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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

We have shown many prospective parents around for next year's Reception already this year and we look forward to the Preschool Christmas Crafts afternoon coming up on 30th November as well.

Mrs Ives, our French teacher, led a super assembly on Monday gathering together all of the different cultural approaches around Europe to when a tooth has come out. Then we focussed on 'one kind word' for antibullying week on Wednesday, before coming in with our Children in Need clothes and odd socks today - what fun! I hope you can make your donations to Children in need personally and help this worthy cause transform the lives of children across the country.

This week, following conversations with Civil Enforcement Officers and local residents, I feel compelled to appeal to you all regarding parking outside school at dropping and collection times. Firstly, I would like to thank the vast majority of you who park on away from Court Crescent and walk the last part of the journey up to the school gates. On Court Crescent, a parking and stopping restriction is in place from 8.30-10am every weekday and from 3-4pm. This means that no vehicle should be stopping to drop or collect children on any single or double yellow lines at this time. Anyone seen to do so by the Civil Enforcement Officers will receive a fine. As far as I can see, vehicles not sticking to these regulations are dropping children towards the end of the 8.45-8.55 window. If I could appeal to anyone to whom this applies to bring your whole morning routine forwards by 5 minutes, this will give ample time to park on Cranleigh Drive - where there is no parking restriction until 9am - and walk the remaining yards up to school. This will have a benefit for congestion and safety outside school, and an environmental and personal fitness benefit too. For any Blue Badge holder, if you contact the school office, we can arrange for use of the school car park, if needed. I sincerely hope that as a result of this request, the traffic situation outside of school improves significantly. If this is not the case, I would be reluctantly forced into asking school staff to help manage the traffic situation - rather than being utilised in classrooms where they need to be to benefit our children. I hope to bring good news of a noticeable change in future.

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Logan F – super phonics-hunting for his home learning this week.
- Jonas C – fantastic singing with actions during Reception's phonics song.
- Leo A – working really hard and designing an amazing shield.
- Bella W – lovely writing about a castle.
- Tilly F – for her fantastic enthusiasm in Maths.
- All of Year 2 – their great assembly.
- Samuel S – always completing his learning to the best of his ability and showing enthusiasm for learning.
- Honey B – fantastic effort with reading.
- Jack B – an amazing cake "fit for a king"!
- Korlekie A – her detailed account of Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots.
- Beau B, Summer S & Evie S – excellent work in dance to amend and perform a jive dance.
- Akash S – great drawings and descriptions of the features of a mosque.
- Laila T – her excellent story writing linked to the book "Rose Blanche".



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Christmas / Winter Card Competition

The children will be bringing home today a piece of coloured card so that everyone can take part in our annual competition to design a Christmas or Winter Card.

There are a few simple guidelines:

- All cards must be on a Christmas or Winter theme and using the piece of card you are given – apart from that you can use whatever you like to make your card!
- Your card can be landscape or portrait
- Please do not write inside your card
- Write name and class on the back

Please bring your completed card to school on **Friday 26th November**.

All cards will then be displayed in the hall and parents are invited to come in to view them on **Monday 29th November**.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Tues 4 Jan 2022

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

Next week in school

Tues 23 November

Reception Pop In & Play & Sharing Time Assembly - 2.15pm

Weds 24 November

Yr1 Class Assembly – 10.15am

Fri 26 November

Winter/Christmas card entries due in

Christmas Lunch

All our children are invited to our traditional Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 1st December. This is one of the favourite events of the whole school year and is always looked forward to by both staff and children! Everyone will eat together in the hall regardless of whether they are having a packed lunch or hot Christmas meal. It is also Own Clothes Day so maybe your child would like to wear their special Christmas jumper if they have one to celebrate this special occasion! If your child would like to have a hot Christmas meal, please complete and return the slip below no later than **Friday 26th November**. You will need to do this even if your child is in KS1 and normally has a free meal. Children in KS2 will need to complete the form and return along with **£2.33 cash only** (no cheques please) or pay online with your other meal orders; if your child is eligible for KS2 free school meals then please just return the slip.



