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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Turtle

There are a few tired faces around the school today after yesterday's late finish of the England / Denmark game! The children (and staff) are excitedly looking forward to the outcome of the final on Sunday - particularly our Reception and Year 4 classes who have England and Italy respectively in the school ballot. Whichever team you are cheering on - good luck!

## Year 6

Miss Allin will be emailing out information to Year 6 parents tomorrow with further details about Activity Week (for those children not attending the Blackland Farm residential) and their leavers' arrangements for w/b 19<sup>th</sup> July, including the assembly on 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Mr Turtle's farewell celebration

Just to confirm that the farewell celebration for Mr Turtle on 21<sup>st</sup> July between 3.30pm and 6.30pm is a drop-in so visitors are welcome at any time and don't have to attend for the whole three hours! We know that most of our families will choose to say their cheerios on the way home on Wednesday and that's fine 😊 Our apologies for any confusion.

## Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Lewis C - brilliant sound recognition.
- Athena M - brilliant drawing and labelling.
- Tilly F - super diary entry about the day in the life of Zog.
- Nick S - showing good understanding of the order of the months of the year.
- Emelia S, Daisy S, Morgan W - fantastic 3d castles.
- Harrison C - working hard in all learning and especially his times tables.
- Agnish S - great understanding of fractions.
- Albert B - giving good advice about how to look after a dog.
- Michael C - a good classification key.
- Sam W - being such a kind friend.
- Mickey L & Ted B - great independent learning in Maths.
- Lauren Mc & Amie S - always working their best.
- Nicole K - super animation using Scratch.
- Charlotte L - an excellent haunted house animation.



## In our classes this week

Reception - learned how to double a number and record in a number sentence.

Year 1 - found out facts about Queen Victoria.

Year 2 - learned to shade different fractions of shapes.

Year 3 - located tropical regions around the world.

Year 4 - have been enjoying the adventure story "Nim's Island".

Year 5 - are reading "Leo and the gorgon's curse".

Year 6 - solved maths problems to escape!

## House points

House points are now top secret as we come towards the end of the school year! Keep working hard to gain those points and see if your house wins the cup w/b 19<sup>th</sup> July...



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## **This year's Reading Challenge**

Lots of our children enjoy taking part every summer in the Reading Challenge at Swanley Library. We have received the information below about this year's challenge from Mandy, one of our KCC librarians:

### ***Summer Reading Challenge is back!***

*Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in all Kent's libraries this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 will start on 10<sup>th</sup> July & will continue to run through the summer, finishing on 11th September.*

*The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as supporting parents and carers with children already at home. And it's completely free! Wild World Heroes is the theme for 2021 - in partnership with the WWF, this Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children and their families to stand up for the planet.*

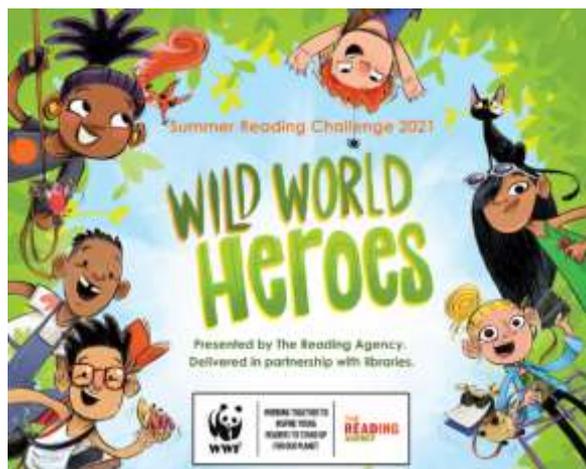
*Children will join the Wild World Heroes characters as they head to Wilderville, for an exciting adventure in making the town even better for the people and animals that live there. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.*

*Wild World Heroes will feature bespoke artwork from children's author and illustrator, Heath McKenzie and will celebrate adventure, environment, reading and fun!*

*As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> . Once completed, children (whether library members or not) can visit the library for their medal and certificate.*

*The Summer Reading Challenge has been shown to help encourage children to continue their reading over the summer and we would love your help in supporting as many children to take part as possible. Visits to the library have been shown to boost children's participation over the summer.*

*All schools are also invited to join in with our friendly Sevenoaks District School League competition, which will be updated weekly on our Sevenoaks Libraries Facebook page and in our libraries. In September, we tally up the numbers of children who have completed the Challenge by physically visiting the library (unfortunately, we're unable to include any children who participate digitally in our tallies). The school with the highest percentage of students completing the challenge by September is awarded a special district school trophy in the Autumn term. Please note that this is worked out proportionally to the number of students in each school, so smaller schools are not at a disadvantage!*



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### Coming up -

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day: no children in school

No children in school:  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July (INSET)

**PE Days wb:12<sup>th</sup> July**

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
	3	1	R	R
5	4	2	1	4
	6	5	2	6
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WB 12<sup>th</sup> July - Yr6 residential to Blackland Farm



### 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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