



*Making learning an adventure"*  
*Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017*

*Our value for this half term is Positivity*

Dear Parents/Carers,

**High Beeches News**

Welcome back to the first newsletter of this half term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break with your families. As you can see our value for this half term is Positivity. We are all smiling at everyone as we walk around school and always showing a very positive attitude!

This week our children have participated in the Girls football tournament and the Chess Tournament. They represented the school very well and we are all proud of them- reports to follow later. Willow and Hazel class enjoyed visiting Pizza Express and our food waste workshops were very good yesterday.

It was lovely to meet the parents of Elm class this morning at my Headteacher's coffee morning.

**Contacting teachers**

As the school is growing we have decided to introduce a new method for parents to contact teachers. We have set up a new email which is as follows:

[teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk)

Mr Edney and I will check this email on a daily basis and pass messages onto teachers. You will receive a response within 3 working days. Please note, that we will not access this email account at weekends, holidays or in the evenings.

Therefore, if you have any questions for teachers or comments or would like an appointment, from now on please use this new email address. This will also ease the workload of our lovely, and very hardworking, office team. In case of an emergency, then please phone the school office.

Thank you.

**Parent forum meetings**

A reminder that the Key Stage 1 parent forum is on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at 9am. Parent Reps please email any questions to [admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk) by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you.

**FoHBS News**

Look out for lots of info coming soon as we move towards Christmas!

In the meantime:

***Bingo Fun Night*** – few tables left!

FOHBS are bringing you a Bingo night including prosecco and fish and chip supper from Godfreys for parents and teachers, Friday 24 November, 7.30pm onwards. Cash bar also available. Please let us know asap if you would like to join us.

**Snacks**

Can I please remind parents, as was stated in the newsletter dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, that Junior children can bring in fruit, vegetables or breadsticks for snack at breaktimes. Infant children have fresh fruit or vegetables.

### **Help needed**

Our reception teachers would love parents who are willing to come and play with the youngest children at lunchtime. Please let the office know if you would like to help or talk directly to Mrs Burnham. You must have an up to date DBS check.

### **Headteacher workshops**

I am going to be running a workshop on **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** where I will be exploring the school's current vision and aims statement with parents.

After Christmas I am running a workshop on **Growth mindset and Brain awareness**- both very interesting topics which help us gain an understanding of the our children's attitudes to learning and also how their brain works! This workshop will be on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9am** and repeated again on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am**.

### **Maths workshops for parents**

Phase leaders will be leading Maths workshops for parents on the following days. These workshops will unpick how maths is taught in school and calculation strategies used across the four mathematical operations.

**Reception and year 1: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am**

**Year 2 and 3: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am**

**Year 4, 5 and 6: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.00am**

These workshops will be no longer than 30 minutes.

### **Head Teacher Questions**

No questions this week.

### **Mobile Phones**

Can I please remind parents/carers/visitors that in line with our acceptable user agreement all mobile phones must be switched off when in the school building (not just on silent). This is to ensure the safeguarding of our children. Thank you.

### **Remembrance Day**

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November for a minimum donation of 50p.. They will be available for the children to buy in their class after lunch each day.

### **Cuffley Outdoor Centre**

It appears there is a chance that Cuffley Outdoor Centre will be closed down. As a school we have enjoyed many successful and rewarding visits to there and it would be a shame not to be able to continue to do so. Please check out the following link and sign the petition. Thank you.

