



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
Newsletter 16th March 2018

*Our value for this half term is Respect*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

Time certainly does fly at High Beeches! This week, the year 2 classes had a wonderful time on their Rainforest trip. On Wednesday evening our choir members performed absolutely beautifully at the Spring festival. We were all very proud of them. Today, year 5 have had a wonderful visit to Duxford and year 3 have visited Hammonds End farm.

Our children were praised by members of staff from other schools on Wednesday at the Spring festival rehearsal and concert for constantly smiling. The value of positivity shining through.

### **Message from Miss Jackson**

Thank you to everybody who has sponsored our Readathon so generously. 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>

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

FoHBS are delighted to be supporting our concert this year. Preparations are well underway and you should have received a flyer to book your tickets. Please return your forms as soon as possible so you are not disappointed. 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.

### **Mindfulness for parents**

I am very pleased to inform you that Lucy Mortimer, our mindfulness teacher, will be running a session for parents on Monday **April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. Please email the school office by **25<sup>th</sup> April** if you would like to attend to learn more about how mindfulness can be a support in our busy lives.

### **Message from our Eco Council**

St Albans Sustainable week is happening 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April. During this week the Eco-Council would like to hold a second-hand book sale to raise money to buy some raised beds to create fruit and vegetable gardens around the school. We are asking if anyone has any unwanted books at home that they could donate for our sale. We are looking for all different types of books not just ones that appeal to children, so if any parents have unwanted books please send these in with your child over the next couple of weeks. The children have been asked to bring donated books to either Miss Davies or Mrs Jordan.

### **Summer Term Clubs**

The Summer Term club letters have gone out today, please check your child's bag and read it carefully. It is also on the website (parents>letters home) if, for some reason, your child does not bring it home. Please check with your child, and their friends, which clubs they really wish to take part in as once booked and paid for refunds cannot be given. Thank you.

### **Values news**

Following our Values day, we want to choose a High Beeches School Values animal to use as our Values mascot from the following list:

Penguin  
Cat  
Hippo  
Owl  
Monkey

Please go onto our survey monkey questionnaire with your child to choose our mascot.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2FH5WWV>

### **Parking**

Further complaints have been received regarding parking. Some of our parents, who live nearby, are having trouble parking in front of their own houses. All complaints and registration numbers are being forwarded to the District Council. A representative from the Highways Division came out last week to check the situation with a view to sending a traffic warden. 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.

Also, could all parents and carers who use Jousters club please note the entry and exit gates and use them appropriately as there have been a few near misses recently. Thank you.

### **Financial Support for High Beeches**

Rothamsted Financial Services are a local fee free mortgage and insurance broking company based in Harpenden. As part of their support for the local community they will donate 10% of their commission to schools in the local area, including High Beeches. If you would like to find out more they can be contacted by telephone, on the following number: 01582 287 292 or they can be contacted via their website:

<https://rothamsted-financial.co.uk/>

Please be aware that High Beeches School are not recommending or endorsing this company.

### **FoHBS news**

#### **May Ball - Saturday 12th May at Aldwickbury Golf Club**

Information flyers have been sent home with the children today for the FoHBs annual black tie May Ball. The theme this year is Roaring 20s and Hollywood Glamour - think The Great Gatsby!

It is shaping up to be a brilliant night with a red carpet and champagne reception, a live jazz sax quartet on arrival, and the brilliant Carnegies are back by popular demand! There will also be photobooth-style professional photography from amazing Ian Scott Photography, with all donations on the night for the digital copies going towards the school library funds.

Theme dressing and/or accessories optional, but actively encouraged. There will also be a Facebook page set up for the event for attendees to join.

Tickets sell out really quickly so please organise your tables ASAP (ideally 8-10 people per table, but larger tables will be accommodated where possible). Forms and payment to be returned by Tuesday 27 March at the very latest.

### **Quiz night - Friday 23 March**

SOLD OUT! Thank you for all of your support for this event. Table leads have been emailed with all of the information ahead of the evening next Friday. Doors open 7:30pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. Don't forget that there is also a licensed cash bar & snacks!

### **Head Teacher Questions**

No questions this week.

### **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**

Emilia, in Pine class, has achieved her Gold Skate Excellence standard in Ice Skating. She will now be competing at open national competitions.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Elm Class who have had 100% attendance this week.

### **Headteacher awards**

#### **Oak**

*Arran- for writing amazing sentences*

*Jasmine- for showing fantastic Growth mindset in phonics*

#### **Chestnut**

*Jack- for having a super Growth mindset*

*Isla- for challenging herself in all her learning*

#### **Elm**

*Lottie- for challenging herself all week*

*Benjamin- for showing enthusiasm and positivity*

#### **Cedar**

*Celia- for fantastic effort in her writing*

*Archie- for fantastic effort in his writing*

#### **Hazel**

*Theo- for being respectful to adults and classmates*

*Sam- for pushing himself with his writing*

#### **Willow**

*Ellie- for writing a fantastic recount of our trip to the Living Rainforest*

*Benjamin- for always showing the value of respect and behaving beautifully on our trip to the Living Rainforest*

#### **Birch**

*Leo- for always approaching his learning with enthusiasm*

*Eva- for approaching her learning with more confidence*

**Redwood**

*Beatrix – for always having a Growth mindset*

*Violet – for having a positive attitude to her learning*

**Maple**

*John- for fabulous learning log homework*

*Caitlin- for showing respect to her friends and adults*

**Pine**

*Ben- for continuing to be a positive role model at all times*

*Alastair- for continuing to show an outstanding quality of writing in English*

**Ash**

*Anna- for being an excellent representative of the school at the Spring festival*

*Munesu- for showing great creativity in English*

**Sycamore**

*Tom- for always being respectful to others*

*Harriet- for always being respectful to others*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence* Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

- 19<sup>th</sup> March- Netball rally
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.15 am-Birch class assembly**
- 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
- 30<sup>th</sup> April 9am- Mindfulness workshop for parents**
- 4<sup>th</sup> May-KS2 FoHBS movie night
- 9<sup>th</sup> May- Reception lego workshop day**
- 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
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Class photos**
- 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
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Fathers’ Day Morning 9am – 10am**
- 16<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival**
- 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival reserve date**
- 26<sup>th</sup> June- District Sports
- 28<sup>th</sup> June- Hazel class assembly
- 29<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> July- Willow class assembly**
- 6<sup>th</sup> July- Ash class assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> July- Secondary transfer day**
- 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