



*Making learning an adventure*  
*Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

*Our value for this half term is Positivity*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

This week, as I have been working in my office and walking around school, it has been lovely to hear the children getting ready for Christmas with lots of rehearsals. It is always such a lovely time of the year to work in a Primary School. The Governors' cup judging panel met on Wednesday to choose our Governors' cup winners which are announced later in the newsletter. Mrs Burnham hosted a very successful Values group meeting this week. It was lovely to meet with parents from Hazel class at my HT coffee this morning.

### **Governors' cup**

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Governors, to announce the winners of the Governors' cup. This year, the task was to design our Wildlife area. Some of the ideas from the children will be selected by our Eco group to make improvements. Thank you to all the children who took part- they will all receive a sticker in their learning logs in due course recognising their contributions. The judging panel consisted of impartial community Governors who are not parents. Congratulations to all entrants and particularly the following.

#### **Key Stage 1**

**Oak class- runner up: Arran**

**Oak class- winner: Harry**

**Chestnut class- runner up: Sophie**

**Chestnut class-winner: Jack G**

**Elm class- runner up: Lauren**

**Elm class-winner: Benjamin**

**Cedar class- runner up: Archie**

**Cedar class- winner: Henry**

**Hazel class- runner up: Joshua**

**Hazel class- winner: Theo**

**Willow class- runner up: Angus**

**Willow class- winner: Henry**

**Overall Key stage 1 runner up: Benjamin**

**Over all Key stage 1-winner: Henry**

#### **Key stage 2**

**Birch class-runner up: Adam**

**Birch class- winner: Abby**

**Redwood class- runner up: Eve**

**Redwood class-winner: Emily**

**Maple class- runner up: Hannah**

**Maple class-winner: Molly**

**Pine class- runner up: Josh**

**Pine class- winner: Clara**

**Ash class- runner up: William**

**Ash class- winner: Max**

**Sycamore class- runner up: Benjamin**

**Sycamore class- winner: Freya**

**Overall Key stage 2- runner up: Molly**

**Overall Key stage 2- winner: Freya**

### Website

Don't forget to check the school website > Parents > Letters Home for useful forms and some of the letters which have recently come home. It is our plan to develop this area further over the next few weeks. We would particularly like to draw your attention to the Request for Leave of Absence and Permission to Administer Medicine forms where it could be useful for you to print and complete at home.

### Reading Cloud

Please look out for a letter coming home to years 4 - 6 entitled "Encouraging your child's reading for pleasure - Our new school reading cloud now available online". We would ask that the slip requesting a user name and password is completed and returned as soon as possible, but by Friday 1 December at the latest. Thank You.

### Parent forum meetings

Notes will be sent out soon following our meetings.

### Maths workshops

Mr Edney and Mr Gardiner led another highly successful Maths workshop this week. Their slides will be added to the school website in due course. On the 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Maths workshop for reception and year 1 parents.

### Grammar workshops

I am hoping to organise some grammar workshops for parents next term and will inform you of dates in the near future.

### Values news

Mrs Burnham would like to thank those parents who attended the Values meeting. There will be a presentation on our website soon. We will be using animals to signify our values which will help the children remember them. Also, please let Mrs Burnham know if you know of an artist/sculptor/carpenter who would be able to build an interactive value model which will be designed by our children.

### Dangerous Driving

Extract from an email sent by one of our parents

*"A black Citroen reg FL16 APZ picking up a boy from an after school club at 4:15pm this afternoon drove at quite some speed through the OUT gate of the school grounds. Had children been walking there the car would almost certainly not have had time to brake before hitting them. Could a message please be sent out to the parents of children at afternoon clubs please about driving/parking? And perhaps to Jousters parents too as I am told it is also a fairly common occurrence at Jousters pick up time - equally worrying and dark. Perhaps we need to ask parents to ensure anyone and everyone picking their children up know not to park on the school grounds and never to drive in the out gate."*

Parents/Carers should not be parking in the staff car park between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. Thank you.

### Christmas

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

Christmas jumper day is on the **15<sup>th</sup> 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

**13<sup>th</sup> December**- Blue and green house

**14<sup>th</sup> December**- Yellow and red house

Letters have been sent out regarding tickets.

### **FoHBS News**

Next week we will be collecting Christmas fair donations for the Luxury hamper raffle and Secrets stall. Please drop off in the tubs in your classrooms.

We are holding a non school uniform day for the whole school on [Friday](#) (1st Dec) as thanks for all the donations, plus we have our Christmas disco after school.

If you took up the Harpenden public halls Christmas pantomime ticket offer, tickets are now available to collect from the school office.

Luxury Christmas Hampers to be won! Everyone should have received one book of raffle tickets per family. 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.

### **Coats**

Now the weather is getting colder please ensure your child brings a named coat to school every day.

### **Payments and reply slips**

Please can we ask that all payments are made on school gateway and reply slips returned by the deadlines. We are especially missing pantomime replies and payments at the moment which are now outstanding. Every child attending should have paid for their ticket. Thank you.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Ash and Sycamore on 100% attendance this week.

### **Headteacher awards-**

#### **Oak**

Milla- for settling so quickly into school

Isla- for being positive about her abilities

#### **Chestnut**

Jack- for his amazing number sentences

Isla- for always being a kind and helpful friend

#### **Elm**

Erin- for always showing a positive attitude

Harrison- for always being a cheerful and helpful member of the class

#### **Cedar**

Georgia- for having a positive attitude to her work

Elliott- for having a positive attitude to his work

#### **Hazel**

Matthew- for always being helpful and kind

Evie- for having a positive attitude towards her work

#### **Willow**

William- for concentrating so well on his pop art

Shannon- for showing positivity in everything she does

#### **Birch**

Zhi-Tao- for his very imaginative Monster school rules

Adam- for always being a positive influence

#### **Redwood**

Max- for working hard in English

Sophie- for having a positive attitude towards her work

#### **Maple**

Lexi- for showing positivity in everything she does

Sam- for having a really positive attitude in all lessons

#### **Pine**

Olivia- for an outstanding mark in her maths assessment

Cassie- for always putting 100% into all aspects of her work

**Ash**

William- for showing great enthusiasm and creativity in English

Alizah- for showing a positive attitude to her learning

**Sycamore**

Matthew and Freya- for both having a positive attitude which helps them to make good progress in Maths

*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**

**27<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6 Victorian day**

**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 – EYFS Nativity 2.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> December – EYFS Nativity 9.30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> December – FoHBS Whole school Christmas disco**

**Wb 4<sup>th</sup> December- last week of clubs**

**5<sup>th</sup> December- Reception intake 2018 open morning 9.30-10.30**

**6<sup>th</sup> December – Rotary Carols**

**7<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Nativity 9.30am- time change**

**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**

**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**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February- parent consultations. Date change**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February- Birch Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February-parent consultations. Date change**

**1<sup>st</sup> March- Food waste Ninjas workshops**

**5<sup>th</sup> March- year 5 and 6 football tournament**

**6<sup>th</sup> March-Year 4 tree planting at Heartwood ForesT**

**8<sup>th</sup> March- Redwood Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am**

**15<sup>th</sup> March- Birch class assembly**

**19<sup>th</sup> March- netball rally**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March-Redwood class assembly**