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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

We have had a fun and sunny end to another busy term! The children all enjoyed taking part in their Spring Trail yesterday and it was great to see so many of them taking part in today's competition. I know that lots of you are looking forward to some park and garden catch-ups with friends and family over the holiday, particularly if you have not been able to see them in recent months; I hope you all enjoy your well-deserved break.

## March Attendance

Well done to our classes on their attendance since returning to school in March; figures are below and do NOT include any Covid-related absences. Our Reception children are the winners and will have a special treat day next term! Well done to Year 4 too for being a very close second place!

Reception - 98.5%

Year 4 - 98.1%

Year 2 - 97.0%

Year 5 - 97.5%

Year 6 - 97.4%

Year 3 - 96.0%

Year 1 - 94.5%



## Online payments

We are pleased to let you know that that we have recently registered for the online school payment system **School Money**. This means that you will soon have the facility to make payments for school expenses such as trips, uniform purchases and Breakfast Club & After School Club online with your debit or credit card. (Please note school lunches can **not** be paid for using this facility as they are provided by an external provider.) This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent; not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home but you will also be able to access your account to check your payments paid and due. School Money will enable us to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment system in a secure and safe environment. School Money runs through the same secure portal as our text system. Early in the Summer Term we will be emailing you with further information and your own dedicated password which will give you access to your own School Money account; if you do not already have an email address registered then please contact the office at [office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk)



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### Easter Bonnet / Spring Hat Day

Well done to all the children who took part and made such fantastic bonnets and hats!

The teachers have chosen for special mentions -

R: Kenzie, Edward S & Beatrice

1: Daisy & Hannah

2: Lilly & Ethan

3: Elijah & Liam

4: Eloise & Alby

5: Daisy-May & Daniele

6: Evelyn & Matthew



### Covid notifications

Please continue to let us know over the break by emailing [office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk) if your child or other member of your household / bubble tests positive for Covid-19. The office email address will be monitored regularly for this purpose only; other emails will be responded to on return to school.

### SPRING TERM Special Mentions

Our Special Mentions this week are for achievement throughout all of the Spring Term -  
Edy O - for his brilliant enthusiasm to all of our learning and working so hard to develop his vocabulary.

Oliver M - for his super progress, especially in his writing and continued commitment to learning throughout home learning.

Sadiya M - for her huge improvement in her phonics this term which is also apparent in her written work.

Evie T - for her continuous effort in both Maths and English which has shown a great improvement this term.

Josue P - For his attitude to learning in all subjects, he is always polite to both his peers and adults.

Bethanie L - for trying so hard in all areas of learning.

Lilly E - fantastic effort in all areas of learning and especially her fantastic writing.

Sienna G - for fantastic effort throughout the term, particularly during lockdown learning.

Jack M - for improved focus, perseverance and independence in his learning.

Elliot M - for his fantastic commitment to all areas of learning - at home and in school.

Olivia G - for always working hard (at home and at school) in all areas of learning.

Tristan W - for working hard to improve in all areas this term.

Kyla T - for her efforts in all areas of the curriculum.

Chiana W - for working so hard all term and always listening to feedback which she then uses to improve her work.

Lewis W - for all his hard work this term, both at home and back in school. Lewis has worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum, especially with his maths and writing.

Alex B - Alex has worked really hard this term and she tries her best with everything she does. She always goes above and beyond to make sure her work is the best it can be.



### HOUSE POINTS

|          | This Week | Term Total | Top Scorers this week  |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------------------|
| BEECH    | 66        | 1709       | Charlotte L, James L   |
| CHESTNUT | 49        | 1653       | Alex B, Isabelle Z     |
| OAK      | 39        | 1378       | Carolina G, Vivienne V |
| ASH      | 27        | 1433       | Jack B, Emanuela M     |

WELL DONE  
BEECH!  
House Points  
Winners for  
the Spring Term.



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# Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Many thanks to everyone who attended the virtual FHF AGM on Monday evening. We are pleased to confirm the following appointments:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Chair</b>                | Derya Halil   |
| <b>Deputy Chair</b>         | Sam Officer   |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Jo Almeida  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | Jane Croxton  |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety</b>  | Brian Bunning   |
| <b>Other Trustees</b>       | Lisa Ellis, Emma Walford, Gemma Sayers                                      |
| <b>President</b>            | Mr C Turtle   |
| <b>Staff Representative</b> | Miss C Rennie   |
| <b>Rec Class Reps</b>       | Charlotte Johnson   |
| <b>Yr1 Class Reps</b>       | Kerry Cattermole, Jo Roper  |
| <b>Yr2 Class Reps</b>       | Jesal Trivedi   |
| <b>Yr3 Class Reps</b>       | Holly Bunning   |
| <b>Yr4 Class Reps</b>       | Rachel Baynton, Lisa Ellis, Charlotte Tiller, Natalie Elliott, Gemma Sayers |
| <b>Yr5 Class Reps</b>       | Jo Almeida, Lisa Spokes   |
| <b>Yr6 Class Reps</b>       | Sarah Larkby, Emma Walford  |

More class reps are always needed so do get in touch if you would like to volunteer!

Our next committee meeting, when we will be planning our events for the rest of this year, will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**. The Zoom link will be sent to all of our representatives above but everyone is welcome to attend so if you would like to join the meeting please let us know by emailing [friends@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@high-firs.kent.sch.uk)



**INSET DAYS**

**No children in school:**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July

## Coming up

Spring Break starts today 😊

We come back to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

PE dates will be confirmed by text.



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