



Weekly Newsletter

11 October 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is friendship



Dear Parents/Carers

This week, the children in Year 5 enjoyed visiting Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes, where they learnt about a variety of hazards that they might meet in everyday life and as they become increasingly independent; such as road and railway safety, hazards in the home and stranger danger, both on line and in person. This included working through scenarios in which they had to call for help, whilst keeping themselves out of danger and session in emergency first aid (see picture above right).

It was lovely to receive this photograph (above left) of Yusuf and George, together with parent gardening club leaders Mrs Gavan and Mrs Shafer, receiving our *Harpenden in Bloom gold* award last Friday afternoon. This was awarded for the gardening club's work and our wildlife area and we are very proud to be able to display this our second award in a row, in school.

Positive Parking Update

Thank you to all those who have worked hard to ensure parking in the vicinity around school is safe for all road and footpath users and is respectful of our neighbours. We have recently had some communication with residents in Wendover Close who reported some issues earlier this week when parents of pupils at the school were blocking or partially blocking driveways. We would ask all parents to ensure that their cars are not obstructing pavements and that any roadside parking, on Aldwickbury Crescent or any of the side roads, does not overlap a drop kerb.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker

Headteacher

FoHBS News

Christmas Fair

Do you know anyone who would like to sponsor the fun at this year's Christmas fair? Could be a couple of bottles of bubbly, or a financial contribution - we'd really appreciate any support you can get us. It may only take an email! Give us a shout at contact.fohbs@gmail.com or join our Trello board [here](#).

Recycle with Michael

Friends of High Beeches and the High Beeches Eco Team are excited to announce that this term we're going to *Recycle with Michael!* Michael is The Salvation Army's top recycler, travelling across the country to hundreds of schools, collecting clothing and shoes that children and their families no longer want to divert thousands of tonnes away from landfill.

So please dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes, and fill the collection bins that will be made available at school between **21st - 24th October**. The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with our school equally. In addition, we're also collecting good condition school uniform items and Christmas jumpers for a second hand sale that will take place later in the term for the benefit of the school Gardening Club. Thanks in advance for your help and enthusiasm!



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class** James – for an excellent attitude to learning
Ama – for being a kind and caring friend
- **Reception Oak Class** Ireland – for being such a kind and thoughtful friend
Harry – for good listening skills and helping your friends
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Ava – for having such a positive mindset and trying hard with her work
Agnes – for always being such a kind and caring friend
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Albie – for his excellent attitude to school and his friends
Millie – for always showing the value of friendship
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Yusuf – for putting lots of effort into his English this week.
Milla – for always showing the value of friendship
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Isabella – for listening well and trying her best in all areas
Hunter – for trying his best and showing his value of friendship
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Isla – for working hard to improve her writing
Celia – for showing enthusiasm for her learning
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Jodie – for a great attitude to learning and hard work this week
Tom – for working hard in all his learning
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Rayan M – for his excellent effort writing a Roman myth
Nathan – for his excellent attitude to school and his friends
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Theo – for a super Roman myth
Chloe – for being a kind friend
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Eva – for bringing a smile and a positive attitude to every lesson
Jack – for showing enthusiasm and working hard in Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Liam - for resilience in maths this week.
Jessica - for cracking comprehension skills.
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** James – for showing such an improved attitude in class
Mia – for a positive attitude to all the new challenges she has faced this week
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Hannah – for careful up-levelling of all her written work this week
John – for always trying his best and producing some fantastic learning log work

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations Hawthorn class for 100% attendance

Moving to Secondary School September 2020

Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2019**. It is recommended that parents complete it by Friday 25th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Although there is some provision to make an application on paper (by requesting a printed version of the website information and application form from the Admissions and Transport Team), parents are advised to apply online [here](#). Any pupils whose home address is in a different local authority (such as Bedfordshire), must apply via their website.

September 2020 Reception Starters

Applications for Reception places are coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council and those wishing to apply for a place in Reception for their child for September 2020 will need to do so through their online system. Applications open on 4 November 2019 and close on 15 January 2020. In order to help us plan, it would be helpful to have an idea of the demand for places for younger siblings of pupils currently on role. Therefore, please email the office with the name and date of birth of any siblings for whom you intend to apply for Reception place for in September 2020.

Items forgotten by children

In order to help our office staff to concentrate on their core tasks and to avoid disruption to lessons, we are trialling a new system for items that children have left at home (such as water bottles, clothing, packed lunches, club kit etc) and that are subsequently brought into school by parents after the start of the school day. There will be a box in the lobby outside the school office for you to put any items your children may have forgotten. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with the name of your child and their class. These can be delivered to the box up until **10.30am** when they will be distributed to classes during break. Anything after this time will not be delivered until the following day.

Thank you so much this week for helping with this, it has made a huge difference.

Mud Pack Challenge

On Sunday Miss Pascoe and Miss Jackson are taking part in the Mud Pack Challenge where they will be running a total of 5 miles and completing over 40 obstacles to raise money for the Hospice of St Francis. This charity is very close to Miss Pascoe's heart and has supported her family over the last year. The hospice needs over £5 million a year to provide support to people with life limiting illnesses and their families. You can visit their JustGiving page [here](#), if you would like to support these very worthwhile cause.

Fliers

This week, parents have received by email additional information about the town council's Christmas card competition and a half-term tennis camp.

Diary Dates

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

October	17 th	Tag Rugby Y5/6 @ HRFC 12-3pm
	18 th	FoHBS Discos
	21 st to 24 th	FoHBS Recycle with Michael clothing and shoe collection
	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
	8 th	2 to 4:30pm – FOHBS Christmas Fair
	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