Christmas Lunch

Return to school by Friday 26th November

I would like my child to have a school dinner Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 1st December.

Child's Name

Class

Please indicate:

I enclose £2.33 cash (no cheques please)

My child receives a Free School Meal

I have already paid in advance online for my child's meal on 1st December.

Signed

Date



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	109	854	Olivia W, Emilia S
CHESTNUT	82	799	Leo A, Isla S, Isabelle O
OAK	101	861	Kaya O, Beatrice G
ASH	96	754	Poppy G

Reception 2022

Our Reception 2022 tours have now finished but there is still time to book on our pre-school Craft Afternoon on Tuesday 30th Nov from 2pm to 3pm; please visit <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/admissions-transfer-to-secondary-school/> to book a place. A special mention also goes to the group of Year 6 children who came back to school on Monday evening to show our visitors around the school on their tour. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them – thank you.

Year 6 Music Assembly

Year 6 have almost completed their music lessons with Mrs Jarvis and would like to share their final pieces with their parents in assembly on Thursday 9th December at 10.15am – please come along!

Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 6



Children's Christmas Cards

We know that some of our children have already written their Christmas cards to their friends! Please could we ask that all the children follow the same arrangements:

- Cards to be brought into school from **Monday 6th December** onwards only
- Please label envelopes with recipient's first name, surname and year group
- All cards to be put into the postbox outside Year 6 as the children arrive in the morning
- Cards will be distributed by our 'post elves' and then taken home to be opened



Thank you for your support – this will ensure that class time is not spent distributing cards and that they do not get lost around the school during the day.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – learned to write a postcard.

Year 1 – practised subtraction.

Year 2 – wrote a new adventure for Paddington Bear.

Year 3 – learned about the armour,

weapons & battle tactics of Roman soldiers.

Year 4 – investigated parallel and series circuits.

Year 5 – devised and performed their own jive dances!

Year 6 – have started reading "Letters from the Lighthouse".

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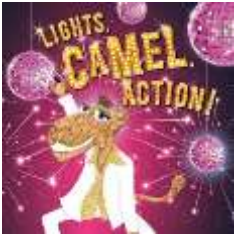
Please see the separate letter coming home next week for details of all our exciting FHF December events!



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Christmas Performances & Concerts



Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

“Lights, Camel, Action!” – Weds 8th December at 2.15pm

“Lights, Camel, Action!” – Thurs 9th December at 2.15pm
at High Firs Primary School

Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert – Monday 6th December
at 2pm & 6.30pm at St Mary’s Church, Swanley



Year 5 & Year 6

“Aspects of Christmas” – Mon 13th December
at 2pm & 6.30pm at High Firs Primary School

Seats must be booked for all performances; please do not attend without a ticket! Please use the forms in this Newsletter to request your tickets and return by **FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER** – tickets run out quickly so return as soon as you can.

Tickets will be allocated as follows:

- In the first instance a total limit of two tickets per child will be allocated for their own class concert / performance (this may be two tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance).
- Ticket priority will be given to children in the classes participating in each performance
- Parents may request additional seats for their child’s own performances, which will then be allocated on a ‘lucky dip’ basis following initial allocations of two per child.
- Should any seats still be available after this time then they will be made available to parents in other classes, again on a ‘lucky dip’ basis.

*We ask for your cooperation in our request that **no children of under school age** are brought to any of the above events – this is due to health & safety because of the large number of people attending and the limited space available; younger children can also often become unsettled during these longer performances, causing disruption to others in the audience and distracting & upsetting the children performing; children under school age will therefore not be admitted. Please do not come to any performances without having received tickets for all those attending. Thank you for your support with this.*

There is no charge to attend the performances but visitors are invited to donate to the collection for one of our chosen charities. All High Firs children will have the opportunity to watch the performances and concerts during school time.



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Name of child Class

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