



Weekly Newsletter

13 September 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is friendship



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely seeing all the pupils settle into their new classes as the week has progressed and especially to see our new Reception pupils begin full-time school.

This week our Year 5 children enjoyed using the school grounds for team challenge sessions with Andy Peck, formally lead instructor at Dell Farm Outdoor Education Centre. Next week both Year 4 and Year 2 children will be participating in curriculum workshops in school to help kick-start their current topics. On Monday Year 4 will be visited by a Roman Soldier and on Tuesday, Year 2 pupils will experience Seaside holidays from the past in their History Off the Page day. Can't wait!

Also next week parent helpers are invited to attend a short briefing in school at 9am on Tuesday morning. This is for all continuing helpers and any helpers interested in helping regularly in school to keep up to date with school expectations for safeguarding and for supporting pupils' learning.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 6 pupils will be going to Harpenden Methodist Church to join a local community Peace Day service. Unfortunately, as this event involves all schools in Harpenden, space is restricted and we are unable to take all of the year group.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

FoHBS News

Friends of High Beeches School (FoHBS) are calling out for enthusiastic individuals to make their mark on the School by organising fun and engaging fundraising events. This year we already have Discos, Movie Nights and our annual Summer Fair in the planning but **we need individuals (or pairs) willing to take the lead on organising events at Christmas, Easter and more.** You won't be flying solo, we have a crack team in place to help so it really isn't as scary as it sounds and it doesn't take up much time either!

Interested? Simply email contact.fohbs@gmail.com and we'll take it from there...

Dates for your diary:

- **The Autumn Term FoHBS (PTA) meeting** is on Tuesday 24th September at the Skew Bridge pub between 8-9pm. Join us to find out what's going on this year, get involved and meet other parents from across the school. Everyone is very welcome and we only meet once a term so please come along!
- **School Disco:** our Spoooooky school disco takes place after school on Friday October 18th (years one to six only). More details on the event and how to buy tickets will be released soon so watch this space!

A Message from the Eco Team

Thank you for generously donating your unwanted uniform items, and for coming to support our 2 sales last week. We raised a fantastic £113!

Funds raised from these sales will go to the schools' Gardening Club, who do a great job in keeping our school grounds attractive (both for the humans and the wildlife - have you seen their lovely allotment?) and encourage many children to develop a love of nature, especially through their lunchtime gardening club. FOHBs are due to benefit too from money acquired from recycling items that weren't in a good enough condition to sell.

We plan on holding sales on a regular basis if there continues to be enough support, with the next likely to be at the beginning of the next half term. Please hold on to any unwanted uniform - we will continue to take donations throughout the year and will announce when the next donations should come in to school.

We still have plenty of items left over from the sale, and won't clear them out until the end of the year. If anyone is desperately in need of an item in-between our sales, please speak to one of us and we will try to help. We are also always happy to donate items for any families in need. You can speak confidentially to Mr Walker if you or anyone you know needs support.

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class** Tommy – for being so kind and caring and settling happily into class
Erin – for having an excellent attitude/positive start to school
- **Reception Oak Class** Eleanor – for supporting her friends and settling quickly into new routines
Harrison – showing his value of Friendship and helping other children
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Calvin – for being a good friend to everyone in the class
Olivia – for having such a positive approach to her work
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Thomas – for a positive attitude to every lesson
Dillon – for an excellent effort working on tricky word sheets
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Marnie – for challenging herself in Maths
Arran – for being a kind and supportive friend
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Sophie – for a positive attitude and trying hard
Logan – being a kind and supportive friend
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Freya – for being a friendly and supportive learning partner
Amy - for making an excellent effort to be a good role model
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Oisin – for being friendly and helpful in class this week
Kirsty – for such a positive attitude and great effort in class
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Zac – for showing enthusiasm for our new topic
Charlie – for an excellent effort in Maths
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Evie – for always being a good friend to others
Matthew – for always challenging himself with his learning
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Ezra – for imaginative and descriptive work in English
Aayan – for settling in well and showing friendship in his start at High Beeches
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** James – for trying hard in his learning across all lessons in Year 5
Violet – for having a great two weeks in Year 5
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Annemarie – for showing great friendship by supporting her partner so well
Ollie – for fantastic work in English
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Izzy – for being a supportive friend and looking out for those who need it
Will – for making a real effort to not rush his work and take the time to check his answers carefully

