



Weekly Newsletter

27 September 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is friendship



Dear Parents/Carers

The children enjoyed a special 'off-timetable' day yesterday as we celebrated European Day of Languages with our French Day. The children (see pictures right) worked in mixed-age house groups on a number of activities to help them learn some French language and a little about French traditions and culture. Activities included making a bread and jam snack (*Je voudrais une tartine s'il vous plait*), constructing a French monument (*La Tour Eiffel et plus*), making a weather forecast (*Quel temps fait-il*) and discovering other French speaking countries around the world (*Parlez-vous Francais?*)



Also this week, Year 3 enjoyed a thoroughly engaging Stone Age day at Celtic Harmony (pictured below right). Both Miss Jackson and Mr Gardiner commented on how well-behaved their classes were and how much they learnt.



Today our Year 6 pupils did a brilliant job of hosting our MacMillan Cancer Research Big Coffee Morning (and afternoon, in our case), treating their parents to tea or coffee and cakes in aid of the brilliant and invaluable work of MacMillan Cancer Support. An amazing £636.88 was raised. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped with the setting up and organisation.



Next week, we continue with a charity focus, through our annual harvest festival. This year, we have chosen to support [Luton Foodbank's school harvest appeal](#). As they maintain a stock of long-life food provided in food parcels for families in need, they are unable to accept fresh items and are particularly in need of the following:

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| Rice pudding (Tinned) | Instant noodles | Meat (Tinned) |
| Custard (Tinned) | Vegetables (Tinned) | Fruit (Tinned) |
| Fruit Juice (Carton) | Dried rice (500g) | Soup |
| Milk (UHT) | Baked beans (Tinned) | Tomatoes (Tinned) |
| Fish (Tinned) | Tinned pasta | Pasta sauce |
| Breakfast cereal | Tea bags | Biscuits |
| Sugar (500g) | | |



The festival takes place on Thursday morning and will be led by school governor Rev Fellows and we would be most grateful for donations of any of the above items from school families.



Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



FoHBS News

Thanks to everyone who came along to the FoHBS meeting on Tuesday. We're still open for volunteers so just email us (contact.fohbs@gmail.com) if you're interested in getting involved!

Give us a D I S C O...

Don't forget there is just one more week to purchase your tickets to the Spooky Disco taking place on the 18th October. Information and tickets are available online (link below). The ticket site closes next Saturday at midnight and after that you will no longer be able to purchase tickets (they will not be available on the door).

- Infants disco: <http://buytickets.at/friendsofhighbeechesschoolfohbs/302460>
- Juniors disco: <http://buytickets.at/friendsofhighbeechesschoolfohbs/302461>

Fancy some free money? We do to! We're delighted to add a couple more websites to our fundraising efforts this year. This is an easy way to buy goods you'd be buying anyway AND raise money for our school at no extra cost to you! Details below...

- **Labels - can you ever have too many...?! Stikins** - the stick in labels for clothes, water bottles, book bags, shoes that can be simply stuck into items and then washed time and time again. Stikins joins Stampstastic - a stamp that can be used to label your clothes and other items as an easy fundraiser for the School. www.stikins.co.uk/ stampstastic.co.uk Any purchases result in a donation of up to 30% of your spend being donated to school which is fantastic. With Stikins you can also use a code at checkout which will also ensure school receive the commission. Add the code '9527' at checkout and the commission will be given. If you prefer to order using paper forms then these are available in the school reception.
- **Booking a holiday at Booking.com? Grabbing an eBay bargain? Replacing a fridge at John Lewis?** Then buy via easyfundraising.com - every time you do the retailer (of which there are around 4,000!) will donate to High Beeches School! Simply start at easyfundraising.com and select your retailer from the site. It's that easy!
- **Amazon** - if you shop at Amazon (and let's face it, most of us do!) then just start your shop via smile.amazon.co.uk and order as usual. You can use your normal Amazon account and every purchase you make a donation is made to High Beeches School.
- These are all fantastic ways of raising 'free' money for the school which we would love you to try - particularly as we head into the festive season - it's easy, it's free money and it helps our school. That's what we call a win win!

