fantastic orrery and mnemonic to help remember the names and order of the planets.
- Tommy G - great description of his favourite season.
- Grace R - fantastic research and presentation of information about Anne Frank.
- Lewis W - detailed explanation and map about evacuation areas.



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Morgan J - working really hard in his sound group.
- Josue V - fantastic independent writing.
- Bethanie L - working so hard with her story writing.
- Sienna G - working hard in everything she does.
- Ted B - super writing and reading!
- Aziz H and Elija V - their descriptive and detailed non-chronological reports about Pandora.
- Janay C and Mace C - their fantastic efforts and learning in Maths this week.
- Jack L - hard work in all areas this week, and especially Maths.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	90	626	Korley A, Lilly E
CHESTNUT	83	550	Harry M, Annie-Grace G, Lucy B
OAK	88	514	Sadiya M
ASH	92	594	Jack B

In our classes this week

Reception - have learned to use describing words about our characters Supertato and Evil Pea!

Year 1 - have named and identified shapes.

Year 2 - learned about the features of 3d shapes.

Year 3 - learned about Marie Curie.

Year 4 - are finding out about different features of the world map including longitude and latitude.

Year 5 - found out why we have day and night.

Year 6 - are enjoying their new book, "Letters from the Lighthouse".



INSET DAYS
No children in school:
Mon 22nd Feb

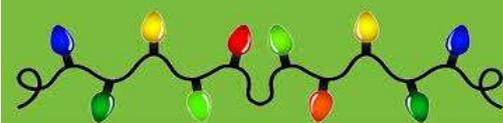
Coming up next week

PE Days

R Friday	1 Monday Wednesday	2 Monday Wednesday
3 Tuesday Thursday	4 Tuesday Thursday	5 Tuesday Thursday
	6 Thursday Friday	

Don't forget to wear your P.E. kit -make sure you are warm enough to go outside!

DECEMBER EVENTS



Information about our events in December will be coming home in next week's Newsletter!



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

The past few months have been quieter than usual for our fantastic Friends Association! Although we are still unable to hold any of our "big events" for the time being, we are pleased to let you know the following updates...

Details of our virtual AGM date and 2020-21 appointments process will be coming soon, along with our 2019-2020 Annual Report & Accounts.

The school are grateful to FHF for their recent donation to the Yr6 World War Two day.

Thank you to all our families who ordered Christmas Cards!

Despite lockdown, Santa is still planning to send presents for all our children – with a little help from his class teacher elves! The children will hopefully be able to do their own Christmas shopping in the Secrets Room too.

Our Christmas Raffle will be going ahead – tickets coming home soon.

Did you know you can donate to FHF at **no extra cost to you** just by doing your usual Amazon shopping?

Just register at

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0> and then access every time via the Amazon Smile site.



STEP ONE Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0>

STEP TWO Confirm Friends of High Firs as your charity

STEP THREE SHOP! 0.5% of your spending will be donated to FHF

STEP FOUR Access your Amazon account via smile.amazon.co.uk every time to donate

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.

NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!



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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/

CAN MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL?

My child has one or more of the symptoms of a common cold:

- Runny Nose*
- Blocked Nose*
- Sore Throat*
- Aches*
- Headache*
- Sneezing*
- Associated cough*

Your child can attend school if they feel well enough.

My child has one or more of these symptoms:

- High Fever / Temperature*
- Loss of Taste / Smell*
- New, continuous, cough*
(prolonged coughing for an hour or more than three episodes in 24 hours)

Your child must stay at home, along with the rest of your household. Arrange for your child to have a Covid test - call 119 or visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Your child must not return to school until they receive a negative test or, if their test is positive, for 10 days. The rest of your household must self-isolate for 14 days; they should only take a test if they also show symptoms.



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