



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 29th 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 3rd.

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.

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.

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

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