



Making learning an adventure
Newsletter 17th November 2017

Our value for this half term is Positivity

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

This week began with a special Remembrance assembly during which our children showed their ability to reflect on the significance of remembrance. We welcomed prospective new parents to High Beeches on Wednesday morning and were extremely proud of our year 6 pupils who showed them around school and spoke so positively about their life at High Beeches. Today, the whole school community dressed up in pyjamas for Children in Need and we raised £450.00, thank you so much for your generosity.

Parent forum meetings

Thank you to our parent reps who attended recent parent forum meetings. We will share the minutes with you in due course.

One area of concern which has been raised at both parent forum meetings is that of children going to the toilet during lesson time. The Phase leaders and I have discussed this and I will be sending out a separate letter to parents early next week which will outline the school's policy moving forward.

Vision and Values meeting

I apologise that this meeting was cancelled. We only had 3 parents who had emailed saying that they wanted to attend so the decision was made to cancel. I will be leading this project forward and have asked these parents to be part of a group, alongside staff, to review our Vision and aims statements throughout this year. As a group we will be in touch to consult with the parent body in due course.

Maths workshops

Miss Jackson and Mrs Richardson led our 1st Maths workshop this week which was very well received by the year 2/3 parents. Powerpoint presentations have been added to each class page on the website.

Remember- **Reception and year 1: Tuesday 28th November 9.00am and Year 4, 5 and 6: Thursday 23rd November 9.00am.** These workshops will be no longer than 30 minutes.

Values news

Mrs Burnham is going to have a **Values meeting on Wednesday 22nd 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

Acceptable Use Agreements

Please look out for the Acceptable Use Agreement which will be coming out today or early next week. Please read it through with your child before signing and returning to the school office by 24th November. Obviously the younger children will not totally understand but we would hope that you can explain the meaning of it in some way.

Christmas

School Christmas lunch is on the **18th December**. We would like to invite children to wear Christmas hats.

Christmas jumper day is on the **15th December** and we will be raising money for our chosen charity this year which is The Luton and Dunstable Hospital Neonatal Unit.

KS2 Christmas concert in the High Street Methodist Church

13th December- Blue and green house

14th December- Yellow and red house

Letters have been sent out today regarding tickets.

FoHBS News

We only have a few tickets remaining for the Harpenden Public Hall pantomime deal so please get any ticket requests in ASAP.

Please post your Christmas Disco forms with payment by next Friday, 24th November.

FOHBS will be holding a non-school uniform day for the whole school [on Friday 1st December](#) as thanks for all your Christmas Fair donations.

Luxury Christmas Hampers to be won! **One book of raffle tickets per family will be in book bags from Monday.** Please return them with payment (or any unused tickets) in an envelope marked raffle to the FoHBS box by Friday 8th December. **The raffle will be drawn at 4.15pm on Saturday 9th December.**

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

Tea Towel orders

The order for tea towels is being sent in on Monday. If you have forgotten to order yours then please email admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk by Sunday evening at the very latest with your order. Please send your payment in first thing Monday morning.

Cross Country

Unfortunately Archie from year 5 was missed out of the Cross Country report last week. Huge apologies Archie. Very well done because you were the highest placed child from HB in year 5.

Celebrate!

Today I received a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of state for school standards, congratulating High Beeches School on our outstanding phonics results in year 1 this year. 95% of children reached the expected standard for year 1 which puts us in the top 8% of the country. We are very proud of this achievement and my thanks go to staff in Reception and year 1.

Head Teacher Questions

No questions this week

Attendance

Well done to Oak and Ash classes for 100% attendance this week

Headteacher awards- double this week

Oak

Emily- for showing a positive attitude

Harry- for helping his friends learn

Sienna- for fantastic writing

Caleb-for always being positive

Chestnut

George- for always challenging himself

Amelia- for showing a positive attitude to learning

Lawrence-for challenging himself in maths

Isla-for challenging herself with her writing

Elm

Tillie- for showing positivity

Finn-for trying his best and being a positive member of the class

Rose-for being a positive and smiley member of the class

Frank-for his positive attitude to learning

Cedar

Alfie- for trying hard in writing and showing positivity

Isabella-for showing positivity

Sophia-for showing a positive attitude to work

Edward- for showing a positive attitude to work

Hazel

Chloe- for having such a positive attitude to her work

Thomas-for having a positive attitude towards working in a group

Ranye-for showing positivity in her attitude to her work

Theo-for having such a positive attitude tin the classroom

Willow

Angus- for showing such a positive attitude towards his work

Isla- for working well as part of a group when doing her English presentation

Brendan-for pushing himself in his maths lessons

Sasha-for always having such a positive attitude towards her work

Birch

Bobo- for settling into school so well

Marc-for having such a positive attitude towards learning

Barney-for showing perseverance in his learning

Hanna-for always having a positive attitude

Redwood

Annabelle-for showing perseverance in her learning

Ishika- for being a positive member of the class

Theo- for having a positive attitude to his learning

Jessica-for always showing positivity

Maple

Zacharie-for making a really big effort with his writing

Toni-for being really positive in maths

Alexander-for making a really big effort to improve his writing

Molly-for being really positive in maths

Pine

Izzy- for showing increased confidence in maths

Ben- for always demonstrating the value of positivity

Jamie-for showing the value of positivity in all aspects of school work

James-for an increased effort in English work

Ash

Samuel- for having a positive attitude in all his learning

Joanne- for showing great creativity on Values day

Seth- for showing a positive attitude to his learning

Annabel- for challenging herself in English and Maths

Sycamore

Elise- for showing great positivity throughout all her learning

Ted C- for positively and confidently volunteering for responsibility

Harriet-for positivity during the Primary Maths challenge

William- for great effort all 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

22nd November 9am- Values meeting

23rd November - Year 4, 5 and 6 Parent Maths workshop 9am

24th November 9am- Hazel class HT coffee morning. Rearranged from 30th November

24th November – FoHBS Bingo evening – adults only time tbc

28th November – Reception and Year 1 Parent Maths workshop 9am

29th November – Reception visit to “Star Dome” at Artisans - TBC

29th November- Final year 4 swimming

30th November – EYFS Nativity – afternoon - time tbc

1st December – EYFS Nativity – morning – time tbc

1st December – FoHBS Whole school Christmas disco

Wb 4th December- last week of clubs

6th December – Rotary Carols

5th December- reception intake 2018 open morning 9.30-10.30

7th December – Y2 Nativity 9.15am

8th December – Y2 Nativity 2.30pm

9th December – FoHBS Christmas Fair

12th December pm-Panto trip-Alban Arena – return 4.30pm ish

13th and 14th December- Junior Carols-High Street Methodist Church - 7pm

14th December- Willow class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30

15th December – Y1 Carols in the hall 2.30pm

18th December- School Christmas lunch

19th December- 2pm-End of term

3rd January- INSET

4th January- children start back at school

11th January- Sycamore class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30

15th and 16th January-Year 4 Viking Day.

18th January 9am -Maple class assembly

22nd and 23rd January- workshop for parents on Brain awareness and Growth mindset

25th January- Ash class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

26th January- Pine class assembly#

31st January 1.30pm-2.30pm- “The B Word”- Bullying production. Years 2-6

1st February- Pine Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

2nd February 9am- Sycamore class assembly

Wb 5th February- Parent Consultations

6th February- Tag Rugby tournament

7th February 9am- Cedar class assembly

8th February 9am- Elm class assembly

9th February –Maple class Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

12th-16th February- half term

20th February year 5 and 6 K’Nex challenge

22nd February- Birch Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

8th March- Redwood Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am