Thanks as ever for all of your continued support!

Sports Desk

Congratulations to our Y5/6 girls' football team who played another series of matches yesterday afternoon in the second of their league events. So far they have won 5 and drawn 2; and have only conceded 1 goal in all 7 matches!

Emily Birkett from Ash Class reports on the games played yesterday:
We played 4 matches yesterday at the Grove.

The first match we drew 0-0. The second match we played against Harpenden Academy and won 1-0. The next match we won against Crabtree 2-0, even though their goal keeper was amazing and saved most of our shots. Finally, we played the Lee and won 2-0!

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class** Ariadna – for being a kind and caring friend
Luke W – for having an excellent attitude to learning
- **Reception Oak Class** Micayla – for having a good attitude to learning and making new friends
Ibi – for working hard on phonics and showing his value of friendship
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Alex H – for being a good friend
Lily – for putting maximum effort into all of her work
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Lexie – for excellent effort in every lesson
Rhea – for always showing the value of friendship
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Elsie – for her excellent attitude to school life
Uri – for trying hard to improve his handwriting
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Eve – for trying hard and showing the value of friendship
Oliver – for being a good friend and working hard
- **Year 3 Birch Class** The whole class – for their enthusiasm, energy and excellent behaviour on our trip yesterday
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** The whole class for exemplary behaviour and seizing the learning opportunities on offer on our trip yesterday
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Rayan K – for an excellent effort in Maths
Emily H – for showing friendship and always being kind
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Theo W – for challenging himself and pushing his learning in Maths
Alex T – for showing the values of friendship
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Noel – for showing great determination in every lesson
Joel – for showing the value of friendship on French Day
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Freddie – for showing the value of friendship to others and being a super learning partner
Annie – for being a sunny member of our class and enjoying her writing in English
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Double next week
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Abigail – for showing friendship to Reception and KS1 children during our French day
Isla – for being an excellent lead learner and working hard on her “Highwayman” poem.

Further Information and Reminders

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

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. Therefore, please note the following:

- 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.

Correspondence

Teachers are usually available for a brief chat at the end of the day, if you have any important information to share with them or want to talk something through. If you need to send any messages to teachers regarding teaching and learning or pastoral matters, please use the teacher email address at all times: teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk

Please also remember to state your child’s name and class in all correspondence.

Applications for Secondary Schools for September 2020

Parents in Year 6 are reminded that applications for a secondary school place for September 2020 must be made by 31 October 2019. More information can be found [here](#) and parents are welcome to speak to school staff for further support.



St Albans Symphony Orchestra Concerts for Children Sunday 17th November 2019

Each year St Albans Symphony Orchestra puts on a Concert for Children to bring the “Symphony Orchestra Experience” to the young people in the St Albans area.

This year they are presenting two concerts on the afternoon of Sunday 17th November at 2pm and 3.30pm in St Saviour’s Church, St Albans.

The concerts are informal and a great opportunity for children (of all ages!) to hear some famous and popular music, see an orchestra in action close-up and talk to the players. The opportunity to try out the instruments, under expert guidance, is always very popular. For many children this is their first opportunity to experience live music. Click [here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Any amendments or additions to those previously published are shown in red text.

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| 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 | 5pm-8pm - Parent Consultations (<i>new time due to clash with staff training</i>) |
| | 24 th | 4pm-7pm - Parent Consultations |
| | 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 |
| | 13 th | St Alban’s Rehearsal Orchestra concert in school |
| | 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 | Christmas Treat Day: Visiting Pantomime and Christmas lunch |
| | 11 th | KS2 Carol Services (Methodist Church) 5pm and 6.30 |
| | 12 th | 2:30pm - Reception Nativity Play |
| | 13 th | 9:15am - Reception Nativity Play |
| | 13 th | Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) |
| | 13 th | Y1 Carol Service (in school) 2:30pm |
| | 17 th | 2:30pm Y2 Nativity |
| | 18 th | 9:15am Y2 Nativity |