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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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Visit our school website at [www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk)

## Message from Mr Kilbride

It has been lovely to see children settling well into their new year groups over the course of this week. I have met with Miss Rennie and all the teaching staff now to discuss how children have managed their transition to new classes and what support may need to be put in place moving forwards.

I have also enjoyed seeing children bring their scooters into school – Mr Harris put up two additional new scooter pods today that were funded through a grant we received from our submission of a school travel plan. I hope we begin to see some children coming in with their bikes too – I am sure this will happen after Y6 complete their Bikeability, which begins on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. When children do come in on bikes or scooters, we ask that they are considerate to all users of the school path by walking their bikes or scooters at all times whilst on school grounds.

Tilly has enjoyed her time in school this week as she gets used to her new surroundings. She has been in Tuesday and Thursday this week and several children have been training her to perform tricks and rewarding her with treats! She has been groomed by some pupils who have also enjoyed throwing a ball for her to fetch.



## KCC information regarding the death of HM The Queen

Further information regarding the death of HM The Queen specifically relating to Kent can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/births-ceremonies-and-deaths/deaths/her-majesty-the-queen> – this includes events and initiatives that will happen throughout the mourning period and the locations of books of condolence. As an alternative to travelling to a specific location to sign one of the books of condolence located around the county, anyone can make a contribution to the virtual book that can be found at <https://www.royal.uk>

**School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** due to the Bank Holiday announced for this date in recognition of the funeral of HM The Queen.



## School Dinners

We have been informed by our school meal provider that the price of a school meal has been changed to **£2.43** for our children in KS2 – our apologies for not letting parents know this before the start of term but we

have only just been made aware. A copy of the new term's menu is now available at:

<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>

## TimesTables Rockstars

It's great that so many of our children are logging on to TimesTables Rockstars at home! However, some are playing on a very out of date version of the website – probably because they have an old link saved on their browser. Please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to check you are using the new correct version.



## Walk to School Week

**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

Look out for more info next week about how you can take part!



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**Important Health Information – PLEASE REMEMBER!**

We are a **NUT FREE** school – this is **ALL TYPES OF NUTS**. Please can we therefore ask for the support of all our school families in ensuring that none of our children or visitors bring any nuts or nut-based products (eg: Nutella spread / Snickers / peanut butter / nutty cereal bars etc) into school. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to ensure the safety & wellbeing of those members of our school community for whom these products pose a serious risk.

**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!



## Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning



All our parents & carers are invited to join us at **10.15am** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** for our Harvest Assembly. Our Harvest contributions this year will be donated to Swanley Foodbank. Please send your child into school with your donation on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**; this should be **tinned or packeted food only**, please. Our assembly will be followed by refreshments & cakes for a donation in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support so we would welcome any cake donations too. We will sell any surplus at the end of the school day! We hope you can join us to enjoy our Harvest celebrations and to support this very worthwhile cause.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

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**\*\*CHANGE OF DATE\*\***

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

to be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 7pm

*All parents/guardians and staff are very welcome to attend – please come along!*

I hereby give notice of the AGM of the Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of committee members –  
(... would you like to join us?)
- Appointments
- Future planning for 2022-23
- Any Other Business



**COMING HOME TODAY – SPONSOR FORMS FOR  
THIS YEAR'S FHF SPONSORED BOUNCE!**

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

- STEP ONE** Go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1137633-0>
- STEP TWO** Confirm Friends of High Firs as your charity
- STEP THREE** SHOP! 0.5% of your spending will be donated to FHF
- STEP FOUR** Access your Amazon account via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) every time to donate

School Council



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Congratulations to all our children who were nominated by their class to be their class School Council representatives:



Our School Council Representatives are:

2	Danny & Eleanor
3	Daisy & Thomas
4	Walter & Beatrice
5	Korlekie & Sam
6	Casian & Chanelle

We have a vacancy for a 

# Midday Supervisor



5 days a week  
12pm - 1pm  
£10 per hour

More details & application information -  
[www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/)



**We're recruiting!**

## Higher Level Teaching Assistant

For more information visit:  
<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

### Special Mentions

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

- Hazel McN – super listening and speaking clearly in front of the class about what we have learned at school.
- Jack F – settling in to school so well.
- Louisa C – trying really hard with her writing.
- Logan F – always trying his best and working hard.
- Daisy B – good use of vocabulary.
- Morgan J – for trying hard with his writing.
- Smilte M – great knowledge of numbers in French.
- Lily G – trying so hard in Maths this week.
- Michael C – working hard all week to complete his learning.
- Bethanie L – her brilliant Tudor cookery.
- Annie-Grace G & Emanuela M – fantastic effort with her story writing.
- Alby R – great choice of items to pack in an evacuee's suitcase.
- Ruby Bay – excellent work rounding numbers in maths.



### Register Rabbit

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

**YEAR 2**  
**YEARS 3&4**



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**In our classes this week**

- Reception – talked about their feelings and read “The Colour Monster”.
- Year 1 – practised using capital letters and full stops.
- Year 2 – wrote character descriptions of pirates.
- Year 3 – learned about the properties of different rocks.
- Year 4 – read and found out about “The Iron Man”.
- Year 5 – learned about air resistance.
- Year 6 – used formal language to write an evacuee record.



 **HOUSE POINTS**

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	69	69	Harrison & Jack M
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	79	79	Harry, Julia, Isabella, Henry, Ivy, Annie-Grace
<b>OAK</b>	58	58	Oscar, Harry, Lacey
<b>ASH</b>	56	56	Charlotte, Michael, Hannah, Penelope, Imogen, Leo, Danny, Emanuela

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# Sponsored Bounce

Dear Parents/Guardians



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Your child is invited to take part in a Sponsored Bounce on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, during school hours.

Please help your child to get as many sponsors as possible and at the end of the day your child will bring a certificate back to you completed with the number of the bounces he/she was able to do.

Please then collect the promised sponsor money and return the money and the form to school via your child by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Also, if you are eligible for gift aid, please tick the appropriate box on the form and add your door number and post code so that we are able to claim extra on your donation.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**In aid of my School, High Firs Primary School, I am participating in a Sponsored Bounce. I will try and do as many bounces as possible in 3 minutes (2 minutes for Reception and KS1). Please sponsor me.**

<p><b>Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.</b></p> <p>This means that £100 can be turned into £125, just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid.</p> <p>Imagine what a difference that could make and it doesn't cost you a thing.</p> <p><i>To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.</i></p>	<p><i>So just tick here to Gift Aid your donation. It's that simple</i></p>
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Name	Door No.	Post Code	Amount per Bounce	Amount Overall	Total	
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