



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 9th March 2018

Our value for this half term is Respect

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed the snow day last week. Obviously it is always a very difficult decision as it can inevitably cause an inconvenience. Please be assured that such decisions are taken in consultation with all the other local Headteachers and are based on site safety and also staff being able to travel to school safely.

The children all looked amazing, as did the staff, on the 1st March in their World Book day costumes!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Shewbridge back from maternity leave.

Network Maintenance

On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March we are having our network upgraded which will mean we have no access to emails for those two days. If you have an urgent message you need to get to a member of staff please telephone the office. Please send a note to your class teacher first thing in the morning with any changes to collections ie playdates etc. We will not be able to pick up any last minute arrangements by email and the telephones are likely to be very busy. Thank you.

Message from Miss Jackson

Thank you to everybody who has sponsored our Readathon so generously. We have almost reached 20% of our total target having raised £335 so far. We would love to hit our target of £1800 by Monday 19th March so please keep donating your sponsorship via our Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/highbeecheslibrary>

Reception

Our reception mums had a lovely crafty afternoon with their children today in Oak and Chestnut classes.

Baby News

It gives me huge pleasure to inform you that Mr and Mrs Richardson are expecting their first baby. I am sure you join me in congratulating them on this lovely news. Staffing to cover Mrs Richardson will be announced in due course.

Community Concert - 28th March 7pm

FoHBS are delighted to be supporting our concert this year. Preparations are well underway and you should have received a flyer this week to book tickets. If there are any children who would like to perform an item, then please let the office know by 16th March. A big thank you to Suzi Walton for organising this year's lovely concert. Refreshments will be available. Free admission, but donations will be gratefully received.

Values news

We are all very busy talking about respect in school and respecting ourselves, each other and our environment. Please remind children how important it is to always remember their manners.

Parking

I am still receiving complaints and emails on a very regular basis from our neighbours complaining about parking which is very frustrating. We are now forwarding all of these complaints to the District Council. Please park responsibly and safely to ensure safety of our children. A huge thank you to those parents who use the Park and Stride and are supportive.

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. Thank you.

FoHBS news

Our Spring Newsletter will be sent out by email today and in school bags next week.

Netball reports

B team match by Mary

On Thursday, the A and B teams played against the Lea. For the B team it was a close match. In the first half we played really well although by half time we were 1 point behind. Luckily, at the start of the 2nd half Annabel scored a brilliant goal, equalising the score. Sadly in the last few minutes the opposition scored again making the overall score 2-1. However, we all tried really hard, played well as a team and enjoyed the match.

A Team match by Freya

On Thursday, High Beeches Netball team played the Lea. In the 1st half, The lea scored the first goal after their centre pass, but High Beeches scored next and at the end of the 1st half the game was tied with 3 goals each side. In the 2nd half, we scored another 2 goals but the Lea finished the match with 6 goals. Our goal attack and shooter Ella and Sophie had incredible shots and we were all puffed out by the end of an amazing match.

Head Teacher Questions

A couple of weeks ago I had a question about the netball nets. We are planning to replace both these and the football nets using some money from our recent sponsored event.

Message from Miss Ridgway re Gym Club

All payments for Gym badges should be returned by Monday 12th March. Orders received after this date will be returned.

Payment Deadlines

Please may we ask that parent/carers adhere to the deadlines given for payments and consent for trips/dinner money etc. If there are ever any problems please let Mrs Murray know in confidence and she will do what she can to help. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform

We have some lovely parents willing to hold a second hand uniform sale so if you have any Good, clean uniform please drop it in to the office.

Text Messages

Our text message service provider has reduced the number of characters we can use in a message, if we want more we would have to pay extra. Please excuse the short messages you may receive (without the niceties) as we are just trying to fit in the necessary words. If we need to send a longer message we will use the email service instead. Texts are normally just for quick reminders anyway.

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Belle (yr 4) and Abby (yr 3) for making it into the final of Harpenden's Got Talent with Voices choir. We wish them lots of luck for the final on Saturday night! Message from last week- hope it went well!

Attendance

Headteacher awards

Oak

*Isla- for showing good growth mindset in her work
Caleb- for showing a huge improvement in his writing*

Chestnut

*Rory- for fantastic effort with writing
Amelia- for making good choices*

Elm

*Oisin- for trying his best and being kind and friendly
George- for challenging himself in maths*

Cedar

*Joss- for always respecting the feelings of others
Alice- for always respecting the feelings of others*

Hazel

*Finn- for always respecting the feelings of others
Bella- for always being respectful to others*

Willow

*Josie- for always showing respect to her classmates
Zac- for challenging himself and putting a lot of effort into his work*

Birch

*Alfie- for trying hard to make good choices
William- for his fantastic cooperation*

Redwood

*Max- for concentrating and putting his learning first
Annabelle- for helping her friends with their learning*

Maple

*William- for always being polite and respectful
Jack- for always being polite and respectful*

Pine

*Ruby- for being proactive and a positive role model
Annemarie- for being a positive role model at all times*

Ash

*Oskar- for his great performance in goal for the school team
Mary- for always showing respect to her classmates and adults*

Sycamore

*Teddy- for great teamwork throughout the week
Dan- for being a positive and supportive classmate*

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

12th March – Year 2 Living Rainforest visit

15th March- Birch class assembly 9.15am

16th March – Year 5 Duxford War Museum visit

19th March- Netball rally
23rd March-Redwood class assembly 9.15am
28th March – Community Concert 7pm
29th March – End of Term 2pm
16th April- INSET
17th April Summer term starts
24th April-year 3 and 4 football tournament- details to follow
4th May-KS2 FoHBS movie night
12th May-FoHBS May Ball
14th-18th May- Year 6 SATs test week
21st May- Sports day-KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon- details to follow
23rd May- Sports day reserve
25th May-INSET
28thMay- 1st June- Half term holiday
6th June- Legal eagles in year 6
7th June- Food waste Ninjas workshop.
7th June- pm Rounders workshop
11th June- Year 1 phonics assessment week
13th June-15th June- Pine class to Dell Farm
14th June 9.15am Sycamore class Assembly
16th June- FoHBS Summer Fair
19th June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park
20th June-22nd June- Maple class to Dell Farm
26th June- District Sports
28th June- Hazel class assembly
29th June- FoHBS Summer disco
6th July- Ash class assembly
Wb 16th July- HB got talent
19th July- Tea party for helpers
20th July 2pm - end of term