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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Thank you so much to all the people who responded to last week's appeal for volunteers in school. We are just in the middle of putting together a rota and arranging to contact you to begin a DBS application, before we can have you in school helping in the near future.

What a busy week it has been with tours for prospective Reception parents for next year, a great WW2 visiting museum bus for Y6 on Monday and Remembrance assembly on Thursday to name a few things.

It is World Kindness Day this Saturday and children have been writing thank-yous, compliments stories and drawing pictures to show their understanding of kindness for a display board in the hall throughout this week. If you can talk with your child about kindness and things they might add to the board, that would be really appreciated.

For parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, look out for the reading and phonics workshop next Tuesday morning (details in main body of newsletter). This is an essential event for anyone new to the phonics approach to the teaching of reading. A good understanding from home of the way the children are taught in school will really increase the progress your child makes in reading.

Finally, I am sure you will all be looking out for the Christmas dates that are published in the newsletter today for the first time. I am very excited to see all that makes up a High Firs Christmas in terms of plays, carols, fairs and pantomimes!

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in yesterday's Remembrance Assembly and two-minute silence; it was lovely to be joined so many of our families and well done to all the children who read so well. All of the children made a poppy for our hall displays and another for this year's special outside display on our fencing; thank you to Year 5 for hanging these up for us.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – learned about different coins.

Year 1 – have been counting on in Maths.

Year 2 – helped the Three Little Pigs to choose suitable building materials for their houses.

Year 3 – wrote Roman diaries and learned about Roman roads.

Year 4 – made electrical circuits.

Year 5 – learned about factor pairs and prime numbers.

Year 6 – had a fantastic day on the Home Front Bus!

Eco Club

Our Eco Club meet every Wednesday and are busy thinking of lots of ways they can help improve our environment. They wanted to share some of their ideas with the school community of how you can help too. So, today's top tip is...

Save electricity by making sure you turn off your TV properly (don't leave it on stand-by) and unplug your chargers when you aren't using them.



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Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:
YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	114	724	Samuel S, Korlekie A, Sienna G
CHESTNUT	112	714	Faye R, Grace F
OAK	280	920	Eleanor A, Amy V
ASH	124	669	Isabella T, Tilly F



December Dates

We are pleased to be able to confirm dates for our events in December. Further details, including how to book tickets for performances, will be sent home in due course but save the dates for now!

- Mon 29 Nov Winter/Christmas card competition viewing 3.30pm*
- Tues 30 Nov Pre-school Craft afternoon in hall - 2pm*
- Weds 1 Dec Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Bring in donations for Christmas Fair*
- Thurs 2 Dec In-school pantomime visit*
- Fri 3 Dec FHF Christmas Fair*
- Mon 6 Dec Yr3/4 concerts at St Mary's Church – 2pm & 6.30pm*
- Weds 8 Dec KS1 Christmas performance - 2.15pm*
- Thurs 9 Dec KS1 Christmas performance - 2.15pm*
- Friday 10 Dec Flu immunisations*
- Mon 13 Dec Yr5/6 Christmas performances - 2pm & 6.30pm*
- Tue 14 Dec Visit from Santa*
- Weds 15 Dec Secrets Room*
- Fri 17 Dec End of Term*

Year 6 Home Front Bus

You may have spotted we had a bus parked on our playground on Monday! Year 6 had an amazing day on board the Home Front Bus linked to their learning about the World War Two; they visited a 1940's Living Room, wartime shop, bombed-out street and Air Raid Shelter, and in the classroom had the chance to make their own evacuation toys.



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Jaxon M – a fantastic 3D postman vehicle.
- Freya B – trying so well to write her name.
- Eleanor A – beautiful, clear, sentences in English.
- Josh W – amazing reading.
- Smilte M – a detailed & descriptive diary entry written as Paddington Bear.
- Emelia S – trying her best in all areas of learning.
- Laquisha M-D – excellent effort in Maths.
- Bella A – trying really hard with all her learning.
- Mabel R – a beautifully designed and made Tudor outfit.
- Tania J – making a beautiful Tudor style dress and settling so well in her new class.
- George V & Tommy B – great explanation writing in both Science and close reading.
- Elija V – fantastic poem on a WW2 theme.
- Korley A – excellent information writing about Anne Frank.



High Firs Primary School invites you to a

READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Tues 16th
November

10.45am

Would you like some more ideas on
how to support your child's reading?

Would you like to know more
about how we teach reading, letters and
sounds at school?

Then come along and find out more....

Children in Need

Because our families have donated so generously to the Poppy Appeal in the past couple of weeks and as we have a number of FHF events coming up we will not be holding a fundraising event for Children in Need this year. However, we know some of our children like to support Children in Need by buying and wearing some of their associated products or by wearing their own "spotty" items and we are happy for the children to wear one of these to school on **Friday 19th November** if parents wish to donate directly to Children in Need for them to do so.



INSET DAYS No children in school

Tues 4 Jan 2022
Fri 27 May 2022
Mon 27 June 2022

Next week in school

Mon 15 Nov Reception 2022 Meeting & Tours 5.30pm
Tues 16 Nov 10.15am – Yr2 Class Assembly
10.45am – KS1 Reading & Phonics parents' workshop



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