



Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 1st December 2017

Our value for this half term is Positivity

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

As we approach this exciting time of the year, we can feel the lovely spirit of Christmas at High Beeches. The staff thoroughly enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree on Tuesday after school. We were entertained beautifully by the children in Chestnut and Oak class with their wonderful production of "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel". Our very youngest children sang, danced and acted beautifully, ably assisted by some of our year 6 pupils. They really helped us to get into the festive spirit which is such a lovely time to be in a Primary School.

Also this week Mrs Priolo and Mrs Burnham led another very successful maths workshop for parents. On Thursday our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner visited us for the day and was very impressed by the children's work, our achievement data and the lovely positive atmosphere in school.

Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

Mrs Tang made a video of the Reception Nativity this morning. Copies will be sold at the Christmas Fair for £6 with all proceeds going to FoHBS. Please register your interest at joanneytang@yahoo.com

Sports Captains

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Sports Captains this year.
They are:

Red Team

Freya and Alex

Blue Team

Tom and Harriet

Yellow Team

Bertie and Matthew

Green Team

Elise and Marcus

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

Monday is the last day to order your locally grown Christmas trees with £10 donated to FOHBS for every order. www.foha.ecwid.com

Thank you for all the fantastic donations so far for our Christmas Fair. Reminders for next week:

- **Second hand toys and books collection (no electrical items). Please put in the boxes outside the school office.**
- **Paper plates will be in book bags on Monday for cakes/mince pies/biscuits to be handed in on Friday 8th**
- **Sweet cups to be handed in to classrooms on Wednesday 6th**
- **Alcohol bottle for adult tombola to be handed in at school drop off on Friday 8th**

Thank you!

***High Beeches Cook Book launch at Harpenden Books* Join us at Harpenden Books on Saturday 9th December from 10am-12pm**

The Spring Term FoHBS committee meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2018 at 8pm at the Plough and Harrow. If you are interested in joining FoHBS or just find out more you are very welcome to attend.

And finally, thank you to everyone for a great night last Friday at our first FOHBS bingo night. A wonderful time had by all.

Head Teacher Questions

I have had one question about girls wearing boots and skirts. Girls can wear boots to and from school and then change into shoes if they want to. They do spend time sitting on the carpet and in the hall cross legged and wearing boots can make that very uncomfortable. However, the current policy states that girls may wear boots with trousers which is a bit misleading. I will be discussing this with my management team soon and will inform you of any amendments.

Spring 2018 Clubs

The letter regarding Clubs in the Spring term 2018 has been sent out and everyone should now have a copy - if not, it can be found on the school website on the Parents page, letters home.

Please read the letter **very** carefully as we are trialling a new process with clubs run by school being booked online via School Gateway. Booking will be available online from 5 December but, as stated in the letter, there are limited places so if it is not available to book online that means it has sold out - then you can return the slip attached to the letter for your child to be added to a waiting list. With the booking starting on 5 December, that gives you a few days to decide and consult friends to make sure you have selected the right clubs as, once it is booked online and paid for, there are no cancellations or alterations!

Places for Create Club and <Think> Games Creator can be reserved by obtaining a booking form from the school office.

Poppy Collection

You raised £264.92 for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Communication

Please can we ask that when communicating with school either by email or telephone that you leave your child's full name and class name. Thank you

Attendance

Well done Oak and Ash class on 100% attendance this week.

Pupil Achievement

Well done to Marcus, Thomas, Lauren and Dan in year 6 for competing in the Aldwickbury Maths challenge and representing High Beeches so well.

Headteacher awards-

Oak and Chestnut classes- for an amazing Nativity play

Oak

Marnie-for showing such good positivity

Henry- for showing marvellous resilience

Chestnut

Hasnain- for always challenging himself

Kiara- for always trying her hardest in everything

Elm

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

Lucas- for always trying his best

Cedar

Chloe- for having a positive attitude to her work

Rosie- for having a positive attitude to her work

Hazel

Riley-for having a positive attitude around his friends

Meya- for having a positive attitude to her written work

Willow

Emily- for working so well as part of a team in science

Xavi- for having such a positive attitude towards his work

Birch

Ryan- for always having a positive attitude

Alice- for always trying her best

Redwood

Henry- for working well with others in a group

Ethan- for showing positivity in his learning

Maple

John-for excellent writing this term

Imogen-for having a positive attitude to all her work

Pine- Mr Young has been unwell so double HT awards next week!

Ash

Anna- for having a positive attitude in maths

Oskar- for showing great creativity in English

Sycamore

Brett- for being really confident with conversion charts in maths

Chloe- for having a really positive attitude to challenge

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

Wb 4th December- last week of clubs

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

6th December – Rotary Carols

7th December – Y2 Nativity 9.30am- time change

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.

15th January – FoHBS meeting 8pm at Plough and Harrow

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

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

Wednesday 21st February- parent consultations. Date change

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

Monday 26th February-parent consultations. Date change

1st March- Food waste Ninjas workshops

5th March- year 5 and 6 football tournament

6th March-Year 4 tree planting at Heartwood ForesT

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

15th March- Birch class assembly

19th March- netball rally

23rd March-Redwood class assembly