



Weekly Newsletter

14 June 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is happiness.

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents in school last Friday afternoon to see the work created during our Art House Day last week. Parents may also have noticed that the mural on the side of our library building, the bulk of which was completed last week, has continued to evolve this week. Weather allowing, the finishing touches should be completed in the next few weeks.

I really enjoyed the FoHBS Summer Fair on Sunday and I'm sure all parents, staff and pupils will want to join me in thanking the very many people involved in planning and running the event. The weather, miraculously, held out for us and a good time was had by all!



On the subject of FoHBS fundraising, we are delighted to have been able to install new stage lighting during half-term. The new lights replace the original set which were over 25 years old, costly to run and difficult to maintain. The new lights have been funded by FoHBS and use the most up to date LED system, which is low energy (so good for the environment and cheap to run) and requires minimal maintenance. I feel sure they will enhance future productions greatly. Thank you to everyone whose contributions to FoHBS events helped pay for them.

This week our second Year 4 class (Maple Class) have enjoyed a rather wet week on their residential Trip to Dell Farm at Whipsnade. Having spent the day at the Zoo on Wednesday, the children have been busy looking after and learning about the farm animals and undertaking various outdoor and adventurous pursuits over the course of Thursday and Friday. I gather they have all had a brilliant time and represented the school well. Thank you, as ever, to the staff who went with them as well as to the parents who provided transport.

Also out of school this week, the Year 2 children visited Affinity Water education centre in Hatfield learning about freshwater habitats to support their topic work.

Lastly, although we have had quite a number of wet breaks this week (when the children have not been able to go outside), breaktime behaviour has been good. We took delivery of a new set of basket balls, footballs and sponge balls this week, which will help ensure the children have enough to play with on the playground or field from today.

End of Term Events

Please see the diary dates below for the various events which will be taking place over the last six weeks of the school year.

One additional event is our Science Fair (look out for a letter, emailed today). This is a curriculum event we are planning for the end of this term, in readiness for which the children are invited to complete a science investigation or experiment at home over the coming weeks. They should then prepare something (this

could be a re-run of investigation or experiment itself or a presentation about it) to bring into school to share with their peers on the Monday of the last week of term. The children will present it to their class in the morning and will then invite another class to come and see their work before showing it to parents in the afternoon.

Parents in Year 6 should also note that the dates for the Year 6 Production have changed. We would like to give the children the opportunity to rehearse longer and have enlisted the help of Mrs Sands, our school music teacher, who was not available on the original dates.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

FoHBS News

The FOHBS team would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for making Sunday's Summer Fair such a success. The sun was out and so many of you came along to support the school. We can't thank you all enough for your kind donations, your willingness to help set up / run the stalls / clear up and your enthusiasm during the afternoon. We hope you and all the children had as much fun as we did.

The last FoHBS event of the year is the Ball taking place next Friday evening. We will be sending out details of money raised and what it's been spent on before the year ends. Until then, thanks so much for everything - Happy Friday everyone!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful parents, staff and family members who have purchased raffle tickets at sports day and the fair (pictured left).

As well as the main raffle, there will be a number of items that will be auctioned live on the night of the ball next week 21 June. Please look out for the sales brochure sent earlier this week by email. In addition to the attached auction items we have also had one last minute fantastic prize donated for auction:

A one week stay in a beautiful, centrally located house in Salcombe, Devon the week of the Regatta, 2nd to 9th August. Max 8 people - T&C's apply as per the holiday rental agreement.

www.porchhousesalcombe.co.uk www.salcombe-regatta.co.uk

This is normally in the region of £2500 for this very popular week but we will accept bids from £300. Funds raised for all of the auction items go directly to FoHBS so this is a brilliant opportunity that also raises money for your child's school.

If you wish to place a bid on any item, even if you aren't attending the ball, please contact me via the school office and I can arrange for your bid to be submitted on the night.

