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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

Each new week brings a new first for me at the moment and will continue to do so for the rest of this academic year at least. This week we had a really positive FHF meeting where it was lovely to meet a really committed group of people, determined to raise as much money as they can to benefit all children at High Firs.

I look forward to meeting more of you at the parent forum events next week and I spent my first days working in classrooms this week in year 1, Year 2 and Reception.

It was great to see a really full clubs offering get underway this week as well, after so long where this has not been possible.

## Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Ellis A – amazing dragon world sketching.
- Beatrice J – fantastic sentences using lots of creative ideas.
- Selena L – super writing about a character using her sound knowledge.
- Daisy S – making a brilliant pirate chest (with chocolate gold coins!)
- Freya T – always making the right choices and setting a good example.
- Ethan V – working hard in Maths this week.
- Lacey G – working really hard in all week in Maths.
- Jack B – his excellent attitude and effort in all aspects of school life.
- Mickey L – brilliant knowledge about London and other cities.
- Evie B – knowing so many capital cities!
- Aziz H – fantastic work with rounding and negative numbers.
- Jessica A – super tag rugby skills.



## In our classes this week

Reception – are having their first full day in school today!

Year 1 – have been counting to 100.

Year 2 – learned about the Pirates Next Door!

Year 3 – investigated Stone Age artefacts.

Year 4 – learned to read and write Roman numerals.

Year 5 – located key UK cities using maps.

Year 6 – found out about how light travels.



## 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! If you are attending, please complete the form at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/parentforum/> to let us know. We look forward to seeing you.



## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our  
Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Our **SPONSORED BOUNCE** is next  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September!

We will let you know how many bounces your child has done afterwards; please then collect your sponsor money and return to school with your sponsor form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you for your support.



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### Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit this week for their excellent attendance:

RECEPTION  
YEAR 5



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	68	94	Morgan J, Selena, Lily G, Harrison A, Korlekie, Mickey L
CHESTNUT	55	77	Leo, Bradley, Benjamin A, Liam S, Lily M, Evie T
OAK	72	95	Beatrice J, Poppy C, Amy V, Lacey G, Elijah B, Evie B
ASH	66	86	Sadie, Hannah C, Poppy G, Jack B, Ruby Bu

We will be holding our

## Autumn Grounds & Gardening Day

on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
from **9.30am**



Would you be able to spare an hour or two to help spruce up our school grounds?  
We have lots of jobs to do, both large & small, and all help is welcome!

Please do come along and help however you can – we are particularly looking to paint the fence around the Reception garden.

### Remote Learning

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus or is required to isolate as a close contact of a confirmed case, they can access work set by school for completion at home via our website at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/absencelearning/>. This period of isolation could be up to 10 days in length.

The work consists of a timetable of activities to cater for a maximum of 8 school days of isolation. When you click the relevant class on the webpage, you will be taken to a timetable that lays out the typical amount of work that may be set for a normal school day – some English, maths, phonics/spelling /grammar and foundation subjects in the afternoon. The activities are based on the current term's curriculum for each class. The work should only be undertaken if your child, or those supervising your child, are well enough to do it.

You may find your child progresses through the work more quickly, in which case they could access additional work/activities as outlined below:

- Online Learning tasks via your child's personalised log-in eg: Spelling Shed / Rockstars etc. Links are shown below.
- Their usual weekly Home Learning Log tasks (a copy of which is posted on their class website page).

If your child finds it difficult to access the work, please contact your class teacher via their class email. If your child falls behind the amount of work for a day, do not worry – just spend a reasonable amount of time (2-4 hours in total depending on age) attempting whatever can be done in that time.

If your isolation period is for shorter than the 8 days, you only need to attempt to complete the number of days work that matches the number of school days of your child's self isolation!

Work completed can be emailed in via the class email address (to be found on the links below in their timetable) and feedback will be given daily via email. Additionally, class teachers will arrange to speak with you and your child via telephone or video call on one or two occasions during the isolation period.

If you require paper copies of work, rather than online access, please contact the school office to arrange and work can be returned to school at the end of the isolation period.



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### Next week in school

Mon 20 September      Parent Forum – 2pm & 7pm

Tues 21 September      FHF Sponsored Bounce



### **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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