



*Making learning an adventure\**  
*Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

*Our value for this half term is Positivity*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

Another busy week at High Beeches. Our children participated in the Harpenden District Cross Country Tournament on Tuesday afternoon with a great, enthusiastic and very positive attitude and an amazing growth mindset! Congratulations to them all. A report follows later in the newsletter. On Thursday we had a wonderful Values day during which the children participated in lots of activities exploring values. Our younger children chose animals to represent each value, years 3 and 4 created posters showing values and years 5 and 6 designed a values structure for our entrance. We will share the children's amazing work with you in due course! Mrs Burnham is going to have a **Values meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9am** with parents and our House Ambassadors. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk

### **Parent forum meetings**

A reminder that the Key Stage2 parent forum is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.15pm. Parent Reps please email any questions by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Children in Need-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Our school council have met and decided that they would like to have a Pyjama day for Children in Need with a minimum recommended donation of a £1, but all donations very welcome for this very worthwhile cause.

### **Routine Dental Appointments**

We have noticed that we have recently been receiving more requests to take children out of school for routine dental appointments. Please can we request that you try to make these appointments after school or during holiday time as it impacts on children's learning. Obviously if this is not possible then perhaps a lunchtime appointment could be arranged. Many thanks.

### **Christmas home for the fish!**

Our lovely fish need to spend the Christmas holidays with a loving family. Please let the school office know if you would like to look after them. Full instruction will be given!

### **FoHBS News**

Thank you for all your Tea towel order forms already received. The deadline to return them is next Wednesday, 15th November.

In book bags next week look out for Christmas Disco forms, High Beeches Cook Book order forms and our FOHBS newsletter with Christmas Fair donation date reminders. FoHBS will be holding a non-school uniform day for the whole school on **Friday 1st December** as thanks for the donations.

If you are looking to buy a real Christmas tree this year we have been offered a great opportunity where you can order online a locally grown premium Nordmann fir Christmas tree to collect or be delivered to your house. Prices start from £38 and FOHBS will be donated £10 for every tree ordered. See poster attached or visit [www.foha.ecwid.com](http://www.foha.ecwid.com)

### **Cross Country – Report by Ella and Ben**

*This week, on Tuesday afternoon, 17 children went to The Event of a 1700 metre run and did incredibly well. We had some amazing runners with Dan coming 4<sup>th</sup> and Freya coming 5<sup>th</sup>. Though everyone else did amazing, tried their hardest and made us and Mr George proud. Special thanks to Mr George for his time to train us for this very difficult event and his great tips "RUN ON THE INSIDE LINE, was one of his tips. Also thank you for his great encouragement. Thank you also to Ms Lawrence for taking the time out of her day to come, watch and cheer us on. Also for helping with awards at the end. The final thank you is to all the runners that participated in this event and worked incredibly hard towards it. Finally, Nick Evans, year 6, was amazing because he did not train as much as the others and still competed like us and was very determined. Well done to the runners who were:*

***Year 5- Sophie C, Sophie B Emma, Raphaelle, William R, William M, Seth, Nathan,***

***Year 6- Ella, Freya, Lauren B, Ben, Nick, Dan, Tom, Bertie***

### **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. If you are intending to come to this workshop, then please email the office [admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk)

### **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**

### **Staff Success**

Congratulations to Miss Jackson, Birch class teacher, on her performance in The St Albans Musical Theatre Company's production of West Side Story. Members of staff had a thoroughly enjoyable evening watching Miss Jackson's wonderful dancing in this very professional performance. Well done Miss Jackson.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations Willow class for 100% attendance this week.

### **Headteacher awards**

As we had our Values assembly today, we will have double Headteacher awards next week.

*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**

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 – Reception visit to “Star Dome” at Artisans - TBC**  
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>-16<sup>th</sup> 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