



18th June 2021

High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Court Crescent, Swanley, Kent BR8 8NR Tel: 01322 669721 Fax: 01322 615997

Visit our school website at www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk

Message from Mr Turtle

It has definitely been a sporting week at High Firs! The children continue to enjoy supporting their class Euro teams - and sharing some fantastic facts and statistics about them. Lots of the children I know are looking forward to the England match this evening so fingers crossed for a good outcome! We also held our KS1 Sports Activity Day on Wednesday and our younger classes are all to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and sporting achievements.

Staff News

We will be saying farewell to one of our TAs, Mrs Halil, from 9th July and our Premises Supervisor & Cleaner, Mrs Madden, from the end of August. We wish them both all the very best and say a big "thank you" for all their hard work during their time at High Firs. We are also very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Greenaway as she has decided to retire at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Greenaway has taught at High Firs for more than twenty years and as one of our regular cover teachers it is probably true to say she has taught just about all of our pupils in this time! We wish her a very happy and long retirement - it is very much deserved!

STAFF NEWS



KS1 Sports Activities Day

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a great time on Wednesday taking part in their Sports Activities. Congratulations to **OAK** who were the winners overall.

	Rec	Yr1	Yr2	Total
BEECH	80	63	73	216
CHESTNUT	64	69	63	196
OAK	74	58	48	180
ASH	62	63	66	191

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Emily S - for great engagement with our poetry this week.
- Millie B - super illustration and description about her sea shell.
- Ayotunde O, Hannah C, Smilte M, Scarlett T & Ellie R - fantastic spellings of tricky Phase 5 words.
- Thomas H - completing some fantastic home learning counting in 5s and recognising coins.
- Isabella T - great creative writing describing a new creature.
- Jessica T - excellent efforts with story writing this week.
- Lacey G - always trying so hard with home learning.
- Olivia G - great picture and facts about the Titanic.
- Mickey L - super letter as written by a member of the crew on the Titanic.
- Kamila B & Jake R - for their determination when faced with the challenges of building a Trojan horse!
- Isla S - fantastic poster about Spain.
- Elijah V - super fact file about Finland.
- Zak H - great newspaper report writing.
- Matthew C - excellent work with ratio.
- Harry L - his amazing work on our Euro countries.



Achieving more together





In our classes this week

Reception - wrote poems about sharks.

Year 1 - partitioned numbers to 100.

Year 2 - investigated habitats and identified different types of grass & plants.

Year 3 - learned about the parts of a plant and their functions.

Year 4 - have really enjoyed exploring the Titanic.

Year 5 - learned about the battle of Marathon.

Year 6 - wrote newspaper reports based on Macbeth.

KS2 PE Activity Days

Our KS2 children unfortunately did not get the chance to take part in their sports activities on Thursday due to the dramatic change in the weather! Next week looks a little unsettled too so rather than setting another date for all the classes we intend to give the children the chance to take part on one of their "normal" PE days when the weather and field conditions allow!

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	119	592	James L, Harry L, Korlekie A, Josue V
CHESTNUT	115	580	Ruby D, Lucy B, Grace R, Liam S
OAK	112	554	Zak H
ASH	110	553	Teddy H, Matthew C

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant, Breakfast Club Supervisor, Premises Supervisor and Cleaner. More information is available at: <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

Cancelled dates

Following advice from Kent County Council following the extension of national restrictions, we have reluctantly had to cancel our Sharing Assemblies, Reception Pop In & Play and new Reception transition events. We will let you know any further changes as soon as we can.



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

Coming up next week

PE Days

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

Don't forget to wear your P.E. kit!



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.



Achieving more together



We are a **NUT FREE** school - this is **ALL TYPES OF NUTS**. Please can we the support of all our school families in ensuring that none of our children or visitors nut-based products (eg: Nutella spread / Snickers / nutty cereal bars etc) into for your understanding and support in helping to ensure the safety & wellbeing of our school community for whom these products pose a serious risk.

NUT FREE



therefore ask for bring any nuts or school. Thank you those members of

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Did you know you can donate to FHF **at no extra cost to you** just by doing your usual Amazon shopping? Just register at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0> and then access every time via the Amazon Smile site. We have raised **£39.60** in the past three months via Amazon Smile use – thank you to everyone who has registered.



- STEP ONE** Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0>
- STEP TWO** Confirm Friends of High Firs as your charity
- STEP THREE** SHOP! 0.5% of your spending will be donated to FHF
- STEP FOUR** Access your Amazon account via smile.amazon.co.uk every time to donate



Achieving more together





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/



Achieving more together

