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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Well done to all the Year 6 children who worked really hard to complete their SATs this week. Their conduct and application to the task in hand has been exemplary.

You will see in the Friends of High Firs (FHF) section that there is a meeting on Monday next week to help make final plans for our grand fund raising Funday on Saturday 18th June. Please do come along and get involved, even if you have not done so previously. Through great hard work from parents and friends, we can raise money that really makes a difference for your children in school. This year, all money raised will pay for some new Trim Trails - fixed outdoor play equipment. Currently none of our outdoor play equipment provides the opportunity to climb and this is something that I am very keen to resolve with the funds raised at the Funday - so please get involved in the planning and/or come along on the day so we can raise enough money to buy some lovely play equipment that will last for years into the future.

Continuing the FHF theme, our current committee are all parents of Y5 or Y6 children. Our Chair, Derya Halil, is standing down at the end of this academic year and as things stand, we have no-one to replace her. The contribution made by the Friends each year is huge. They ensure that luxury items like play equipment and new computers can be purchased, even in times where finances are pushed. If no-one can take on this role, the fund-raising activities of the Friends will sadly cease. We are desperate that this does not become the case, so we are appealing to anyone who has some interest in helping out and taking a lead role. We can ensure that there is some succession support for any prospective new chair as they get to know their role. If you are interested, please contact Derya through your child's Class Rep or contact the school office directly.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

In celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be having a "Red, White and Blue" day on Thursday 26th May. The children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for the day, either on a "Red, White & Blue" theme or "Kings and Queens". We will have lots of royal-themed activities during the day for all classes to enjoy and our lunch will "Street Party" style – hopefully on the playground!



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Parent Information session

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessment will be taken by all Year 4 children in June; the purpose of the MTC is to make sure a child's times tables knowledge is at the expected level. Mrs Payne will be running a brief session for parents after the Yr4 class assembly on Thursday 19th May at 10.10am to run through the MTC and to share some ideas on how this can be supported at home.



Staff News

We are already making plans for our new Reception children and their families to visit us before they start in September; we are pleased to confirm that Mrs Everest will be our Reception class teacher once again next year. Staffing for other classes will be confirmed next half-term.

We will be wishing Mrs McCabe a very happy retirement at the end of the Summer Term; recruitment for a new class teacher will begin shortly and we will keep you updated.



World of Work Week

As part of our commitment to supporting the children's understanding of economic well-being and the wider world, we are holding our "World of Work" week w/b 23rd May. We hope to welcome a number of visitors into school to support this and would be very pleased to hear from any of our parents or friends who may be willing to come in to school to share with the children information about their job or profession. We have had visits from vets, lawyers, recycling consultants, prison officers and ambulance crews among others in the past and the children really enjoy these visits and learn a lot from them. Please do let us know using the form at <http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/world-of-work-week/> if you can help.



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TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS

Winning house:



Beech (375 points)
Chestnut (326 points)
Ash (294 points)
Oak (255 points)

Top scorers:

Beech
Chanelle M & Vidit
Oak
Tommy G & Elliott M
Ash
Elija V & Veda T
Chestnut
Amelia B & Lauren M

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – labelled parts of a shark!
Year 1 – doubled numbers.
Year 2 – learned to tell the time to 5 minutes.
Year 3 – learned about the bones of the body.
Year 4 – found out about mummification.
Year 5 – wrote persuasive letters in character.
Year 6 – solved countless maths problems, answered many GPS questions, did lots of reading comprehension and ate lots of breakfast & biscuits.... it's SATs week!

