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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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Visit our school website at [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk)

## Message from Mr Kilbride

One full week into the school year and my overriding impression is what a happy community of children we have who are kind and polite and seem to take everything in their stride. As you will see below the children have now chosen school councillors who were presented with their badges in assembly this morning – well done to them! I have been delighted to see so many of you in attendance at our Meet The Teacher sessions too this week – I hope you found them beneficial. Again, below is information about how you can get up to speed if you could not make it. Today we welcomed our new Reception children into school and they had a terrific time playing and exploring the Reception classroom and outdoor area. Finally, you will see that I have put two slots below for ‘Parent Forum’ meetings. These are an opportunity for you to come and meet with me, share what you value most about school and any ideas that you have for the future.

## Starting High Firs – Reception 2022

Although the new academic year has only just started, we are already looking ahead to our new Reception children starting in September 2022! Parents with a child due to start school next year (children born 1.9.2017 to 31.8.2018) are warmly invited to visit our school for a welcome meeting and tour during one of the following sessions:

**Tuesday 2nd November at 9.30am**

**Monday 8th November at 11am**

**Monday 15th November at 5.30pm**

There will also be a craft / play activity session for prospective parents & pre-school children on **Thursday 2nd December at 2pm**. Please do also pass this information on to those friends or family who may be considering applying for a place at High Firs for their child. To attend a tour and/or the Craft Afternoon, please book using the form on our website at:

<http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/admissions-transfer-to-secondary-school/>



## Class information on website

We hope that those parents who were able to attend this week’s “Meet the Teacher” meetings found the sessions useful. A copy of the presentations from the meetings will be put on the class pages of the website shortly for your information. On the class pages you will also be able to find copies of the class curriculum newsletters and Learning Logs for this term, as well as any other information shared by your class teacher. To access, visit [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk) and click on the “Classes” tab.

## PE kit

Now that the children are keeping their PE clothes in school we do appreciate that you may still wish to wash their kit more regularly than once every half-term! If that is the case please do just let your child know to bring their bag home; please can you return it to school as soon as possible as PE days do sometimes change so kits should be in school every day.



## Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following class assemblies taking place this term:

- Reception – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.15pm (Pop In & Play and Sharing Time)
- Year 1 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am
- Year 2 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am
- Year 3 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am
- Year 4 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am
- Year 5 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am
- Year 6 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm

You are also invited to join us for the following assemblies for parents of children in all classes:

- Harvest – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15am (followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning)

# CLASS ASSEMBLIES



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- Remembrance - Thursday 11th November at 10.40am

### Class emails

Class emails are still available for you to use to contact your child's teacher. These will be monitored regularly but please bear in mind that our teachers have a full-day teaching commitment and so they may not be checked at set times or seen before school each day so the contact book is a better method of communication if your message is time-restricted. Due to safeguarding measures emails should only be sent from a parent's email address rather than the child's own if they have one. Our class email addresses are:

Reception – reception@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 1 – yearone@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 2 – yeartwo@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 3 – yearthree@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 4 – yearfour@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 5 – yearfive@high-firs.kent.sch.uk  
 Year 6 – yearsix@high-firs.kent.sch.uk

### School Council

Well done to all our children who were nominated by their class to be their class School Council representatives. They are looking forward to their first meeting soon!



Our School Council Representatives are:

2	Mason & Poppy
3	Samuel & Amy
4	Elsie & Jack B
5	Joshua & Lucy
6	Veda & Aziz

### In our classes this week

Reception – started school today!  
 Year 1 – composed a lullaby to send their dragon to sleep.  
 Year 2 – learned about tens and ones.  
 Year 3 – practised their place value in Maths.  
 Year 4 – used pastels to design their own life-size Iron Man.  
 Year 5 – have enjoyed the start of their English topic, "The BFG".  
 Year 6 – started their learning about World War Two.



### Parent Forum

Parents and carers are invited to join us at one of our upcoming Parent Forum meetings which will be held on **Monday 20th September** at **2pm and 7pm**. Forums are a valuable way for parents and to share their ideas and views with the school -and vice versa! We look forward to seeing you.



### Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Morgan J – great concentration and good listening this week.
- Lennie J – super use of adjectives to describe his dragon.
- Maisie K – brilliant science vocabulary.
- Lilia G – working hard to use her phonics knowledge in her writing.
- Isabella T – working hard in all areas of learning.
- Olivia W – good effort in Maths this week.
- Akshara K – sharing her understanding of Hinduism with the class.
- Jack M – great scientific knowledge about sound.
- Casian C – settling really well into his new class.
- Amelia B – great passing in netball.
- Daisy-May L-G – a super first week in Year 6.



### School Dinners



We have been informed by our school meal provider that the price of a school meal has been changed to **£2.33** for our children in KS2 – our apologies for not letting parents know this before the start of term but we have only just been made aware. The new menu for this term can be found further on in the Newsletter.

