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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

After a couple of weeks where we have been managing higher numbers of Covid cases in school amongst pupils and staff, we now are almost back to normal, and have just one or two cases spread across a couple of classes. So next week, we will resume having assemblies altogether in the hall again and having playtime altogether on the whole playground. I thank all pupils, staff and parents for the patience they have shown with our operating more in bubbles over the past couple of weeks. Please continue to keep your child at home if they exhibit a high temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell and arrange to get tested straight away.

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in our Resolution Read at Home throughout January. Certificates have been given out every week for those who have read each day, and next week, book vouchers will be awarded to the children who have read each day throughout the month.

We had a lot of fun in assembly on Thursday this week playing 'Name That Bird' over Zoom, in promotion of the RSPB Birdwatch event detailed below. Another certificate opportunity for all those who take part. The level of collective knowledge about birds across the school was truly very impressive indeed.



RSPB Birdwatch

Our classes enjoyed taking part in a "Name the Bird" quiz during Thursday's assembly, which launched our annual participation in the RSPB's Birdwatch. If you would like to take part this year then all you have to do is watch and count which birds you can spot in about an hour over the next few days – it might be on a walk, from your window or in your garden. There is a tick-sheet at the end of this week's Newsletter. If you would like to submit your results directly to the RSPB you can visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> or you can bring your sheet back to school by **Thursday 3rd February** so our Eco Club can count all our results. There will be a certificate for all the children who take part.

Breakfast Club & After School Club Bookings

Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings from February half-term onwards are now available online at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/bcbookings/> and <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/ascbookings/>. Please can we request that parents book places for both BC and ASC as soon as possible. We are currently receiving a lot of very last-minute, overnight or weekend bookings which means that it is very difficult for us to plan for staffing and catering provision and it may be that we cannot accommodate your child because of this.



After School Club – 4.15pm collection consultation

The numbers of parents returning to working outside of home is increasing due to the lifting of Covid restrictions and the number of children attending our After School Club provision is also going up! We are aware that for some of our families provision to 6pm is not required but that parents might appreciate a shorter provision period at a reduced cost. We are therefore consulting parents as to whether there would be a demand for this provision – this would be from **3.15pm to 4.15pm at a cost of £4 per child** and would cover ASC activity provision only, without a meal. Our current offer to 6pm would continue unaffected. If this is something you might be interested in we would be grateful for your response by Tuesday 1st February using the form at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/asconsultation/>. Once the consultation has closed then we will update parents on the outcomes and whether we are able to move ahead with this in the future.



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Lowen P – super definition of the word camouflage.
- Iyah M – writing a super shopping list.
- Sadie B – always working hard and trying her best.
- Roman T – writing an excellent story.
- Lilia G – fantastic efforts in Maths.
- Mariana G – working hard to improve her writing.
- Kenneth C – fantastic effort with his information writing.
- Laquisha MD – brilliant work with money in Maths.
- Lola H – lovely drawings of Chinese dragons.
- Annie-Grace G – fabulous diary entry in role as “Lila” from our book “The Firework Maker’s Daughter”.
- Ruby Bur – super persuasive poster advertising Narnia as a holiday destination.
- Lucy E – great work in gym this week.
- Jessica A – consistent high-quality home learning every week.
- Taylor C – excellent dragon eye art work using oil pastels.



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	198	600	Emilia S, Samuel S
CHESTNUT	189	572	Jake R, Benjamin A, Bella W
OAK	178	581	Francesca F, Amy V
ASH	172	560	Poppy G, Tilly F

Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to **CHESTNUT** who were the winners of this week’s Rockstars challenge. Don’t forget to take part next week if you are in KS2 – especially if you are in **ASH**!



21ST JANUARY - 27TH JANUARY



Our top scorers were:

BEECH	Chanelle M, Taylor C
CHESTNUT	Benjamin A, Amelia Bay
OAK	Millie WS, Elliott M
ASH	Freya T, Veda T

In our classes this week

- Reception – learned to order Numicon correctly.
- Year 1 – sequenced events to retell a story.
- Year 2 – learned about emperor penguins and wrote non-chronological reports.
- Year 3 – found out about Alfred the Great.
- Year 4 – talked about what you can do if you feel worried about something.
- Year 5 – wrote persuasive letters and adverts based on “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.”
- Year 6 – tracked Darwin’s route around the world on “The Beagle”.

We are now recruiting for the following vacancies:

BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SUPERVISOR

Visit www.kent-teach.com for more information and application forms.

Register Rabbit

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



**RECEPTION
YEAR 3**



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Next week in school

Thurs 3 Feb

Yr6 Class Assembly / SATs meeting 10.10am

INSET DAYS

No children in school

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022



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