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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

What a lovely week having all the children back in school! It has been great to see them all and to catch up on the news from the different classes. Attendance has been brilliant and we are looking forward to a busy few weeks before the Easter break.

## Walk to School Week

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve your and your children's health. It's also free, great for the environment, and social. 90% of parents who walk their children to school recognise the journey's importance for them to socialise with their children. Over a third stated that the journey to school is where they find out the most about their child's life. (Info from [www.livingstreets.co.uk](http://www.livingstreets.co.uk)) We are also always keen to find ways in which to ease congestion in our local roads and to minimise the inconvenience of "the school run" to our neighbours.

**To support this, we are asking all our children to take part in WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK next week from 15th to 19th March!**

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day next week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school!

Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, our staff will not be able to meet the children this time to walk with them.



## Book Fair

Visit our **Scholastic Book Club** at:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/high-firs/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

**For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.** Please place your order online by 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Your books will then be delivered to school.

World Book Day vouchers are also coming home today 😊

## Science Week

Next week in school, we are going to celebrate British Science by taking part in lots of activities to inspire the children. Each class will complete a variety of Science tasks and experiments throughout the week. These may include making the biggest bubble, launching water rockets, solving a crime scene investigation and many others. We hope this will give the children a chance to question and investigate and to understand the importance of Science.



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### Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations are due to be held w/b 22nd March. Due to the continuing restrictions, we are intending to hold these by telephone as we did in October. **Please follow the link on the text you have been sent or access via class pages at [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk) to request your appointment time by Weds 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

Calls will be made by appointment, as you would normally make your face-to-face appointments. Calls will be for a maximum of 10 minutes and will offer parents the chance to discuss their child's return to school, progress and well-being, as well as to raise any concerns you may have and for teachers to let you know about their future targets.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with access to children's books at this time but we will be sending home a sample of their learning to you so you can see some of what they have been doing since their return. Data sheets showing your child's assessed attainment for this term will then also be sent home after the Easter break.

Please complete the form with at least three preferences of time slots for your child; we will try to give you the appointment time you have requested but certain times may be oversubscribed. Please note that different classes have different time allocations and so if you have children in other classes you will need to complete the separate form for each class. We will get back to you to confirm your appointment time nearer the time.



### Red Nose Day

Next **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**, is Red Nose Day. We aren't planning any "official" activities as we are already busy with this week's Book Character Dress-Up Day, Science Week and Walk to School Week but children are welcome to wear their Comic Relief Red Nose to school on Friday if they have one to show their support for the charity.

### Parking

We have only been back at school for less than a week and it is very disappointing to report that we are already receiving complaints from our neighbours about parents parking over their driveways. We know this does not apply to the vast majority of our school community but can we please remind everyone driving to school to park with consideration. Thank you.

### Special Mentions

- Morgan J - super listening and following instructions
- Edward S- amazing reading this week!
- Sadiya M - trying really hard with her reading.
- Josue P - for applying phase 5 sounds in his writing.
- Poppy G & Alyah E - improvements in their handwriting.
- Walter A - great home learning & presentation.
- Jack M - a really good week!
- Isabelle Z - a lovely piece of Viking embroidery.
- Evie B - for super singing!
- Ruby Ba - being such a very good and kind friend.
- Sunni LH - her detailed description of her sky-ship.
- Kyla T - for her good use of vocabulary when creating an explorer's survival kit!
- James D - super problem-solving with measures.
- Charlotte P - great work on her maths.



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### In our classes this week

Reception - found out about who works in the circus.

Year 1 - learned to measure using a ruler.

Year 2 - practised joining their handwriting.

Year 3 - investigated transparent, translucent & opaque.

Year 4 - made their own "Top Trumps" about volcanoes!

Year 5 - learned about the life of Sir Edmund Hillary.

Year 6 - found out about inheritance - with the Mr Men!



Help protect your family and our school community:

**BOOK REGULAR SYMPTOM-FREE COVID TESTS**

Book your test now at:

<https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	35	1432	Harrison, Sienna, Harry L
CHESTNUT	17	1395	Chiana, Liam S, Annie-Grace
OAK	20	1171	Walter
ASH	23	1214	Teddy H, Mabel, Jack B

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

**Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Friends of High Firs to be held on MONDAY 29TH MARCH at 7pm.**

*All parents/guardians and staff are invited to join the meeting, which will be held on Zoom.*

### Agenda:

1. Annual Review and approval of accounts 2019-20
2. 2020-21 so far and future plans
3. Election of Executive Committee members (Trustees and identified roles, including Chair)
4. Appointment of President
5. Appointment of class and staff representatives
6. Any other business

Please visit [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/friends-of-high-firs](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/friends-of-high-firs) to read the Annual Review & Accounts, make a nomination and to register for the link to attend the meeting. Nominations & registrations to be made by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



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### Coming up next week

Walk to School Week – children will get a house point every day that they walk to school.

**INSET DAYS**  
No children in school:

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July

Science Week

Weds 17 March

Deadline for FHF Nominations

Deadline for return of consultation requests

Friday 19 March

Red Nose Day – children may wear a

“Comic Relief” red nose if they have one!

**\*\* PE days have changed for some classes for the rest of term! \*\***  
Please check below:

**PE Days**

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

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

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.

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THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!



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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