### Register Rabbit

Have you heard about our Register Rabbits? They are awarded to the KS1 and KS2 classes with the highest attendance each week – well done to **Year 5** who had a fantastic 100% attendance this week and to **Year 2** who were the KS1 winners.



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### Next week in school

Mon 13 September	Reception to 1.30pm FHF AGM & Committee 7.30pm (in Yr6) – all welcome! Clubs start this week – see slips from teachers running clubs
Tues 14 September	Reception to 1.30pm
Weds 15 September	Reception to 1.30pm Yr6 instrument lessons restart
Thurs 16 September	Reception to 1.30pm
Fri 17 September	Reception first full day – finish 3.15pm (or After School Club) Reception parents' pop in and play at 2pm

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

### Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held on

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

*All parents/guardians and staff are very  
welcome to attend – please come along!*

I hereby give notice of the AGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

#### Agenda:

- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of committee members – *would you like to join us?*
- Appointments
- Future planning for 2021-22
- Any Other Business



**COMING HOME TODAY – SPONSOR FORMS FOR  
THIS YEAR'S FHF SPONSORED BOUNCE!**

### THANK YOU

Our Amazon Smile shoppers raised **£35.19** for FHF last term!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

**STEP ONE** Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0>

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**STEP FOUR** Access your Amazon account via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) every time to donate



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**Important Information**

**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 / peanut butter / 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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THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

# Your menu this week



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week one</b> 06/09/21 27/09/21 18/10/21 15/11/21 06/12/21	Cheese & tomato pizza (v) (1,3,6 m/c 11) Or Vegetable & bean wrap (vg) (3)  ½ baked jacket, baked beans & Rainbow slaw (11)  Fruit Salad	Beef bolognese Or Vegetable bolognese (vg)  Pasta (3)  Carrots, green beans  Toffee apple wholemeal cookie with ½ glass milk (1,3)	Roast gammon & gravy Or Vegetable & lentil wellington (1,3,11)  Roast potatoes Seasonal greens, roasted vegetables  Fruit Jelly	Turkey burger in sesame bun (1,3,6,7) Or Quorn burger in a sesame bun (v) (1,3,7,11)  Potato wedges, sweetcorn, coleslaw (11)  Jam sponge & custard (1,3,11)	Fish fingers (2,3) Or Quorn Sausage (v) (1,3,11)  Chips, baked beans, peas  Chocolate & orange biscuit with chocolate sauce (1,3)
<b>Week two</b> 13/09/21 04/10/21 01/11/21 22/11/21 13/12/21	Mild mixed bean & potato Curry with 50/50 rice (v) (1) Or Mac & cheese with basil bread (v) (1,3,6,14 m/c 11)  Broccoli & carrots  Vanilla shortbread (1,3)	Mince beef burrito (1,3) Or Vegetable & mixed bean burrito (vg) (3,6)  Sweetcorn, Cauliflower Mexican potato salad (11)  Fruit jelly with cream (1)	Roast turkey, gravy & stuffing (3) Or Cauliflower & lentil bake (v) (1,3,14)  Roast potatoes Kale & carrots  Chocolate brownie (1,3,11)	Pork sausages with gravy (1,3,11,12) Or Quorn sausage with gravy (1,3,11)  Mash potato (1), savoy cabbage & green beans  Rice pudding with jam (1)	Fish fingers (2,3) Salmon fishcake, (2,3,14) Or Vegetable fingers with hummus dip (3,7) (vg) Chips, baked beans, peas  Wholemeal banana & apple crumble and custard (1,3)
<b>Week three</b> 20/09/21 11/10/21 08/11/21 29/11/21	Tomato & basil pasta (3) (vg) Or Pepper & spring onion frittata with new potatoes (1,11)  Garden peas, Seasonal salad, Focaccia (1,3,6 m/c 11)  Fruit flapjack cookie (1,3)	Mild turkey katsu with light curry sauce (1, 3) Or Vegetable katsu with light curry sauce (1,3,11)  50/50 rice, green beans, carrots  Oaty fruit crumble & custard (1,3)	Roast chicken & gravy Or Vegetable & soya pie (v) (1,3,6,11)  Roast potatoes, swede & savoy cabbage  Fruit jelly with cream (1)	Pork & vegetable ragu Or Quorn balls in a tomato sauce (v) (3,11)  Pasta (3), broccoli & sweetcorn  Fruit sponge with custard (1,3,11)	Battered fish (2,3) Or Roasted pepper & mixed bean quesadilla, tomato salsa (vg) (3)  Chips, beans, peas  Wholemeal oat cookie with ½ glass milk (1,3)

Available Daily: Handmade Bread (1,3,6 m/c 11), Fresh Salad & Fruit Also Available, Daily Jacket Potatoes with Beans, Cheese (1) Or Tuna Mayonnaise

**Allergen Key:** 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard  
V= vegetarian VG= Vegan MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*



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