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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Welcome back to Term 2 - one of the busiest times of the year in a primary school, where children are well settled into classes and routines and their learning really starts to move on quickly - and the exciting preparations for Christmas events start to fill our minds.

The main point I would like to raise this week is an appeal for some additional volunteer helpers in school. We made a request for some help at the end of September, but ideally, we could do with some more volunteers in school. Areas where we would really benefit from some help would be people to hear readers - this makes such a huge contribution to our children - ensuring they have additional time every week reading to an adult 1:1. I am aware that some people may be concerned about 'signing up' to help and that it may take up lots of time - we are open to taking volunteers who come once a term, once a month or once a week - whatever fits in with your circumstances. Over the past two years where having volunteers in schools has not been possible, it would be lovely to fill our activity area again with an army of parents and community members who want to make a contribution towards our children's education. You can throw your hat in the ring by completing the short form below. I really hope we are overwhelmed with responses such that a complicated rota is needed!! <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/helping-at-school/>

Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Kaylee V – her blending of sounds to read words.
- Jasmine C – fantastic home learning using sounds to find pictures with words beginning with initial sounds.
- Luca C – working hard in maths and knowing his number bonds.
- Chloe P – excellent reading & phonics.
- Eliz H & Evie T – their detailed descriptions of Paddington Bear.
- Poppy G – always making the right choices, working hard and setting a good example to others.
- Walter A – always contributing in lessons and sharing his knowledge with others.
- Elsie W – working hard to improve her handwriting.
- Liam S – fantastic home learning linked to martial arts.
- Mason T – great ideas in RE.
- Olivia G & Lily M – amazing models of the Solar System.
- Isla S & Jack W – excellent commentaries describing a dogfight during the Battle of Britain.



In our classes this week

Reception – found out about traditions associated with Diwali.

Year 1 – used adjectives to describe a knight.

Year 2 – are enjoying their new book "A bear called Paddington".

Year 3 – found out just how large the Roman Empire was!

Year 4 – have converted measures.

Year 5 – solved problems using graphs and tables.

Year 6 – split white light into a spectrum of colours using a prism.



Register Rabbit

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

RECEPTION
YEAR 3



Achieving more together



Assemblies and other events for parents

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following class assemblies and events taking place this half-term:

- **Reception** Pop In & Play and Sharing Time – Tuesday 23rd November at 2.15pm
- **Year 1** Class Assembly – Wednesday 24th November at 10.15am
- **Year 2** Class Assembly – Tuesday 16th November at 10.15am
- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2** Phonics & Reading workshop – Tuesday 16th November at 10.45am
- **Year 3** Class Assembly – Wednesday 10th November at 10.15am
- **Whole School** Remembrance Day Assembly - Thursday 11th November at 10.40am.

We will confirm dates for our Christmas events next week.

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....

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

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Last month's FHF Cake Raffle was so successful we are having another one! Tickets will be on sale for 50p each outside school at 3.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday next week, and the draw done with the children during assembly on Friday 12th November. Thank you for your support and good luck!

FHF MEETING

**Weds 10th Nov
at 6pm**

***Everyone welcome -
please come along!***



INSET DAYS

No children in school

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

Next week in school

Mon 8 November

Reception 2022 Meeting & Tours 11am
Yr6 - Home Front Bus visit

Weds 10 November

10.15am – Yr3 Class Assembly – parents welcome
FHF Cake Raffle tickets on sale after school
FHF Meeting 6pm – all welcome!

Thurs 11 November

10.40am - Remembrance Assembly – parents welcome
FHF Cake Raffle tickets on sale after school

Fri 12 November

FHF Cake Raffle draw in assembly



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