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who have achieved 100% attendance since 4th September:
Cedar, Birch, Redwood, Ash, Hawthorn

Uniform and Dress Code

At High Beeches, we expect the children to dress smartly in school uniform. This helps us to maintain a sense of the school as a community and helps pupils to set high expectations of themselves. The vast majority of children have returned from the Summer holidays really looking the part, but we have noticed a few children with accessories that are not consistent with our uniform policy. Therefore, please note the following:

- Children should not be using hair gel
- All Long hair should be tied back or held back with a hair band and hair bows/bands should be dark green, brown, black or white.
- Only children in Years 3 to 6 with pierced ears are permitted to wear earrings which should only be small plain gold or silver studs please (no diamonds or coloured stones). They do need to be able to take studs out of their ears independently and, to make things easier, we would recommend they are not worn on a PE/Games day. For this reason, we would expect any new piercings to take place at the start of the long Summer holiday, giving time for the holes to heal sufficiently and to get past the having-to-leave-them-in stage. Reception and Years 1 and 2 children are not permitted to wear earrings, or any other jewellery. Thank you.

Please also remember that shorts, trousers, skirts and pinafore dresses should all be light grey and not black. Summer dresses should be green and white stripes and not checks.

Spare Clothes

We are keen to restock our supply of children's clothes that we hold in school for any children that have an 'accident'. We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted or outgrown socks, pants, tights and trousers (both boys' and girls') that parents may have for Reception and Year ½ sized children!

Parking

We have received complaints of inconsiderate parking already. We have a designated car park in Waldegrave Park, where the Scout Hut and Artisans Nursery are for which we pay a large annual fee. Please use this at all times when dropping off and collecting from school. There should be no parking in the staff car park between the hours of 8.20am and 4.30pm. Thank you for your consideration and keeping our neighbours happy.

Communication

Please remember when emailing, or telephoning the school to state the name of your child and their class.

Uniformed Organisations

We have been asked to advertise the St Alban's Junior Sea Cadets, who are open to all children in Years 5 and 6 and meet at 7pm on Friday evenings. More information can be found [here](#).

Many of our children also attend similar organisations and really benefit from making new friends and learning new skills in a different setting to school and home. Parents can also find information about [Guiding](#) (Rainbows, Brownies or Guides) and the [Scout](#) movement (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) by following the links.

Diary Dates

We have included below a list of events for the coming term which we hope parents will find useful. In some cases, dates are provisional or we await confirmation from other partners before they can be set. Although we hope to give parents as much notice as possible of events, we do find that additions or amendments are sometimes unavoidable. Any such amendments or additions will be shown in red text.

September	16 th	Year 4 Romans Workshop
	17 th	Year 2 Seaside Day
	17 th	Parent helper meeting 9am
	18 th	Peace Day service - some Y6 attending
	19 th	<i>Girls Basketball Festival 1-4pm Y6</i>
	23 rd	Reception Stay and Play sessions
	24 th	8 to 9pm FoHBS Meeting, Skew Bridge
	26 th	European Day of Languages – events to be held in school
	27 th	9:15 to 10am –MacMillan Coffee Morning led by Rowan Class
	27 th	2:15 to 3pm –MacMillan Coffee Afternoon led by Sycamore Class
October	3 rd	Harvest Festival
	7 th	Mental Health Week
	7 th	School photographer – individual and school sibling group photographs
	17 th	Tag Rugby Y5/6 @ HRFC 12-3pm
	18 th	FoHBS Discos
	22 nd	Rotary Shoebox appeal launch
	22 nd & 24 th	Parent Consultations – 4pm-7pm and 5pm-8pm respectively
	24/25	Escape Room Maths challenge workshops – KS2
	25 th	Open Classrooms – 3pm
November	4 th /6 th	Parent Rep meetings - 9am
	11 th	Anti-Bullying week
	12 th	Open morning 1 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am <i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i>
	TBC	Children in Need
	7 th	Girls Football
	14 th	Cross Country pm
	21 st	Open morning 2 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am <i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i>
December	4 th	Open morning 3 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am <i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i>
	4 th	Harpenden Rotary Club Carol Service
	11 th & 12 th	Y2 Nativity (2:30pm & 9am)
	11 th	KS2 Carol Services (Methodist Church) 5pm and 6.30
	13 th	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
	13 th	Y1 Carol Service (in school) 2:30pm
	w/b 16 th	EYFS Nativity