



"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 - 28th 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 30th at 9am**. Please email the school office by **25th 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 23rd – 27th 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 Joustlers 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

- 19th March- Netball rally
- 22nd March 9.15 am-Birch class assembly**
- 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
- 30th April 9am- Mindfulness workshop for parents**
- 4th May-KS2 FoHBS movie night
- 9th May- Reception lego workshop day**
- 12th May-FoHBS May Ball
- 14th-18th May- Year 6 SATs test week
- 21st May- Sports day-KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon- details to follow
- 22nd May- Class photos**
- 23rd May- Sports day reserve
- 25th May-INSET
- 28th May- 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
- 15th June – EYFS Fathers’ Day Morning 9am – 10am**
- 16th June- FoHBS Summer Fair
- 19th June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival**
- 19th June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park
- 20th June-22nd June- Maple class to Dell Farm
- 21st June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival reserve date**
- 26th June- District Sports
- 28th June- Hazel class assembly
- 29th June- FoHBS Summer disco
- 5th July- Willow class assembly**
- 6th July- Ash class assembly
- 12th July- Secondary transfer day**
- Wb 16th July- HB got talent
- 19th July- Tea party for helpers
- 20th July 2pm - end of term