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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

There may be less than three weeks left to the end of term but our classes are still very busy and enjoying their learning! It is great to see the children's continued enthusiasm. For those of you who are following England at the Euros - good luck for tomorrow!



Class Allocations 2021-22

We are pleased to be able to confirm the class allocations for the new academic year from September:

- Reception - Mrs Everest
- Year 1 - Mrs O'Dwyer & Miss Allen
- Year 2 - Mrs Ford
- Year 3 - Miss Selby
- Year 4 - Mrs Payne
- Year 5 - Mrs McCabe & Miss Rennie
- Year 6 - Miss Allin

We are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Durrant and Mrs O'Dwyer from their maternity leave. Miss Durrant will be working with Mrs Everest in our Reception class and also providing other teacher cover. Mrs Bridle will also continue to provide teacher cover.

Miss Allen will be starting maternity leave sometime in the Autumn Term - the actual date of this will depend on updated government advice for pregnant staff in light of changes to Covid restrictions. Once these are confirmed we will then be able to let you know further arrangements for our Year 1 class.

RETIREMENT

After more than 20 years of dedicated service to High Firs, we are wishing Mr Turtle a very happy retirement.

High Firs families, staff and friends, past and present, are invited to pop by to school to give him a send-off to remember on

Wednesday 21st July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

We hope that you can join us to share your memories, pass on your thanks, catch-up and wish him a long & happy well-deserved retirement.

Further information & RSVP:
retirement@high-firs.kent.sch.uk
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Do you have any memories or photos of Mr Turtle that you would like to share? These can be emailed to the address above or drop them in.

We look forward to seeing you!

Staff News

As well as the lovely news that Miss Allen will be having a baby at the end of the year, we are saying "congratulations" to Ms Bailey, who has a lovely new grandson!

We are sorry to let you know that Ms McMahon from our TA team will be leaving us later this month; she will be much missed and we send her off with our very best wishes and thanks.

Message from Mr Kilbride

Our new Headteacher, Mr Kilbride, has recorded a video message for you all! It will be published on our homepage at www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk later today.



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:



- Beatrice J - super counting in 2s.
- Millie B - brilliant colourful semantics sentences.
- Oliver MB - super story book about his friends.
- Lennie J - his "magic shell" wish to go on holiday, and fantastic phonics.
- Ivy C - super counting in pairs.
- Natasha F - beautiful treasure map with clues.
- Scarlett T - using time connectives in her writing.
- Lilia G - good recognition of money.
- Selena L, Tunde A & Evie T - fantastic understanding of money.
- Poppy C & Smilte M - amazing castles!
- Holly P & Bethanie L - working really hard in maths.
- Beatrice G - a fabulous presentation about Austria.
- Bradley S - for his classification grid.
- Jack B - improved time management when completing his writing tasks!
- Thomas D - great research about endangered animals.
- Ted B - super efforts in Maths this week.
- Lucy E & Joshua E - excellent newspaper reports about "The Titanic" sinking.
- Tommy G & Isla S - fantastic sewing skills.
- Taylor C - a thoughtful reflection.
- Rama E - detailed artwork of a mythical creature.
- Evelynn C - great sportsmanship and support of other team members during Sports Day events.
- Darcie J - a lovely flower-themed leavers' poem.
- Jack L - super work on Tudor children.

In our classes this week

- Reception - helped Captain Hook count in twos!
- Year 1 - learned about different types of money.
- Year 2 - solved two-step maths problems.
- Year 3 - designed and made their own rainforest homes.
- Year 4 - found out about different rivers and seas in the UK.
- Year 5 - have been orienteering!
- Year 6 - made animations using Scratch.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	51	781	Harry L, Jimmy L
CHESTNUT	52	777	Alex B, Jack M
OAK	41	714	Reuben B, Tommy G, Poppy C, Lilly G
ASH	49	743	Nicholas S, Scarlett T



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Due to the continuation of restrictions, the proposed meeting on Wednesday 7th July has been cancelled. Our next meeting will therefore be in the Autumn Term – we will confirm the date nearer the time.



Coming up next week

Friday 9th July – INSET day: staff only in school.



PE Days wb:5th July

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS
4	3	1	R
5	4	2	1
6	6	5	2
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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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