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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

As we move into the final three weeks of the Autumn Term, the calendar shows a very busy schedule of special events beginning next week, in the lead up to Christmas. At the same time, I am aware of primary schools locally who have had to close year groups this week, due to rising numbers of Covid cases in pupils and staff. With this in mind, I am determined that we go ahead with our end of term festive events in a manner that does not lead to large numbers of Covid cases sweeping through High Firs. In the run up to Christmas, if you are attending any event in school as a visitor, please could you take the following measures:

- Take a Lateral Flow test on each occasion before you come to school or to the church
- Wear a mask when coming into busy indoor areas – school hall/church
- Sanitise hands on arrival in school
- Wear extra layers (doors and windows will remain open to ensure good ventilation)

Equally, if you have Coronavirus symptoms – new persistent cough, fever or loss of taste or smell – please do not attend school – isolate at home and book a PCR test.

I hope that with everyone working together to do the right things, we will be able to put on a full programme of events that are open for families to come into school and see, beginning with the opportunity to come and view our Christmas cards on Monday.

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Lowen P and Kaylee V – fantastic Jolly Postman vans.
- Joshua W – excellent 2d shape sorting.
- Harvey RH – trying really hard with his reading.
- Josue V – amazing effort in Maths.
- Scarlett T – amazing instruction writing.
- Lilly E – working hard all week, particularly in Science.
- Alyah E – trying her best all week.
- Ronnie R – fantastic research about Tudor pirates.
- Lacey G – great progress in reading.
- Mickey L – working hard to achieve a personal goal.
- Rama E – excellent home learning about Anne Frank.
- Micah – fantastic guide for evacuating a cinema in an air raid.



In our classes this week

Reception – used “Paint” to write their names on the computer.

Year 1 – learned all about 2d shapes - and used them to make super pictures inspired by the artwork of Paul Klee.

Year 2 – used their 2x tables to solve problems.

Year 3 – found out about Hadrian’s Wall.

Year 4 – learned about the explorations of Vasco da Gama.

Year 5 – are reading “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens.

Year 6 – learned about Anne Frank and the secret annexe.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2
YEAR 3



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FHF events COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Friday 26 th November	Deadline for slip to offer help at the Bazaar	Please do come along to help if you can!
Friday 26 th November	Year 6 only – deadline to return permission slips to help at Christmas Bazaar	
Wednesday 1 st December	Own Clothes / Christmas or Winter Jumper Day	All children are invited to wear their “own clothes” to school – this could be a Christmas or Winter jumper if wished! For the enjoyment of doing so we hope you will be able to donate either a bottle or an item of Christmas confectionery that can be used for the tombola stall at the Bazaar. Someone from the Friends will be available near the school gate for you to hand your donations to, please do not take them to the office.
Thursday 2 nd December	Deadline for return of raffle tickets / stubs / money for the Grand Draw	Please return your tickets and money in an envelope marked for the attention of the Friends. Thank you.
Thursday 2 nd December	Donations collected of "nearly new" toys and craft items	Please bring any donations to the gate in the morning for your Friends' reps to collect. (Please do not bring to the office).
Friday 3 rd December	Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 only - £3 spending money for Christmas Bazaar	Please place it in an envelope, marked with your child's name and bring in to school
Friday 3 rd December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR preparations am	All help welcome!
Friday 3 rd December	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR pm	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 will visit the Bazaar in their classes during the afternoon. Everyone welcome after 3.30pm – please come along! Year 6 helping on stalls until 4.45pm.
Friday 3 rd December	Reception Only – please bring in donations of cakes / mince pies	Please bring in in the morning and hand to your Friends' Reps. (Please do not bring to the office)

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	63	917	Selena, Avyukth, Bethanie, Connie, Aziz
CHESTNUT	68	867	Thomas H, Grace F, Ruby Bay
OAK	79	940	Daisy W, Tommy G
ASH	63	817	Tilly, Akash, Veda

KS1 performance

Apologies but we published the details of the wrong performance title for our KS1 children! They will be performing “The Big Little Nativity” - all other details were as published and we are sure you will enjoy it!



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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.

CHRISTMAS Acts of Kindness

Christmas Acts of Kindness

In a recent assembly we talked about "kindness" and the children have been contributing some lovely examples of this to a display board in the hall. As in previous years, we would also like to invite our children (and families!) to take part in the "Christmas Acts of Kindness" challenge; the children are invited to undertake and record on the calendar an "Act of Kindness" every day during December. There are lots of ideas on the calendar about what you could do, or try some ideas of your own – please note some may need adult permission or support. Children who return their completed calendars after Christmas will receive a special certificate.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Tues 4 Jan 2022

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

Next week in school

Mon 29 November

Card competition viewing in hall after school

Tues 30 November

Pre-school Craft afternoon 2pm-3pm

Weds 1 December

Own Clothes / Christmas Jumper day – please bring a donation for FHF Bazaar

No Yr3 Table-Top Games Club

Thurs 2 December

In-school pantomime

Fri 3 December

FHF Christmas Bazaar



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Sevenoaks District Childrens Centres Christmas Week

Date and Time	Activity	Venue	To book
Monday 13 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Foodtastic Family Session	West Kingsdown Children's Centre	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 10.00-11.00am	Movers and Shakers Family Session	Swanley Children's Centre	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 10.30-11.30am	Wild Science Christmas	Edenbridge Children's Centre	Edenbridgechildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Wild Science Christmas	Spring House Children's Centre	Springhousechildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 15 th December 10.30-11.30am	Wild Science Christmas	New Ash Green Children's Centre	NewAshGreenCC @kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 15 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Wild Science Christmas	Swanley Youth Hub	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk

Wild Science sessions: A seasonal story of either Santa's workshop or The Three Wise Men. There will be a range of animals giving the children the chance to touch, hold and interact with the animals.

Foodtastic: Christmas themed workshop for children aged 2 and up.
Movers and Shakers: A Christmas themed session using instruments, learning songs and dances.



First Aid for Families

Would you like to know:

- The emergency procedure and making an emergency phone call?
- How to place a casualty into the recovery position?
- How to use the primary survey?
- How to recognise and treat choking?
- How to treat and monitor bleeding, minor bruising and burns?
- How to practise cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)?

This course is for you!

Venue: Swanley Youth Hub

Date: 3 -week course starting 11th January 2021

Time: 10-12pm

To book a place please email SwanleyChildrensCentre@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 413333

Please kindly note this is an adult only course.

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



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Acts of Christmas Kindness

Feed some birds or ducks in a pond.	Compliment a friend or relative.	Make a card for an elderly neighbour.	Volunteer to help a neighbour with gardening or car washing.	Take cakes or cookies to somebody.
Leave a kind note for someone you love.	Leave a bowl of sweets outside your house for people to help themselves.	Leave treats for the postal worker.	Give somebody a coupon for a hug.	Hold a door open for somebody.
Make a thank-you note for your teacher or someone who helps you a lot.	Donate some food to your local food bank.	Call a faraway friend to say hello.	Tell someone a silly joke to make them laugh.	Sit next to someone who is sitting alone at lunchtime or in the playground.
Smile and introduce yourself to someone who you see a lot but have never spoken to before.	Make a thank-you card	Make a goody bag for your friend.	Donate your unwanted toys to charity or a hospital.	Bake some cakes or cookies and share with your neighbours.
Offer to walk the dog or change your pet's bedding.	Help with preparing breakfast, lunch or dinner.	Donate a coin	Take some supplies to the local animal shelter.	Say 'Merry Christmas!' to a stranger.



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CHRISTMAS

Acts of Kindness

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

