



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*Our value for this half term is Respect*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

Managed to squeeze in one final newsletter. This week, some of our year 1 children represented the school beautifully at the year 1 intersports event at The Grove. On Wednesday evening our musicians entertained us at our annual Community concert. It was a truly wonderful evening much enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Suzi Walton for all her organisation, FoHBS for purchasing our wonderful new Clavinova, Carolyn Berg and the bar staff for the evening, students from SJL for performing for us

### **Harpenden and District writing competition**

Today we welcomed the Mayor of Harpenden, Rosemary Farmer, to school to present an award to Ella in Birch class for winning the year 3 Harpenden and District story writing competition! An amazing achievement. Well done Ella! Congratulations too to Clover in year 6 who came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Vision and Aims meeting**

Following consultation and further discussion with staff, I would like to hold another meeting on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Please note that we would prefer no pre school age children at this session.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **FoHBS news**

Quiz night - a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our adult FoHBs fundraising event last Friday, and especially to the quizmasters for making it such a fun evening! We made over £1000 for FoHBs, which is incredible.

Congratulations to the winners who were the staff table "Tweedledee"! Thank you to them for kindly donating their £100 prize and to team "Wiggle-sical" for donating the £30 remainder of their kitty - both of these will go to the library fund.

May Ball - SOLD OUT! Table hosts will be emailed over the school holidays with details of menu choices, dates for final balance payments and a link to the event page on Facebook.

### **Head Teacher Questions**

No questions this week.

### **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.

Our House Ambassadors class raised £36.79 for our library fund today with their Easter magazine. Well done.

**Pupil Achievement will return next term**  
**Headteacher awards will return next term.**

*Have a wonderful Easter holiday.*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence*  
Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

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**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May 9am - Vision and aims meeting**  
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