



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
Newsletter 23rd February 2018

*Our value for this half term is Respect*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

Another week at High Beeches has flown by and it has been lovely to see everyone return refreshed after half term and ready to learn. Ash and Sycamore classes enjoyed a challenging day with the Knex team on Tuesday, I had coffee and a chat with parents of Birch class on Thursday and our Football team had success in a match against Sauncey Wood (report to follow). Sponsorship money was due in today – we have been overwhelmed by your generosity, thank you so much. We will let you know a final figure as soon as possible. If you have forgotten to hand any in, please do so on Monday at the latest.

### **World Book day 1<sup>st</sup> March-message from Miss Jackson and Mrs Richardson**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The children are invited to come in to school dressed as a book character. This year, we would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £1 to go towards the fund for building our new library. The children will also need to bring in their favourite book from home. This can be fiction or non-fiction. The children will be sharing their favourite books with each other as part of the day. We will also be launching a sponsored read to raise money for the library, so look out for the sponsor forms in your child's bag.

**On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Mrs Graham will be very kindly offering a World Book Day costume swap shop at school. This will be at 3.15pm. Parents will be able to bring in a costume and swap it for another one! A big thank you to Mrs Graham for organising this!**

### **Birch Class Assembly**

Our apologies but we have had to change the date for Birch Class Assembly due to an upgrade to our computer network on that day. This assembly will now be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.15am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **Parent helpers**

We welcome parents to come into school at lunchtime to support children in their play or sit in the library while children read. Please let the office know if you can spare some time. All helpers in school need a DBS check. If you help in school in any way and do not have a check please speak to Mrs Murray who will advise on how to proceed. Thank you.

### **FoHBS news**

FOHBS are looking for some volunteers, preferably some strong Mums or Dads, to help us move tables and set up for Quiz night on Friday March 23rd - we need volunteers from school pick up at 3.15pm for approximately 1 hour. Please let the school office or Carolyn Berg/Diane Birch know if you are able to help. Many thanks.

### **School Lunches**

Please note that the price of a school lunch will increase by 5p to £2.45 after Easter.

### **High Beeches v Sauncey Wood – Football report by Max**

#### **High Beeches 2 – Sauncey Wood 1**

*“On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, there was a football match between High Beeches and Sauncey Wood Primary Schools. High Beeches first scored and went into the lead. By the end of the first half High Beeches were still in the lead by one goal. Six minutes into the second half, Sauncey Wood levelled with a screamer of a goal. A few minutes later High Beeches pulled ahead once again to win the match. It was clear that the match was even with good passing and both teams had lots of chances.”*

### **Harpenden In Bloom**

Please see flyer sent out by email.

### **School Uniform**

We are pleased to advise that we now have a High Beeches fleece jacket, with embroidered logo, available to purchase online. It is available from size Age 3-4 all the way through to small adult at a cost of £12 each. This is to be worn as a lightweight jacket or extra outside layer, but will not be permitted to be worn inside or in place of a sweatshirt or cardigan. We have a sample in the school office for you to see the quality of the fleece.

For a limited period of time Price & Buckland have available our embroidered school cardigans and sweatshirts in the cotton mix fabric. As a school our preference is now for the acrylic mix fabric due to better colourfastness, however we understand that some parents prefer the cotton mix. So, whilst Price and Buckland still have some stock available we are happy for these to be purchased. These are being offered online at the discounted prices of £9.75 for the cardigan and £8.25 for the sweatshirt, but will only be available whilst stocks last.

### **Parking**

Another complaint from a neighbour of inconsiderate parking – FP16 TXL.

### **Website**

We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and would ask that all parents/carers check this on a regular basis for letters and general information. Most of the queries we get in the school office can be found on the website ie copy letters, forms, dates etc. Thank you.

