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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

One more weekend and then back to school for all our children! My thanks, once again, to the parents for all your support with home lessons and to all the staff who have worked so hard to teach & support all the children - working at both home AND in school. Our children have been absolute stars and we're really looking forward to having you all back. Return to school information was in last week's Newsletter so please do refer to this if you have any queries. SEE YOU MONDAY!

Book Week

Next week is Book Week. As part of this, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character on Friday 12th March. World Book Day vouchers will be sent home next week too and can be used for our online Book Fair.



Learning copies

If your child has school-set learning that they have been doing at home that has not been emailed to teachers then this can be brought in to school on Monday. Learning which has been emailed has been digitally stored so paper copies are not needed.

Covid-19 Testing for school households

As part of the government's return to school plan, **adults in all households with primary children are asked to have a symptom-free Covid-19 test on a regular basis.** Primary schools are not expected to test pupils or their families in school. Instead, adults are asked to use our local testing centre which is at Swanley Youth Hub, St Mary's Road. More information & booking details are available here: <https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

If you are unable to attend the site for testing, home kits can be ordered here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> Please do consider having these tests frequently in order to help safeguard your own family and our school community. Thank you.

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>

GET READY FOR THE
Book Fair

The Virtual School Book Fair will be live
from **today** until **22nd March**

Visit:
<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/high-firs/digital-book-club>

Book Fair

Unfortunately, the Book Fair can't come to us this year because of current restrictions - but you can still access online and make orders until 22nd March.

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 22nd March. Your books will then be delivered to school.



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:



- Natasha F - fantastic reading
- Millie B & Oliver MB - super tricky word bowling!
- Demi B - sustained effort in all areas of learning.
- Ellie R, Faye R, Poppy C, Smilte M & Emelia S - perseverance and commitment to learning.
- Lilly E & Samuel S - writing fantastic letters in role as Paddington Bear.
- Grace F - working hard on maths tasks.
- Alfie L - being brave!
- Benjamin A - a brilliant Viking letter
- Jack B - continued enthusiasm for learning.
- Thomas D - a great family tree in French.
- Elliott & Ruby Bu - teaching Miss Rennie some fantastic new facts about Volcanoes.
- Elija V & Eliza RW - detailed descriptions of the main characters from "Brightstorm".
- Ruby D - her excellent weather report for the Amazon rainforest.
- Carolina G - super work converting measures in Maths.

Watch this week's Special Mentions and celebrations in Mr Turtle's online assembly at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S6gV3XfrSw2ILYNbXYXPTPj-bpBNbsOi/view?usp=sharing>

In our classes this week

Reception - learned about the seasons.

Year 1 - measured using cubes, hands and paper cups.

Year 2 - learned to write letters.

Year 3 - investigated reflection.

Year 4 - are really enjoying reading "The Firework Maker's Daughter".

Year 5 - found out how the heart pumps blood around the body.

Year 6 - we wrote our own chapter for our class book "The Explorer".

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	82	1397	Chanelle M, Lilly E, Aayden C
CHESTNUT	100	1378	Chiana W, Ezra W, Ellie R, Faye R
OAK	62	1151	Reuben B, Elijah B, Smilte M
ASH	68	1191	Akash S, Jessica A, Emanuela M



Coming up next week

Monday 8th – Back to school ☺

Friday 12th – Dress up for Book Day

INSET DAYS

No children in school:

Fri 28th May

Fri 9th July

PE Days

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

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



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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 (in summary - please see more information on some items below):

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 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 17th March.



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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