



## Weekly Newsletter

3 May 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

**Our school value for this half-term is resilience.**

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week in the school and no doubt you will have noticed the influx of bicycles in the school grounds! The Year Five children have had a successful week completing their Cycling Proficiency qualifications and, as a result, we hope to see more bikes in the bike shed.

Twitter followers will know that four children from Year Four took part in a maths challenge held at Aldwickbury School this week. Schools from across Hertfordshire and North London were there and Jack, Sam, Emily and Joel did very well. They had a great afternoon and we have certificates for them in school.

Some of our Year One children also competed against children from other schools in our Sports Competition on Tuesday. They took part in various activities, including skipping and cup stacking, against children from The Grove, Redbourn Primary and Crabtree. All our children tried their hardest and we were excited to have the most winners across the categories. Thanks to Mr George for preparing the children and organising this event for us.

We have missed Pine class in school this week as they have been away on their residential trip to Dell Farm. They have taken part in lots of outdoor activities, encouraging independence, initiative and cooperation. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures in their class assembly on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the adults who have accompanied them – Mr Walker, Mr Young, Mrs Jenkinson and Mrs Brine.

I hope you all enjoy your extended weekend and look forward to seeing you again next Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

*Stephanie Shewbridge*  
Deputy Headteacher

### Message from Reception Teachers

Reception needs your help!

We are starting to teach Woodwork in Reception and therefore we are in need of some materials. If you have any small bits of wood or soft materials that you could donate, please pop them in the tub in the Reception garden (near Chestnut class entrance). Also if you have any contacts with any building merchants or carpenters that could donate wood to us, that would be much appreciated! Ideally, we would like small pieces of wood but we can cut larger pieces on site. Thank you.

### Children's achievements

Nathan (Y6) took part in the St Albans District Primary Schools Swimming Trials gala last weekend and has now been chosen to join the squad representing St Albans District at the Hertfordshire Primary Schools Inter-District Swimming Championships on Friday 10th May. Well done Nathan!

## Book Fair

The last day of the Book Fair is on Tuesday. Please come and support this, as the school can order 'free' books based on the commission we receive. They have a great 3 for 2 offer and a wide selection of titles available. **Please bring cash as we have had difficulties with their phone payment system.** Thank you.

## FoHBS News

### Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week

- **Reception Oak Class** William – for listening well on the carpet  
Ava – for working very hard on your Phonics
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Erin – for a positive attitude to learning and showing resilience in Phonics  
Freddie – for practising his writing during ChIL
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Double awards next week
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Sienna – for a resilient approach to learning  
Jasmine – for always trying her best in all subjects
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Naomi – for always having a go and pushing herself in lessons  
Isabella – for showing resilience and positivity on her learning
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Charlie – for a resilient approach to tasks  
George – for approaching Maths with resilience
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Aiden – for being a resilient learner  
Meya – for always trying her best and challenging herself
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Shannon – for showing resilience at swimming this week  
Jude – for working brilliantly in Maths
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Bobo – for excellent work and self-challenge with learning Roman Numerals  
Adkeesh – showing resilience in his learning
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Dell Farm awards to follow at Pine class assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> May
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Max – for showing resilience when writing in English  
Alexandra – for showing improvement in her acting skills
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Zoe Harris – for showing increased participation in Maths  
Benjamin – for putting his hand up more often in class
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Anna – for approaching Maths with resilience  
Samuel – for having a resilient approach to his writing

## Further Information and Reminders

### Attendance

Congratulations to Elm, Willow and Ash classes for 100% attendance this week.

### Hygiene Bank Harpenden

Thank you to all those who have donated items for the Hygiene Bank. All items will be taken to the Harpenden collection point tonight.

## Diary Dates

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y3/4 Football tournament at Sauncey Wood
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Last day for Travelling book fair
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Tudor Workshop Day
- W/b Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Test week (Year 6)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Pine Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Headteacher’s coffee morning
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Sports Day – KS2 from 9.15am and Reception/KS1 from 1.30pm  
PLEASE NOTE THAT KS2 WILL NOW BE IN THE MORNING AND KS1 WILL BE IN THE AFTERNOON
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Redwood Class Assembly – 9.15am
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y2 St Albans Cathedral Visit
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Birch Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 3.15pm Finish for Half Term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children back to school
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 Rounders Tournament – Redbourn 1.20pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Art Day
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – FoHBS Summer Fair – 2pm to 4.30pm
- W/b 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Test
- Tuesday 11 June – Team Photos
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Maple Class Dell Farm Residential
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve date for Y5/6 Rounders Tournament
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Maple Class Return
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Woburn Trip
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve date for Y5/6 Cricket Festival
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – FoHBS Summer Ball
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Athletics Tournament
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Maple Class Assembly – 9am
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve date for KS2 Athletics Tournament
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Ash Class Assembly - 9am
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – No Karate Club
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July –Transition Day
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Pupil reports sent home
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Volunteers Tea Party – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 BBQ – Evening
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – High Beeches Got Talent
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term – 2pm