



Weekly Newsletter

17 May 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is resilience.

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to congratulate our Y6 pupils who have approached their KS2 tests this week with an outstanding attitude. They have worked hard and have really done their best to ensure they make the best possible start to their secondary school careers.

It was lovely to see parents at a number of events this week. The Pine Class assembly, *Our Trip to Dell Farm*, was a big hit and gave a really engaging account of their visit there at the start of the month. It was also good to chat with a group of Reception parents about their children's first year in school at the coffee morning today.

The Reception children (and staff) have had a wonderful day of outdoor learning in our nature area today as part of our new forest schools programme, pictured below. I look forward to hearing more about it from the children next week.

Thank you to all those who have brought foodbank donations into school this week. I incorrectly stated last week that it was for the St Albans Vineyard Foodbank and have since discovered the donations are for Harpenden Foodbank.

Next week is our last before the May half-term break and we are looking forward to our sports day on Tuesday (Y3-6 from 9:15am and R to Y2 at 1:30pm), as well as two further class assemblies: Redwood Class on Wednesday morning and Birch Class on Friday.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



FoHBS News

It's a busy time for FOHBS events with lots going on! We are still in desperate need for volunteers for everything (even just 30 minutes of help makes a difference!) so please email us or your class rep if you haven't already offered.

FoHBS will be selling refreshments at the school **Sports Day** next Tuesday (21st). Tea, coffee, snacks will be available. There will also be a second hand school uniform sale kindly organised by the Gardening Club. Card payments will be accepted but as always please bring cash as the card machines rely on Wifi and can be unreliable.

Summer Fair: If you haven't already, please pop the date in your diary: **SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2-4.30pm**

It is set to be a great afternoon with musical performances, beer tent, refreshments, games such as hook the duck and Tin Can Alley, bouncy castles, fort building, stalls such as Glazetime and other local businesses, year 6 enterprise stalls and arts and crafts activities. This year we will also be literally putting some teachers in the stocks ready for you to take up the wet sponge throwing challenge (not to mention giving you the chance to offer a friend's head while you take aim)! Lastly we're delighted that Harpenden Fire Department and Police Department have agreed to bring along a Fire Engine and Police car for the kids to enjoy. A fun packed day not to be missed!

Midsummer Ball: This fabulous event is taking place on Friday 21st June. Tickets include a three course meal, music, casino, magic and an exciting auction and raffle. It's going to be a fantastic night. There are a limited number of tickets left but it's not too late so don't miss out on your chance to attend! Email contact.fohbs@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more. (Please note if you can't attend you will still be able to buy tickets to the raffle at the summer fair).

Sports Desk

Congratulations to Isla and Alexander M from Y5 and Nathan in Y6, all of whom were selected to represent St Alban's District in the Hertfordshire County School Games swimming gala last Friday and won!

Congratulations also to Annabelle in Pine class for being selected for the Arsenal Women's Academy U10s team where she will be playing in the Junior Premier League.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week

- **Reception Oak Class**
Olivia – for showing a resilient attitude to your learning
Max – for working very hard in both Maths and Literacy
- **Reception Chestnut Class**
Rosie – for showing determination to achieve her writing target
George – for making progress in his reading
- **Year 1 Elm Class**
Imogen – for putting lots of effort into her work
Logan – for being a kind and supportive friend
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**
Izzy – for always taking a responsible attitude to learning
Amelie – for always setting an excellent example to others with behaviour
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**
Matilda – for showing resilience in her learning
Daniel – for always trying his best and never giving up
- **Year 2 Willow Class**
Oliver – for trying hard and putting lots of effort into his work
Scarlett – for trying hard and being resilient
- **Year 3 Birch Class**
Lottie – for challenging herself more in Maths
Riley – for being a resilient learner and trying hard with some tricky Maths
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**
Luis – for resilient learning in Maths
Molly – for being helpful and supportive to the class
- **Year 4 Maple Class**
Finley – for excellent effort with Handwriting and presentation
Aiden – for an excellent attitude to all his learning
- **Year 4 Pine Class**
Liam – for a positive attitude and effort in Big Writing
Ishika – for a positive attitude and effort in Big Writing
- **Year 5 Ash Class**
Zach – for working hard to push his learning forward in Maths
Olly D – for showing excellent effort in Art and D & T
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**
Olivia – for demonstrating excellent progress and improvement in Maths
Ben - for showing a lot of resilience in his learning by always having a go at anything and everything
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class**
Darcey – for having an excellent attitude to all her learning
William – for always pushing himself to do well

Further Information and Reminders

Sports Day

All children will take their PE kit home on Monday evening and should come to school wearing it on Tuesday 21st May ready for sports day. They do not need to bring their uniform. Please make sure they return their kit on Wednesday for PE lessons. Please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter for timings of Sports Day.

