



*"Making Learning an Adventure"*  
Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*Our value for this half term is Positivity*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

The last full week of this term has been wonderful. It all started with a snow day which I am sure the children enjoyed! Then the whole school went to Aladdin at the Alban Arena which was enjoyed by all and very exciting. We were then treated to two beautiful Carol Concerts at the High Street Methodist Church by our Key Stage two children. Today has been Christmas jumper day, with donations going to The Luton and Dunstable Neonatal Unit. Our School Councillors have chosen this charity following the early arrival of Mr and Mrs Shewbridge's baby, George, who is now strong and healthy after all the care he was given. We also had a lovely performance by year one singing carols in the hall this afternoon. What a lovely week!

We said a temporary goodbye to Miss Ellis who has left to have her baby. We wish her well and look forward to hearing her news very soon.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Gaunt and thank her for all her help in Reception class.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and commitment this term. High Beeches is a lucky school to have such an amazing and dedicated staff. Thank you also to parents and Governors for all their support and finally the biggest thanks goes to our OUTSTANDING children who have totally shone yet again this term.

### **Christmas Fair**

A huge thank you to Anna and her team for the amazing Christmas Fair last week. It was very busy with a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to Mrs Walton for organising all the lovely performances.

### **Tea towels**

All of the ordered tea towels were distributed on Thursday so they should have been received. Thank you to Mr Bresler for organising this mammoth task!

### **Grammar workshop-Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am**

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

### **Parking after Panto- at any pick up please use Park and Stride**

Very sadly I received a complaint from a local resident about parking after the panto. Whilst I appreciate that the restrictions were not in place at that time, the parking was described by the resident as being "appalling and the worst he had seen in ten years". The coaches bringing us back from the panto had problems parking outside of the school.

I am aware that the weather caused problems and that the Waldegrave car park was very icy. But please be considerate to our neighbours. As he rightly pointed out, an emergency vehicle would not have been able to drive along Aldwickbury Crescent at that time.

### **Nativity DVDs**

Mrs Tang has kindly been recording some of our Nativities. If you would like to buy a copy at £6 each please email her at [joanneyhtang@yahoo.com](mailto:joanneyhtang@yahoo.com)

### **Midday supervisor position**

From January 2018, we have a paid midday supervisor position available. Please let Mrs Murray know in the office if you might be interested. The appointment will be made subject to references and a DBS check.

### **Head Teacher Questions**

I received a couple of emails about Spanish lessons ending next term. The Spanish teacher had communicated with parents.

We were not aware, and neither was Kate Speirs, that the Spanish teacher was sending out this email. No decisions have been made on our part regarding changing the lessons and Spanish will continue as normal but with a new teacher.

### **Pupil Achievement**

Clover in year 6 passed her Grade 2 Violin exam on 30/11/17-well done!

### **Headteacher awards-**

Next term, I am making Headteacher awards even more special. The children will receive a High Beeches book mark and spend some time with me on the Friday afternoon celebrating their achievements.

All children that have received a Headteacher's award this term will also be presented with a bookmark and we will celebrate their success.

### **Oak**

*Emily- for showing positivity when practising her name*

*Olivia- for writing lovey bee-bot instructions*

### **Chestnut**

*Sophie- for helping her friends with their learning*

*Stephanie- for her positive attitude towards learning*

### **Elm**

*Peter- for showing positivity and being an enthusiastic learner*

*Kirsty- for always trying her best*

### **Cedar**

*Max- for showing positivity and being an enthusiastic learner*

*Lex- for showing positivity and being an enthusiastic learner*

### **Hazel**

*Mick- for having such a positive attitude towards his work*

*Thomas- for having a positive attitude towards writing*

### **Willow**

*Ellie- for always trying her best in everything she does*

*Anish- for having such a positive attitude to his work*

### **Birch**

*Toby- for always trying his hardest*

*Freddie- for sharing his positive attitude with others and encouraging them*

### **Redwood**

*Liam- for having a positive attitude to his learning*

*Sami- for improving his concentration in lessons*

### **Maple**

*Thomas- for having a really positive attitude in maths*

*Immy- for having an excellent attitude to learning*

## Pine

Matthew- for great effort with homework, demonstrating an excellent volcano

Dhylan- for helping the teacher and others during computing

## Ash

Georgia- for showing a positive approach to her learning

Max- for working well with others

## Sycamore

Brett- for his outstanding solo in the carol concert

Millie- for being such a positive partner at the panto.

This is the final newsletter of this term so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence Headteacher

## Diary dates-**updates in red**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> January – 2018 Reception open morning 9.30am – 10.30am**

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.

15<sup>th</sup> January – FoHBS meeting 8pm at Plough and Harrow

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

**5<sup>th</sup> February 9am Grammar workshop for parents**

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>-16th 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

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Community Concert 7pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 2pm**