Due to the number of prizes and the time it takes to draw the raffle on the actual night we are going to draw the winners in school assembly on Tuesday 25th June and the winners will be notified (probably by your children) and then via e-mail. For those going to the ball, I hope you understand our decision to do this a little differently this year. Tickets will still be on sale on the night and there will be so many other fun things to do at the ball, I promise!!

If you would like to purchase tickets (or buy more) to support our fundraising, we would be extremely appreciative and they are available in the school office.

Thanks again for your support of FoHBS and good luck in the raffle!



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week

- **Reception Oak Class** Verity – for always having a good Growth Mindset and showing the value of Happiness.
Alex H – for working so hard on your Handwriting
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Ruby – for her positive attitude to learning
Thomas – for showing a happy, positive presence in the classroom
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Arianna – for showing a positive happy attitude
Isla W – for showing enthusiasm for our topic
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Arran – for an excellent attitude in all lessons
Caleb – for showing determination when working on things he finds tricky
Elliott G – for always pushing himself and enjoying his learning
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Joss – for showing enthusiasm on his learning and asking interesting questions on our school trip
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Aidan – for showing a positive happy attitude with his friends
Lucy – for showing happiness and working hard in writing
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Alex – for his excellent contributions during our poetry lessons
Theo – for being a happy and polite member of the class
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Emily B – for having such a positive, happy approach to learning
Tami – for having such a positive, happy attitude in our class
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Maple are away at Dell Farm this week
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Shona – for continuing to be a positive role model at all times
Eva – for showing a positive and happy attitude at all times
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Ollie – for showing real commitment to improve in Maths
Louisa – for showing happiness in every lesson
Alastair – for showing empathy towards other children and helping his learning partner
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Matthew – for showing lots of creativity with his unique learning log project ideas
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Max – for making a big effort to improve his writing
Ben – for showing a positive and happy attitude in class

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Hazel and Redwood classes for 100% attendance this week.

Home Learning

Please note that, for pupils in Key Stage 2 who have homework on [MyMaths](#), these activities no longer need flashplayer to run and are now fully compatible with all Apple devices.

Absence Requests

Please remember that requests for any absence, ie appointments, holidays, exams etc should be applied for as soon as possible on our official request form which can be found on our website or in the rack outside the school office. Appointment/exam requests should be supported by a copy of the details from the appropriate practitioner/examining body.

Mobile Phones

For safeguarding reasons, please remember to turn off your mobile phones and not just put them on silent when in school at all times.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 18th June – Y1 Woburn Trip and Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival
- 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 – After school
- Wednesday 26th June - Maple Class Assembly – 9am
- Thursday 27th June – Reserve date for KS2 Athletics Tournament
- Friday 28th June – Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am
- **Thursday 4th July – Maple class drumming performance 2.45pm. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- Friday 5th July – Ash Class Assembly - 9am
- Monday 8th July – LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
- Tuesday 9th July – No Karate Club
- Thursday 11th July –Transition Day
- Friday 12th July – Pupil reports sent home
- **Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July, 6:30pm – Year 6 Production. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- Tuesday 16th July – Volunteers Tea Party – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 BBQ – Evening
- Thursday 18th July – High Beeches Got Talent
- **Friday 19 July – Science Fair Entries into school (see separate letter)**
- **Monday 22nd July, 2:45pm – Classrooms open for Science Fair**
- Wednesday 24th July – End of Term – 2pm

ADVANCE NOTICE (How's this for planning?!)

Our Christmas Carol Services this year will both take place on the same evening. This is principally due to availability of the church, but it will also contribute to staff well-being at probably the busiest time of year, by reducing the number of evenings we are asking staff to work. We hope that by giving advance notice, parents will be able to make arrangements to be there if at all possible.

- Wednesday 11 December, 5pm – Red and Yellow Houses
- Wednesday 11 December, 6:30pm – Blue and Green Houses