Attendance

No class had 100% attendance this week.

Parking

A traffic Warden has been patrolling this week due to complaints from neighbours of inconsiderate parking. Please remember to park in our car park in Waldegrave Park at both drop off and pick up times. Also please can we remind all parents/carers/grandparents that there should be no parking in the staff car park between the hours of 8.15am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

Dinner Money Payments

All dinner money for this half term should have been paid by today. Please contact the office if there are any problems with this. Thank you.

Payments in general

We are still having to spend time chasing parents for payments for dinners/trips/workshops etc. Please help the office by making sure all deadlines are adhered to. If you are unsure if you have made payments you can log in to School Gateway and check your history. Thank you.

Support for Families

Harpenden Plus Partnership are running a workshop for parents of children who will be moving to secondary school in September on Friday 5 July at 9:30am. To book a place or for more information can be found [here](#).

Community Focus

The Oval Run is back for the fourth year! A great fun community event for the whole family!

Saturday 22nd June 2019

1-mile for children, 5-miles for ages 12+

Primarily organised as a fun, local event, but also to raise a little money to help maintain the Highfield Oval (YWAM's UK headquarters), where lots of YWAM's work around the world starts from (working with refugees in Lesbos, training young people in Uganda, to name just two of their projects). It's a great cause and since the Oval is also open for the public to use, supporting them benefits Harpenden residents too. Proceeds from the entry fee go to YWAM, but any children that want to be sponsored to do the run could raise some funds for the school!

Date: Saturday 22nd June 2019

What: 1-mile and 5-mile fun run

Time: 1-mile 1.30pm, 5-mile 2pm

Cost: 1-mile £5, 5-mile £10

Where: The run starts and finishes at the Highfield Oval, Ambrose Lane, Harpenden. 1-mile stays on the Oval so children can be seen at all times by parents, the 5 mile run goes out on to public roads, so suits 12+ year olds. More information can be found [here](#) and participants can register [here](#).

The event is on the same day as YWAM's summer fun day (which starts straight after the run at 2pm), so it should be a great family day out generally – there is a bouncy castle, food stalls, tractor rides, fire engine rides – even a fun dog show!

Harpenden Concert Band will be performing a family concert entitled *Stories through Music* at Aldwickbury School at 4pm this Sunday 19 May. Entry is free and families can enjoy a variety of classics, such as *Peter and the Wolf* and *Tubby the Tuba*.

Do have a look at the [Sustainable St Albans website](#) for information on their **Sustainability Festival** which takes place throughout May and includes family activities for half-term week.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 21st May – Sports Day – KS2 from 9.15am and Reception/KS1 from 1.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May – Redwood Class Assembly – 9.15am
- Thursday 23rd May – Y2 St Albans Cathedral Visit
- Friday 24th May – Birch Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 24th May – 3.15pm Finish for Half Term
- Monday 3rd June – Children back to school
- Monday 3rd June – Class Photographs – note change of date
- Thursday 6th June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 6th June – Y5/6 Rounders Tournament – Redbourn 1.20pm
- Friday 7th June – Whole School Art Day
- Sunday 9th June – FoHBS Summer Fair – 2pm to 4.30pm
- W/b 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Test
- Tuesday 11 June – Team Photos
- Wednesday 12th June – Maple Class Dell Farm Residential
- Thursday 13th June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 13th June – Reserve date for Y5/6 Rounders Tournament
- Friday 14th June – Maple Class Return
- Tuesday 18th June – Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival
- Tuesday 18th June - Y1 Woburn Trip
- Thursday 20th June – Reserve date for Y5/6 Cricket Festival
- Friday 21st June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 21st June – FoHBS Summer Ball
- Tuesday 25th June – KS2 Athletics Tournament
- Wednesday 26th June - Maple Class Assembly – 9am
- Thursday 27th June – Reserve date for KS2 Athletics Tournament
- Friday 28th June – Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 5th July – Ash Class Assembly - 9am
- Monday 8th July – LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
- Monday 8th July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Tuesday 9th July – No Karate Club
- Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Thursday 11th July –Transition Day
- Friday 12th July – Pupil reports sent home
- Tuesday 16th July – Volunteers Tea Party – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 BBQ – Evening
- Thursday 18th July – High Beeches Got Talent
- Wednesday 24th July – End of Term – 2pm