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	119	434	Connie R, Eliza RW, Jasmine C
CHESTNUT	55	207	Jacob CB, Daisy LG, Lauren Mc, Faye R
OAK	55	247	Karina C, Casian C
ASH	57	247	Daisy W, Maisie K, Hannah C, Isabella T, Veda T, Jack B

Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly today –

- Henry RW – trying really hard with his phonics this week.
- Teddy C – super ordering of numbers 0-10.
- Alan G – settling so well into his new class.
- Ellis A – his excellent writing about Vlad and the Great Fire.
- Ellie R – her poster telling others how to keep a dragon as a pet.
- Ayotunde O – his great enthusiasm in maths.
- Bella A & Samuel S – fantastic effort with their ocean pollution writing.
- Julian F – working so hard on writing his recount about our class trip.
- Aayden C – working so well independently when writing a detailed recount.
- Olivia G – a good persuasive letter from the Brightstorm children about applying for a job on the skyship.
- Alby R – working really hard to improve his handwriting.
- All of Year 6 – their fantastic effort with all their SATs tests this week.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 6



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Summer Term dates

We know that parents like to get our dates in their diaries! Below are the events we can now confirm for the term ahead; we will let you know any further dates and/or changes as soon as they arise.

Mon 16 May	FHF Fun Day preparations	2.15pm in the Staff Room
Tues 17 May	Benchball Tournament	pm at West Kingsdown Primary
Weds 18 / Thurs 19 May	FHF Cake Raffle ticket sales	3.15pm on the drive
Thurs 19 May	Year 6 Fearless Schools session	Year 6 children in class
Mon 23 May	Year 6 parents S&RE meeting	5.30pm in Yr6 classroom – adults only
Mon 23 May	Year 5 Secondary Transfer meeting	5.30pm in Yr5 classroom
Mon 23 May	Year 6 Isle of Wight residential meeting	6pm in Yr6 classroom
Mon 23 May	World of Work week	
Weds 25 May	Eco Club assembly	10.10am
Thurs 26 May	Jubilee Celebration Day	
Fri 27 May	INSET Day	No children in school
Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June	Half Term holiday	
Mon 6 June	Year 1 Phonics assessments week	
Tues 7 June	Reception trip to Eagle Heights	
Wed 8 June	Year 6 Swimming starting	
Wed 8 June	Year 1 trip to Chatham Dockyard	
Thurs 9 June	Year 2 class assembly	10.10am
Mon 13 June	Walk to School week	
Thurs 16 June	Own Clothes Day	Please bring a Fun Day donation
Fri 17 June	Sports Day	KS1 am / KS2 pm
Fri 17 June	Fun Day preparations	
Sat 18 June	FHF Fun Day	
Mon 20 to Fri 24 June	Year 6 Isle of Wight residential	
Mon 20 June	Year 5/6 Blackland Farm Adventure Day	
Mon 27 June	INSET Day	No children in school
Tues 28 June	Class photographs	
Thurs 30 June	Reception class assembly	10.10am
Fri 2 July	Reserve Sports Day	KS1 am / KS2 pm
Weds 6 July	Year 5/6 IofW & Activity Week assembly	10.10am
Fri 8 to Fri 15 July	Year 6 Kent Safe Rider	
Weds 13 July	Open Evening & performances	
Fri 15 July	Flute / Clarinet / Recorders - Benenden Music Day	
Weds 20 July	Yr6 Leavers Assembly	10.10am
Thurs 21 July	End of Term	



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education
Registered Charity No. 1137633

Tickets for this month's Cake Raffle 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 morning.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Please come along and help us make plans for this year's exciting Fun Day! Everyone is welcome to join us on **Monday 16th May** from **2.15pm to 3.15pm** in the Staff Room – we look forward to seeing you.



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INSET DAYS



No children in school

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

Next week in school

Mon 16 May	FHF Meeting – Fun Day prep 2.15pm to 3.15pm in S/Room
Tues 17 May	Benchball Tournament at West Kingsdown
Weds 18 May	Cake Raffle sales after school
Thurs 19 May	Yr4 Class Assembly 10.10am Yr6 Fearless Schools session Cake Raffle sales after school
Fri 20 May	Cake Raffle in assembly

GOOD FOR you  love the food that loves you back 

Census Day Menu 19th May 2022

Mains

Beef Burger served in a Bun with Tomato Ketchup

or

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Sides

Potato Wedges

Baked Beans

Crudit 

Dessert

Ice Cream

Jelly – Dining Centres

Handmade Bread (3,6 m/c 11), Fresh Salad and Fresh Fruit available

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard



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