### **Head Teacher Questions**

Could you please clarify the school's position on birthdays and bringing in sweets? I thought parents had been asked not to bring sweets in for classmates anymore but my children have been given sweets several times for birthdays recently and are concerned about doing the right thing when it comes to theirs. I understood we were asked to consider donating a book to the library instead.

*“We would “prefer” that children donate a book on their birthday instead of bringing cakes or sweets. This is the school's preference but we will not stop children giving out cakes or sweets’*

Please could Ms Lawrence clarify the school policy regarding long hair.

*Our school policy is that ALL long hair be tied back in a hair tie at ALL times. This is for both health and safety reasons.*

### **Pupil Achievement**

Well done to Alex, Clover, Joanne and Joe on winning the Knex Challenge.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Chestnut and Oak classes on 100% attendance this week.

## **Headteacher awards**

### **Oak**

Kai – for working really hard in all areas

Bella – for showing respect to herself and others everyday

### **Chestnut**

George – for working hard with his writing

Kiara – for always showing respect in the classroom

### **Elm**

Maya – for challenging herself and having an excellent attitude to learning

Tom S – for always trying his best and showing positivity

### **Cedar**

Naomi – for writing great rhyming couplets

Alfie – for persevering and showing resilience in his work

### **Hazel**

Mikey – for always showing respect to his classmates

Jess – choosing challenges carefully

### **Willow**

Tami – for always showing respect in the classroom

Charlie – for putting so much effort into his work

### **Birch**

Marc – for his excellent problem solving in Maths

Jasmine – for always showing enthusiasm in her learning

### **Redwood**

Jack – for always treating others with respect

Aya – for always working hard and pushing herself

### **Maple**

Tom – for always pushing himself and joining in well with discussions in guided reading

Maisie – for always showing respect to her friends

### **Pine**

James – for showing a positive attitude to all aspects of work

Jonah – for always showing a positive attitude to his learning

### **Ash**

William – for showing great enthusiasm and imagination for our Topic

Sophie – for showing enthusiasm and challenging herself in English

### **Sycamore**

Olive – for exceptional progress in reading comprehension

Millie – for exceptional progress in reading comprehension

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence* Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

**26<sup>th</sup> February-parent consultations**

**28<sup>th</sup> February – 9.10am – 11.50am Spring Festival Cluster Rehearsal at Sauncey Wood Primary**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Birch and Redwood Farm Visit**

**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**

**12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Living Rainforest visit**

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Harpenden Schools' Spring Festival 7pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> March- Birch class assembly 9.15am**

**16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Duxford War Museum visit**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> March- Birch class assembly 9.15am – note change of date**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March-Redwood class assembly 9.15am**

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

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April- INSET**

**17<sup>th</sup> April Summer term starts**

**24<sup>th</sup> April-year 3 and 4 football tournament- details to follow**

**4<sup>th</sup> May-KS2 FoHBS movie night**

**12<sup>th</sup> May-FoHBS May Ball**

**14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs test week**

**21<sup>st</sup> May- Sports day-KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon- details to follow**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May- Sports day reserve**

**25<sup>th</sup> May-INSET**

**28<sup>th</sup> May- 1<sup>st</sup> June- Half term holiday**

**6<sup>th</sup> June- Legal eagles in year 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> June- Food waste Ninjas workshop.**

**7<sup>th</sup> June- pm Rounders workshop**

**11<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 phonics assessment week**

**13<sup>th</sup> June-15<sup>th</sup> June- Pine class to Dell Farm**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Sycamore class Assembly**

**16<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer Fair**

**19<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park**

**20<sup>th</sup> June-22<sup>nd</sup> June- Maple class to Dell Farm**

**26<sup>th</sup> June- District Sports**

**28<sup>th</sup> June- Hazel class assembly**

**29<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer disco**

**6<sup>th</sup> July- Ash class assembly**

**Wb 16<sup>th</sup> July- HB got talent**

**19<sup>th</sup> July- Tea party for helpers**

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - end of term**