



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 23rd March 2018

Our value for this half term is Respect

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term. It has been another busy week at High Beeches. We have also started to see glimpses of sunshine which is very welcome! I wish you all a lovely Easter break when it arrives and thank you for your ongoing support of High Beeches School.

This week we had a visit from Sue Webb who is the Values Based Education consultant who delivered our initial training. She was very keen to hear about the work that we have been doing and enjoyed talking to our children.

We also enjoyed class assemblies this week from Birch and Redwood classes. The children performed beautifully and showed us how much they had learnt this term.

Our netball teams have played a match and taken part in a netball rally this week. They represented the school beautifully. See reports later in the newsletter.

Next week we look forward to our annual Community Concert. A huge thank you to Suzi Walton for all her organisation and FoHBS for their support. If you booked places these will have been confirmed by text. We are pleased to say that this event is now full.

I look forward to seeing you at the FoHBS quiz night tonight. We are hopeful that one of the staff teams will win this year!

Message from Miss Jackson

A HUGE thank you from Miss Jackson for all your support with the Readathon. You raised an amazing amount of £1,855 which is a great help towards our Library fund.

Vision and Aims meeting

Following consultation and further discussion with staff, I would like to hold another meeting on **Friday 11th May at 9am** to move forward with the review of our Vision and aims statements.

Values

Next half term our Value will be self belief and our last value of the school year is confidence. Please take some time to discuss these values with your child over the Easter holiday. Some Youtube clips include the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyVzjoj96vs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-woAotZHDZo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGBpp5L5Alo>

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. Please note that we would prefer no pre school age children at this session.

A team Netball report – by Sophie C

“On Wednesday, both A and B teams enjoyed great matches against St Helens. It was a very close match for the A team having ended the first half ahead with goals scored by Sophie and Ella. Having regrouped, St Helens ended the match ahead by one goal. Final score, 4 to HB and 5 to St Helens. “

B team Netball report – by Daisy

“On Wednesday the A and B netball teams played against St Helens which was a home match. It was a great win for the High Beeches B team. In the first half Annabel scored a brilliant goal so by half time it was 1-0 to us. To start the second half the opposing team scored a goal. Soon after, Teddy scored an amazing goal and by the end of the match it was 2-1 to High Beeches.”

Netball Rally

Well done to our fantastic netballers who competed so well at the netball rally on Thursday. We didn't make it to the semi-finals but the girls showed real fighting spirit and great sportsmanship throughout. They were a real credit to High Beeches.

Message from Amy, producer of Secret Lives of 4 & 5 year olds.

“I'm one of the Producers at RDF Television - the makers of Channel 4's The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds. This exciting series will follow a new group of children as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery environment. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

Filming takes place in London during the summer holidays, and the days are led by two highly trained teachers. We cover the cost of travel and accommodation for all children selected to take part in the series.

We are currently casting for the next series and looking for a diverse group of children to take part. I wondered if any of the parents and children at your school might be interested?

I would be most grateful if you could forward news of this opportunity to the parents of your pupils. Although we are looking for children who are currently nursery or reception aged, it would be great if you could circulate it around the whole school as they may have eligible siblings.

I have attached a flyer to this email but if parents would like to apply they can do so here:” <https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>

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.

48 hour Sickness/diarrhoea Policy

Can we please ask parents/carers to respect our 48 hour sickness policy. If a child is sick, for whatever reason, please do not send them to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea to ensure that bugs do not spread. If

you have a GP diagnosis of a condition that could make your child vomit eg Migraine- please discuss this with the office team. Thank you.

Teacher email address

Reminder - the address to send emails for teachers is teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk

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>

We have had 14 responses so far and would welcome lots more. So far, Penguin is in the lead, closely followed by Owl! 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

FIRST AID COURSE: Thank you to everyone who attended the children's Daisy Buds First Aid Course, and the adults Paediatric First Aid for Parents and Carers. The courses were fantastic and hugely informative. The children learnt how to respond to an emergency, the recovery position, bandaging and much more, and the adults learnt invaluable CPR, how to use a defibrillator and numerous emergency responses.

* If you/your child weren't able to attend but would like to, FOHBS are happy to arrange more sessions after Easter. Please email contact.fohbs@gmail.com ASAP so that a suitable date can be decided.*

Thank you for your amazing responses for the May Ball. Only 1-2 tables are now left and we therefore cannot guarantee a table if you have not already submitted your form (as of Tuesday morning, 27th March). Please submit any outstanding forms ASAP and we will do our best - first come, first served. FoHBs.

After Easter FOHBS will be collecting coppers (1p and 2p) for a copper trail which be launched at our summer fair on June 16th. All proceeds will go towards the library fund.

A collection tub will be outside the office in the school reception until the day of the fair so please bring in all your unwanted coppers. Many thanks!

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.

Pupil Achievement

Archie in Sycamore class has won the Harpenden heat in the Rotary Young Photographer competition. He won in the junior age category and the winning photo has now been entered into the district competition. Well done Archie.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/media/2017/07/Young-Photographer-Information-Pack-2017-18.doc>

Max in Birch Class achieved a merit in his grade 1 piano exam. He is the youngest student that his teacher has taught to achieve this result. He is very proud as we are too. Well done Max.

Headteacher awards will return next term.

End of Term

Reminder – **School closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29th March at 2pm. We return on Tuesday 17th April at 8.55am.**

Have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

- 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
- 11th May 9am - Vision and aims meeting
- 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