



*"Making Learning an Adventure"
Newsletter 8th December 2017*

Our value for this half term is Positivity

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

We have all been treated to Year 2's production of "A Midwife Crisis" this week. All of the children performed beautifully and I am sure that their parents were very proud. A huge thank you to the year 2 teachers and TAs for all their hard work with the children. I was also very proud of all the children who represented High Beeches at the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening for the Rotary Carol Concert. They sang beautifully and were excellent representatives of High Beeches.

Next week we are all looking forward to our Pantomime trip-thank you to FoHBS for subsidising the cost. We are also looking forward to our KS2 carol concert in the Methodist Church and Year 1 carols around the tree.

A lovely time of the year at High Beeches!

FoHBS News

A huge thank you for all the donations for our Christmas fair - we look forward to seeing you tomorrow for fun and festivities! Thank you also to Anna Davies and her team for organising the Christmas Fair.

The fair is on from 2-4.30 and below is a reminder of performance times

- 2.30 Dance Like Crazy
- 3.00 Voices Choir
- 3.15 School Choir
- 3.30 Doods/JSax
- 3.45 Saxes
- 4.00 Orchestra
- 4.15 Raffle draw
- 4.30 Fair closes

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.

Grammar workshop-Monday 5th February at 9am

This workshop is open to all parents. It will be led by an English adviser from Herts for Learning on Monday 5th February at 9am. As we have to pay for this session, we are asking for a donation from parents to support with the cost.

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

All ordered tickets have been handed to the children today so please check their bags. The choir and orchestra will be attending both evenings but parents are asked to attend their own house evening only please.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now in use inside the front entrance. Please remember to put the class name as well as the child's name or they will not reach the correct children. Thank you.

Christmas Tree

Thank you to the McBride family for the donation of our beautiful Christmas tree this year for which we are most grateful.

Nativity DVDs

Mrs Tang has kindly been recording some of our Nativities. Obviously she does not have time to have the Year 2 DVD ready for the Christmas Fair but if you would like to buy a copy at £6 each please email her at joanneyhtang@yahoo.com

2018 Reception open mornings

We have completed our three open mornings for the 2018 Reception intake and were very pleased with the attendance. Our Year 6 children represented High Beeches impeccably and we had lots of lovely comments from our visitors. We have organised one more tour for **Wednesday 10th January 9.30am – 10.30am**. Please pass this on to any friends or family who may be interested. We would like to thank Mr Cummings and his business, Ian Scott Photography, for the photographs in our new Prospectus. He has captured the children and our school wonderfully. We aim to get the present pictures around the school updated as soon as possible. A donation from last years' Year 6 is to go towards the frames. Mr Cummings, thank you for your time and expertise.

Head Teacher Questions

No questions this week.

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

Pupil Achievement

Ollie (Pine class) achieved his 2000 metre award for swimming during last week's lesson when a distance challenge was held. Well done Ollie!

Headteacher awards-

Oak

Kai- for working so hard on writing his name

Taaha- for showing perseverance in his writing

Chestnut

Arianna- for challenging herself in art

Rory- For his fantastic writing

Elm

Timothy- for challenging himself in maths

Cara- for having a positive attitude

Cedar

Felix- for having a positive attitude to his work

Freya- for having a positive attitude to her work

Hazel

Scarlett- for having a positive attitude towards her maths works

Joshua- for putting so much effort into his part in the Nativity

Willow

Emily- For having a positive attitude towards her friends

Molly- for delivering her lines in the Nativity with such enthusiasm

Birch

Alfie- for having a positive attitude in class

Elissa- for putting so much effort in to her work

Redwood

Christopher- for working hard to uplevel his poem

Kaii- for showing positivity in his learning

Maple

Sam – for being really positive and working hard in Maths

Tom – for being really enthusiastic in all subjects

Pine

Leon- for showing a positive attitude to his classwork

Ioanni- for positive and well thought contributions to class discussion

Ash

Mary- for showing a positive attitude in everything she does

Alizah- for working well with others and being a good friend

Sycamore

Lauren D- for challenging herself in maths

Marcus- for challenging himself in maths

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing continued support of High Beeches School. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair which, judging by all the hard work from FoHBS is going to be an amazing event. Please support them.

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

10th January – 2018 Reception open morning 9.30am – 10.30am

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

5th February 9am Grammar workshop for parents

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

28th March – Community Concert 7pm

29th March – End of Term 2pm