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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

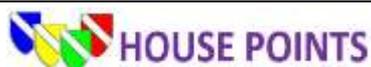
Thank you to the parents for your support with yesterday's school closure due to polling; the children have enjoyed sharing their learning on their return to school today. Today's assembly focussed on VE Day and again a number of the children have shared their memories of the special garden parties and other events that took place last year on the special Bank Holiday for the 75th anniversary, despite it being early in full lockdown.

I wrote to you in November last year to let you know of my decision to retire at the end of the 2020-21 school year and this week's Newsletter includes information overleaf from the governors that an offer of the post of new Headteacher of our school has been made to Mr Andrew Kilbride. I wish him well with his new appointment; it has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to be the Headteacher at High Firs for the past 18 years and Mr Kilbride is very fortunate to be joining such a fantastic community of pupils, staff and parents in September.

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions (for in school and learning at home) go to:

- Ellis A - always trying so hard in all our learning challenges.
- Lennie J - brilliant Siberian husky fact-file with brilliant independent writing.
- Kenzie E - an informative book review with great independent writing.
- Sadiya M - improvement in writing and applying her phonics knowledge.
- Maisie K and Eliz H - their fantastic miniature gardens.
- Bethanie L - working so hard in phonics.
- Harrison C - an excellent Science leaflet about "How to look after a dog".
- Elsie W - having a really positive attitude to learning and active contributions in lessons.
- Sienna G - creating a super telling the time Bingo game.
- Lucy E - good explanation of how to use dashes.
- George V - a good poster presentation about the River Nile.
- Jackson W - fantastic facts about Greece.
- Jessica A - a lovely description of the objects, people and places that are important to her.
- Jacob CB - creative use of inference to write a conversation between two characters.
- Skye K - her interesting description of a character's emotions.
- Harry L - a super playscript about the Battle of Bosworth.
- Lucy B - super storm description using extended sentences.



It's a rollover! Due to the short time in school this week we will add our House Points on to next week's.



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In our classes this week

- Reception - found out about the different animals that live in Malaysia.
- Year 1 - learned about arrays in Maths.
- Year 2 - used the drama technique of "hot seating".
- Year 3 - solved fraction problems
- Year 4 - learned to draw like an Egyptian!
- Year 5 - used "show don't tell" sentences to describe emotions.
- Year 6 - practised their algebra!



From the Governing Body - New Headteacher Appointment

Dear Parents

As you know Mr Turtle will be leaving High Firs at the end of the academic year; we thank him wholeheartedly for his years of dedicated and excellent service to the school.



Last week we undertook the process to appoint our new Headteacher from September; it was a very gruelling two days for both the governing body and the candidates. The candidates had many tasks to complete to assess their capacity to lead such a wonderful school as High Firs and to take it further ahead on its journey.

After a great deal of deliberation, I am pleased to let you know that the post has been offered to Mr Andrew Kilbride.

Mr Kilbride is currently a serving Headteacher with a track record of continuing school improvement. Mr Kilbride performed very well during the two-day interview process and demonstrated the skill set the governing body is looking for, and which was evident in the results from the staff, parent and pupil surveys.

I am sure you will join us in welcoming him to our school in September.

High Firs Governing Body



No children in school:
Fri 28th May (INSET)
Fri 9th July (INSET)

Coming up next week

PE Days

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

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



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