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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

It was lovely to return to school this week and to receive so many lovely welcomes and well wishes from your fabulous children. We opened our doors for Year 4's class assembly which show-cased their super independence and enthusiasm for what they have been learning about recently - well done to Year 4 and thank you to so many of you for coming to support your children. With three parents' evenings this week, I would hope that the vast majority of you will now have had the opportunity to come into school this term. It has been one of the great pleasures of my first term to re-open our doors and enable parents to take an active, in-person role in their children's education once more. We can achieve so much when we are all on the same page and pulling in the same direction - thank you so much for your support. I know the children have really valued sharing their learning environments with you all - once again for some and for the first time for others.

## Thank you

Well done to our children who helped to load up and deliver an amazing **27 bags** of donations to Swanley Foodbank this week!



## Year 5 Victorian Day at Kent Life

Year 5 had a brilliant Victorian day at Kent Life yesterday when they had a taste of Victorian school, jobs and shopping and met Florence Nightingale. We enjoyed meeting some of the animals too!



## In our classes this week

- Reception – learned how to be safe riding on their bikes.
- Year 1 – practised their number bonds to 10.
- Year 2 – learned about non-fiction texts.
- Year 3 – learned about Iron Age hill forts.
- Year 4 – found equivalent fractions.
- Year 5 – are enjoying reading "Street Child"
- Year 6 – wrote Blitz poetry using personification.

**THIS WEEK'S**  
**LEARNING**



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## Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Stanley W – fantastic phonics.
- Willow W – super name writing.
- Lennie J – great topic work.
- Roman T – super computing skills.
- Clark RW & Isabella O – great postcards written about the seaside in the past.
- Harry M – increased effort, especially in Maths.
- Karina C – great effort in all areas of learning.
- All of Year 4 – a fantastic assembly.
- Harrison A – his careful presentation about Tudor clothing.
- All of Year 5 – a great day at Kent Life.
- Lauren Mcl – fantastic home learning about WW2: a collage of labelled photographs.
- Daniele M – a brilliant Blitz poem using personification.



## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633



## BREAK THE RULES

BE A RULE BREAKER - JUST FOR ONE DAY!



Choose up to four rules below to break on FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER.

You have to pay a 50p "fine" for every rule you break!

Pay 50p per rule / £2 maximum on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

All funds raised for Friends of High Firs



We raised £87 from last week's Cake Raffle – thank you if you bought a ticket!

*FHF meeting scheduled for Monday 18th October has been cancelled - we will confirm rescheduled date soon!*

You must wear a yellow school jumper.

You must not wear trainers to school.

You must wear matching socks.

You must not have squash in your water bottle.

You must not have a tattoo.

You must use your school branded rucksack.

You must not have coloured or wacky hair.

You must only eat a healthy snack (if you break this rule it must still be nut-free, please)

You must not paint your nails.



These are the only rules you are allowed to break ☹️



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## HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	98	534	Josue & Harrison A
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	84	532	Lottie W & Grace F
<b>OAK</b>	98	562	Tunde, Sadiya & Beatrice G
<b>ASH</b>	91	451	Daisy S & Jack B

### Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2

YEAR 5



### Patient Voice Competition

Covid-19 has and continues to affect our High Firs community in different ways. Through class discussions, circle times and PSHE lessons this term, we will be exploring impacts of Covid-19, positive and negative, with the children to find different ways to express recent events.

With the presence of Covid-19 very much in their minds, The Oaks Surgery's Patient voice committee is also exploring this within the community. They are hosting their next Health Event to be held via Zoom on 11th November from 7.30 to 9.30pm which will focus on

"Wellbeing after C Covid-19, which is open to all, details can be found on The Oaks website. They have invited speakers from the *One You* Team from Sevenoaks DC who will give advice on maintaining a healthy weight, smoking cessation, exercise programmes etc, all with the aim of equipping people to be at their fittest to fight this disease.

They are also very keen to ask our children about Covid-19, its effect on them, their families, their happiness etc. and are running a competition asking children to either write a poem, a story or do a drawing to depict how Covid-19 has affected their lives, their outlook or themselves personally. All poems, drawings and stories will be looked at by The Mayor of Swanley and they would also like to put some entries up in The Link (the Library) in Swanley to share with the rest of our community. If your child would like to get involved, please send in your child's creation to class teachers by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. By doing so, you give your permission for your child's competition entry and details to be shared with The Oaks and for their work to be displayed in The Link. Please contact Miss Allen if you have any queries.



#### INSET DAYS

**No children in school**

Tues 4 Jan 2022

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

#### Next week in school

Sat 16 October	Grounds & Gardening Morning - 9.30am to 12.30pm
Weds 20 October	Yr5 Class Assembly – 10.15am
Friday 22 October	FHF Break the Rules day



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Do join our Patient Voice virtual health event on Zoom  
Maintaining health as we move forward from the Covid 19 pandemic.



### The Oaks Partnership Health and Well-being Event

ONLINE, FREE OF CHARGE

Thursday 11th November 2021

19:30 – 21:00

Introduction by Jackie Griffiths, Chair of Patient Voice

Commemoration of those who have died from Covid, and celebration of NHS workers and volunteers, led by Swanley Mayor, Paul Darrington

**One You** programme for Wellbeing Post-Covid

Physical Awareness and Mental Health Awareness

The event will be held via Zoom. To register, please email the Patient Voice Committee using this address:

[patientvoicetheoaks@gmail.com](mailto:patientvoicetheoaks@gmail.com)

Nearer the date you will be sent a Zoom link through which to join.

The event is organised jointly by Patient Voice and the medical staff of The Oaks, with support from the One You Health Team of Sevenoaks District Council. It is open to all Swanley District residents.

## We will be holding our Autumn Grounds & Gardening Morning on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am to 12.30pm

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 particularly want to paint the Reception fence!



### 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 / 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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