<https://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Petitions/tabid/140/ID/186/Stop-the-closure-of-Cuffley-Camp-Outdoor-Centre.aspx>

## **Pupil Success**

### **Headteacher awards**

#### **Oak**

**Saffron**-for working really hard with her writing

**Leo**—for showing a positive attitude to his learning

#### **Chestnut**

**Ollie**- for always challenging himself in ChIL

**Isabella**- for having a positive attitude to learning

#### **Elm**

**Jackson**- for always trying his best

**Lauren**- for showing a positive attitude to learning

#### **Cedar**

**Henry**- for persevering and showing resilience in his writing

**Isabelle**- for persevering and showing resilience in her writing

#### **Hazel**

**Aiden**- for having a positive attitude towards his work

**Noori**- for pushing himself with his writing

#### **Willow**

**Jude**- for having such a positive approach to his work

**Issie**- for writing an excellent recount of our trip to Pizza Express

#### **Birch**

**Abby**- for always having a positive approach to her learning

**Max**- for working hard to improve his lap times

#### **Redwood**

**Christopher**- for always being positive about his learning

**Jesse**- for working hard on his story writing

#### **Maple**

**Oliver**- for working really hard in his maths

**Isabella**- for being really positive in lessons

#### **Pine**

**Ruby**- for showing a great growth mindset during maths

**Belle**- for showing a huge improvement in spelling this week

#### **Ash**

**Nathan**- for showing a positive attitude to learning in maths

**Archie**- for always working hard and settling an excellent example to others

#### **Sycamore**

**Ella**- for showing positive encouragement in class and at football

**Thomas**- for persevering and solving a maths puzzle.

*Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing continued support of High Beeches School.*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence* Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

6<sup>th</sup> November- reception intake 2018 open morning 9.30-10.30  
10<sup>th</sup> November – FoHBS Junior movie night  
15<sup>th</sup> November- reception intake 2018 open morning 9-10.30  
15<sup>th</sup> November 7pm- Parents workshop on vision and aims  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2, 3 Parent Maths workshop 9am  
17<sup>th</sup> November- Cedar class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30  
23<sup>rd</sup> November - Year 4, 5 and 6 Parent Maths workshop 9am  
24<sup>th</sup> November 9am- Hazel class HT coffee morning. Rearranged from 30<sup>th</sup> November  
24<sup>th</sup> November – FoHBS Bingo evening – adults only time tbc  
28<sup>th</sup> November – Reception and Year 1 Parent Maths workshop 9am  
29<sup>th</sup> November- Final year 4 swimming  
30<sup>th</sup> November - Hazel class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30  
30<sup>th</sup> November – EYFS Nativity – afternoon - time tbc  
1<sup>st</sup> December – EYFS Nativity – morning – time tbc  
1<sup>st</sup> December – FoHBS Whole school Christmas disco  
Wb 4<sup>th</sup> December- last week of clubs  
6<sup>th</sup> December – Rotary Carols  
5<sup>th</sup> December- reception intake 2018 open morning 9.30-10.30  
7<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Nativity 9.15am  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Nativity 2.30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> December – FoHBS Christmas Fair  
12<sup>th</sup> December pm-Panto trip-Alban Arena – return 4.30pm ish  
13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December- Junior Carols-High Street Methodist Church - 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> December- Willow class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 Carols in the hall 2.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December- School Christmas lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> December- 2pm-End of term  
3<sup>rd</sup> January- INSET  
4<sup>th</sup> January- children start back at school  
11<sup>th</sup> January- Sycamore class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30  
15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January-Year 4 Viking Day.  
18<sup>th</sup> January 9am -Maple class assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January- workshop for parents on Brain awareness and Growth mindset  
25<sup>th</sup> January- Ash class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am  
26<sup>th</sup> January- Pine class assembly#  
31<sup>st</sup> January 1.30pm-2.30pm- “The B Word”- Bullying production. Years 2-6  
1<sup>st</sup> February- Pine Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 9am- Sycamore class assembly  
Wb 5<sup>th</sup> February- Parent Consultations  
6<sup>th</sup> February- Tag Rugby tournament  
7<sup>th</sup> February 9am- Cedar class assembly  
8<sup>th</sup> February 9am- Elm class assembly  
9<sup>th</sup> February –Maple class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am  
12<sup>th</sup>-16th February- half term  
20<sup>th</sup> February year 5 and 6 K’Nex challenge  
22<sup>nd</sup> February- Birch Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> March- Redwood Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

