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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

There is definitely a feeling of excitement in the air as the children (and staff) look forward to the upcoming end of term celebrations and holiday activities! The festivities this year will take on different forms to normal for many families but it is good to see that the children are still looking forward to these and are able to take part in what may become new traditions. As well as our Christmas preparations, the children are continuing to learn some exciting topics and it is good to see the progress that they have made this term; teachers will be sharing updated attainment data with you early next term.



**School finishes at 2.50pm to 3.20pm  
on FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**There is no After School Club  
on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Children return to school on MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
at 8am (for Breakfast Club bookings only)  
or 8.30am to 8.55am.**

## January 2021

We are currently reviewing school routines & procedures from January to reflect current changes in advice and regulations with regards to Covid. We will let you know any changes that we will be making in next week's Newsletter.



## Uniform Orders

Uniform orders requested for delivery by the end of this term should be handed in to the office by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, please.

## Outstanding Payments

Please could you ensure any outstanding payments are paid to the school office by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. This will ensure we can close down our accounts in time for the end of term on Friday. Thank you.

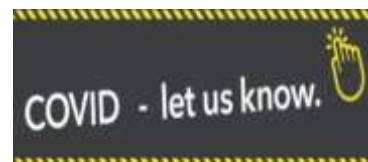
## Notification of symptoms / confirmation of Covid during weekends / holidays

In order to protect our school families, please continue to notify us even throughout the upcoming school holidays (or at weekends during term-time) as soon as any pupils or members of your household / bubble -

- are showing any of the recognised symptoms of Covid-19 and are therefore self-isolating
- are awaiting test outcomes and then the outcomes of the test(s)

This means that we can take prompt action where necessary to safeguard others. To notify out of school hours, please email us at [office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk) as this mailbox will continue to be monitored; please note any other email messages will only be responded to during normal working hours. Alternatively, you can also use the contact form on our website at [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/contact-us/](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/contact-us/)

**The government have reduced the self-isolation period to 10 days from Monday.**



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## The Nativity

Here is our lovely hall display of the story of the Nativity, which all the classes and After School Club have contributed a picture to:



## Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Sadie B - working hard to develop her sound recognition.
- Millie B & Natasha F - super passing & dribbling skills in football!
- Ayotunde O - fantastic learning this week in maths about part & whole models.
- Lottie W - fantastic writing about a bakery.
- Samuel S - focussed & careful learning in Maths.
- Elsie W - working hard and showing lots of focus.
- Isabelle L - great writing about our text "Leon and the Place Between".
- Grace R - fantastic maths this week.



## Home Learning This Week

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

- Ellis A - a supertato creation who even helped out with the school run!
- Ivy C - her beautiful Super Ivy and amazing phonic skills.
- Nick S - fantastic cooking of Christmas tree cookies.
- Honey B & Beatrice G - lovely poems about the Northern Lights.
- Emanuela M - building an amazing catapult!
- Mabel R - always putting in lots of effort.
- Lucy E & Evie B - super presentations about spiders.
- Aziz H - his invention design of an electric Christmas tree.
- Akash S - for super space art work.
- Matthew C - for his information about evacuation.
- Janay C - for her powerpoint about Anne Frank.



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### In our classes this week

Reception - are acting out the Nativity!

Year 1 - used chalk and charcoal to create winter bear pictures.

Year 2 - compared and counted money.

Year 3 - wrote their own stories about Roman Gods.

Year 4 - enjoyed their book "Leon and the Place Between".

Year 5 - learned about the phases of the moon.

Year 6 - wrote newspaper articles about the plane crash from the class text "Letters from the Lighthouse".



### Coming up next week

Mon 14 December

FHF Raffle Draw  
Secrets Room

Tues 15 December

Christmas Picnic Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 18 December

End of Term  
No After School Club

**INSET DAYS**  
No children in  
school:  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb



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 or 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/](http://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](http://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 10 days; they should only take a test if they also show symptoms.



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# CHRISTMAS AT HIGH FIRS – updates 11.12.2020

## FHF Raffle Draw - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets; the draw will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - winners will be contacted about how to collect their prizes.



## Secrets Room - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The children will have the opportunity to buy a maximum of **TWO** gifts for their family in our special Secrets Room. Gifts are for adults and/or children, they will be wrapped and the children can write their own labels. Gifts are a **maximum of £2 each**. If your child would like to take part, please send them to school on the 14<sup>th</sup> with £2 (1 gift) or £4 (2 gifts) and a carrier bag with your child's name on. We are sorry that the number of presents available to buy has been reduced this year but we are sure that you understand that the elves have been unable to make as many as normal...

## Christmas Packed Lunch - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Our school catering team will be preparing a special Christmas Packed Lunch on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Bookings for this have now closed.



## Own Clothes / Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

As part of the festive fun for our Christmas Packed Lunch day, all the children can wear their "own clothes" to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - why not wear your favourite Christmas or Winter Jumper!

## Presents from Santa

Santa sadly won't be able to visit our school in person this year but he has arranged for his teacher elves to help with presents for the children. These will be distributed before the end of term. There is no charge to receive a gift this year - thank you to FHF for their support.



## Performances

We will let you know details for how to access our class presentations / performances at the end of next week.

## HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	93	866	Aziz H, Jack M
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	122	737	Amie S, Jake R, Alex B, Alan Z
<b>OAK</b>	62	654	Elijah B
<b>ASH</b>	81	757	Elija V, Veda T, Teddy H



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 <b>CHILDREN'S CENTRE</b> <b>NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020</b> <b>TIMETABLE</b> 	
<b>Mondays</b>   	<b>Stay and Play with Katy 10-10.30</b> Live on Sevenoaks District Children's Centre Facebook page. <b>Baby Group with Frances 1.30-2.00</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book. <b>Time to Talk 12.30-1.00</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book.
<b>Tuesdays</b>  	<b>Storysacks with Sophie, Frances, Elizabeth &amp; Katy 10-10.30</b> Live on Sevenoaks District Children's Centre Facebook page. Activity videos posted on Facebook Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. <b>Healthy Lunches with Katy 11.30-12</b> Healthy lunch ideas posted on Sevenoaks District Children's Centre Facebook page
<b>Wednesdays</b>  	<b>Virtual Rhyme Time with Sophie &amp; Karen 10-10.30.</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book. <b>Time to Talk 12.30-1.00</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book.
<b>Thursdays</b> 	<b>Little Scientists with Frances 1.30</b> Fun science experiments posted on Sevenoaks District Children's Centre Facebook page at 1.30pm.
<b>Fridays</b>  	<b>Virtual Rhyme Time with Elizabeth &amp; Katy 10-10.30.</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book. <b>Time to Talk 12.30-1.00</b> Delivered over Microsoft Teams. Email Swanley Children's Centre to book.

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