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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

What a lovely week to return from the half term break with many busy events taking place in school. Reception and Year 1 both went on their first ever school trips to Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation and Chatham Dockyard respectively. Both groups of children behaved impeccably, were a credit to the school and had a super time. We have also had some children attend a writing workshop held at another school and a group of Y5 and Y6 girls represented us brilliantly at an inter-school football tournament, where one of the two teams we sent came in third place. We greatly look forward to welcoming you all into school next Friday for Sports Day and we hope that everyone will get behind our efforts to raise enough money at the Fun Day (details below and overleaf) for us to buy a climbing frame/trim-trail fixed outdoor play equipment. All the proceeds from the Fun Day will go towards this exciting project to replace the old train that has carried its last passengers on the playground.



Sports Day Arrangements

Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 17th June**, with **KS1 sports starting at 10.30am** (Pedestrian Gate opens 10.15am) and **KS2 at 1.30pm** (Pedestrian Gate opens 1.15pm); we regret we are unable to invite parents to stay with us on site over the lunch period. Should the weather on

Friday 17th not be appropriate for the event to take place parents will be notified by text as soon as possible and it will be rescheduled for Friday 1st July.

Please may we remind you that the children are in school session as normal during the sports events and must remain with their teacher / supervising staff at all times. This will be explained to the children and your cooperation with this would be much appreciated, as would your cooperation with health & safety measures in place on the day.

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, sun-hat and suitable trainers, as well as their normal PE kit in school. Sun cream may be required! We look forward to a very enjoyable day.

If you are coming to KS1 Sports in the morning, rather than going home after dropping off at 8.55am, please do come into the hall between 9am & 10.15am to give a hand with preparing for the Fun Day on Saturday. We will be doing lots of preparation on Friday throughout the day so please do pop in to help if you can!

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SUMMER FUN DAY

on Saturday 18th June
12pm – 3pm

Adults 50p Children Free

Featuring:
Dance & Rugby Displays
The Big Slog
BBQ (now taking card payments)
Bouncy Castle
Carnival Sky
Beer Tent & Refreshments
Beat the Grail
Tombola
...and lots more...

Also featuring external stalls:
Ice Cream Van
Cakes
Crafts
Sweets

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	102	102	Korley A, Josue V, Anumeya G
CHESTNUT	42	42	Lottie W, Jake R
OAK	48	48	Beatrice J, Skye R, Joshua E, Millie WS, Elliott MB, Casian C
ASH	52	52	Scarlett T, Maisie K, Akash S




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Home study support sessions for KS2 pupils

Invicta National Academy (working in partnership with Kent County Council) is currently offering home study support sessions for KS2 learners on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5-7pm. They have welcomed children and young people of differing abilities and several with learning differences/SEN. All safeguarding measures are observed and the sessions are delivered online with cameras switched off for attendees. Teachers appear on screen with a lesson facilitator and for an hour attendees can either drop-in, or stay for the duration, with the opportunity to study the focus topic and/or ask their own questions, at any time during the session. Questions are asked via the Q&A function (which is ONLY visible to the teacher and LF) or they can ask to use the microphone. This format has proved to be particularly attractive to many children including those who may struggle in a conventional classroom. This additional learning opportunity provides a safe, anonymous space for revision, practice, questions, learning consolidation and exploration of difficult areas to take place. More information is available at www.invictaacademy.com/homestudysupport



Struggling with homework?

Get free help with English and maths homework online!

Zoom sessions run by Invicta National Academy teachers available after school to help with your homework problems.

Girls Football Tournament

Twelve of our Yr5&6 girls played in the District Girls Football Tournament at Crockenhill Primary School on Tuesday this week. They played brilliantly throughout and showed an excellent sporting attitude – even in the pouring rain! Congratulations to our “A” team who came in third place overall.

Yr3 & Yr4 Writing Day

On Wednesday four of our children went to Horton Kirby and had a great time taking part in a Writing Day run by children’s author Robin Price. They came back full of enthusiasm for the day and ready to do even more fantastic writing!

Paper

As part of our environment commitment we are using recycled paper for this Newsletter and some other correspondence.

