



# Weekly Newsletter

## 10 May 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

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

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank all those who have purchased books from the travelling book fair this week and last, and the staff members who have helped to organise and run the stall. The book fair sold over £600 worth of books, which is not only fantastic news from the point of view of encouraging children to read, but also means that the school will benefit from £300 worth of books for our school library by way of commission.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Tudor house building workshop in school yesterday, when they experienced something of what it would be like to live both as a Tudor peasant and nobility. It was lovely to see the pupils (and staff!) all dressed in Tudor style outfits for the activities which included making wooden pegs, constructing timber frames, weaving wattle for wattle and daub walls and roof tiling.

Next week sees the arrival and installation of our new trim trail for Reception children, which will be installed on the front playground. We are very excited about developing our outdoor provision and would like to thank Harpenden Trust, who have generously funded this latest project. The work will take four days to complete, so please be mindful of trip and other hazards associated with the installation when you arrive/leave the school site.

Also next week, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their Key Stage 2 Tests ('SATS'). These are an important indicator of whether or not each pupil has made good progress and reached the expected standard in readiness for the move to secondary school. The tests in English and mathematics take place each morning from Monday to Thursday.

### Serving our Community

Following our very successful collection for the new Harpenden Hygiene bank we have received a call from the [Vineyard Foodbank](#) in St Albans who are low on particular supplies. Please see list (left) for priority items. Please place any donated items in the boxes outside the school office.

#### Plea for:

- ✓ Cartons of long-life juice
- ✓ Savoury rice
- ✓ Biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- ✓ Jam
- ✓ Deserts
- ✓ Boxes of 40 or 80 teabags
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Tinned meat (eg chilli, bolognaise, meat pies)
- ✓ Tinned rice pudding
- ✓ Toilet rolls
- ✓ Laundry powder or gels

#### Avoid:

- Baked beans
- Pasta
- soup

### Term Dates for 2019/20

Please note we have made a small change to our published term dates for 2019/20 and the new dates are attached to the end of this letter and are also available on the school website. This is because we have become aware that many local schools have taken the decision this year and next to finish a little earlier for the Summer holidays by placing two of the staff training or occasional days at the end of term, rather than during the school year. We believe that this is more convenient for families (especially those where both parents work) than having odd closure days mid-term that are not joined to any of the main school holidays.

This means that we will not have a day's closure on 2 December 2019 or 19 June 2020 as originally planned and instead will finish for the Summer on Friday 17 July 2020.

Yours faithfully

*Jonathan Walker*  
Headteacher



## FoHBS News

Information about the Summer Fair to follow on Monday.

## Sports Desk

Congratulations to our Y3/4 footballers who attended the Harpenden School Year 3/4 Football Tournament on Tuesday. The team played really well winning two matches and drawing two to win a place in the semi-final, where they lost by just 1-0 to Wood End.

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week

- **Reception Oak Class** Emily – for a huge improvement in your Writing  
Jamie – for showing a huge effort and using your resilience
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Amy-Sofia – for showing resilience in Writing  
Dillon – for showing resilience in Writing
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Isla – for working hard with Rhyming  
Hunter – for putting lots of effort into arrays in Maths
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Isla – for a confident attitude to reading  
Emily – for excellent work on arrays in Maths
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Georgia – for always working hard and enjoying her learning  
Rosie – for always having a go and showing resilience
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Harry – for approaching tasks with resilience  
Cara – for using her growth mindset and showing resilience
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Ranye – for being an independent, resilient learner  
Mikey – for always being resilient and willing to challenge himself
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Nathan – for hard work in all his learning  
Emily H – for showing great enthusiasm for our topic
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Ivana – for a resilient approach to Maths  
Elissa – for an excellent use of poetic language in English
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Emily – for continuing to show great resilience during Maths  
Henry – for showing great knowledge and enthusiasm during Science
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Sam C – for showing great team work in English  
William – for showing resilience in his work in Drama
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Louis – for demonstrating resilience in our Tudor Workshop  
Annemarie – for showing excellent manners both inside and outside school
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Sophie – for showing resilience and growth mindset in all her work  
Joanne – for consistently producing excellent Writing

## Further Information and Reminders

### Attendance

Congratulations Willow, Maple and Pine classes for 100% attendance this week.

## Diary Dates

- 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

## Term Dates for Summer Term 2019 to Summer Term 2020 *(updated May 2019)*

### Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24 April	children due back in school
Monday 6 May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 May	break up for half term
Monday 3 June	children due back in school
Friday 21 June	Inset day. School closed.
Wednesday 24 July	break up for Summer holiday – 2pm

### Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4 September	children due back in school
Friday 25 October	break up for half term
Monday 4 November	children back in school
Friday 20 December	break up for Christmas holiday - 2pm

### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7 January	children due back in school
Friday 14 February	break up for half term
Monday 24 February	children due back in school
Friday 3 April	break up for Easter holiday – 2pm

### Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21 April	children due back in school
Monday 4 May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	break up for half term
Monday 1 June	children due back in school
Friday 17 July	break up for Summer holiday – 2pm