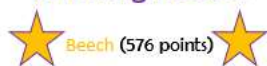
Special Mentions

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

- All our Reception children - for such a fantastic time at Eagle Heights and their super behaviour all day.
- Teddy M – great writing this week.
- Year 1 – for excellent behaviour and great enthusiasm on their school trip to Chatham Dockyard.
- Year 2 – a fantastic assembly.
- Walter A & Isabella T – a fantastic piece of work on life in the Arctic.
- Korlekie & Jack B – making the most of the opportunities offered to them during their Writers’ Day, extending their learning and developing their writing.
- Joy J – a great piece of persuasive writing; a letter from Demeter trying to convince Persephone to return home, from the Greek legend.
- Tenuki A – a great first week in Year 5!
- Kamila B – a very detailed timeline of the human life cycle.
- Kaiden O – excellent piece of writing about his room in the “Nowhere Emporium”.



Winning house:



Oak (433 points)
Ash (308 points)
Chestnut (153 points)

Top scorers:

Beech
Vidit G & Chanelle M
Oak
Harry F & Elliott M
Ash
Baraa R & Veda T
Chestnut
Benjamin A

Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2
YEAR 5

In our classes this week

Reception – learned how to keep safe and why listening carefully is so important.
Year 1 – found out about Grace Darling.
Year 2 – learned about life process and habitats.
Year 3 – read “The Journey Home”.
Year 4 – identified UK and world rivers.
Year 5 – learned about the Greek Legends of Hercules and Persephone.
Year 6 – enjoyed their first swimming lesson!



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Walk to School Week

Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve your and your children’s health. It’s also free, great for the environment, and social. 90% of parents who walk their children to school recognise the journey’s importance for them to socialise with their children. Over a third stated that the journey to school is where they find out the most about their child’s life. (*Info from www.livingstreets.co.uk*) We are also always keen to find ways in which to ease congestion in our local roads and to minimise the inconvenience of “the school run” to our neighbours. To support this, we are asking all our children to take part in

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK from 13th to 17th June

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day next week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school! Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day.

Walk to school with the staff! Members of our staff will be at various points around the local area to meet and walk to school with our families on the following dates –

Tuesday 14 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
Wednesday 15 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent.
Thursday 16 th at 8.40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill.



Next week in school

All week

Walk to School Week
Yr4 Times Tables checks

Mon 13 June

Teddy Bears Picnic for Reception 2022 entry 2pm-3pm

Tues 14 June

8.40am Meet the staff on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction).
District Netball at Hextable Primary 1pm–4pm

Weds 15 June

8.40am Meet the staff on the corner of Charnock & Court Crescent.
Yr1 Class Assembly 10.10am

Thurs 16 Jun

8.40am Meet the staff on the corner of Pinks Hill and Waylands.
Own Clothes Day for Fun Day: please bring a donation of chocolate / sweets and/or a bottle for our Fun Day tombola stalls.

Fri 17 June

Fun Day preparations in hall from 9am
KS1 Sports 10.30am–12pm (Gates 10.15am)
KS2 Sports 1.30pm–3.15pm (Gates 1.15pm)

Sat 18 June

Fun Day 12pm-3pm (setting up from 9.30am)

INSET DAYS
No children in school
Mon 27 June 2022



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Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Our fantastic Fun Day isn't far away!

Next week – members of FHF will be collecting at the morning gate for your donations of second-hand toys, school uniform and unused toiletries / cosmetics.

Thursday 16th June – Please return raffle tickets & money by this date.

Thursday 16th June – Own Clothes Day. Children can wear non-uniform items to school in return for bringing a donation of chocolate / sweets and/or a bottle for our Fun Day tombola stalls.

Friday 17th June – Fun Day set-up preparation throughout the day. Please do pop in around the Sports Day events or if you have a spare hour or two...

Can you help? Please let us know if you can help by completing and returning the form below.

Summer Fun Day Saturday 18 June 2022

My name is:	
Contact Number/Email:	
Child's name and class:	

JOBS (please tick if you are able to help)

I will be able to help with preparations during Friday 17 June	
I am able to help on a stall 11am to 1.30pm session (inc setting up stall)	
I am able to help on a stall 1.30pm to 3.30pm session (inc packing away)	
I will be able to help set up on the morning of the Fun Day (from 9am)	
I will be able to help put away on the afternoon of the Fun Day from 3pm	
I am able to offer the following prize(s) for the Summer Fun Day.	



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