



Weekly Newsletter

18 October 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is friendship



Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a day out of school this week on Monday, when they visited Verulamium, the remains of our local Roman settlement in St Albans. On the trip (pictured above and right) they examined artefacts to explore what they could learn from them about life in Roman Britain; followed a trail around the museum and visited the remains of the amphitheatre and hypocaust (underfloor heating system) in situ.



Thank you to all those who have booked in to see their child's teacher at our Autumn Parent Consultations next week. The meetings take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between 5 and 8pm and 4 and 7pm respectively. Your child's books will be available to see in the dining area before and after your appointment. Mrs Shewbridge and I will be available for parents who wish to speak to us and tea and coffee will be available. In the interests of the environment, I would encourage parents to bring a suitable reusable cup if they have one.

This week ends with the FoHBS discos tonight and I would like to thank the FoHBS team for arranging and running them and the school staff who will be remaining on site to assist.

Next week will be the last before the half-term break and we are looking forward to the Key Stage 2 escape room challenge for Years 3 to 6 on Thursday and Friday, as well as to our open classrooms event on Friday afternoon.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

FoHBS News

Looming deadlines and fabulous offers! Tea-towels, pantomime and clear outs!

Re-use & re-cycle your old clothes and uniform:

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th October - don't forget to bring in all your old unusable clothes and shoes for recycling. We're also collecting good condition uniform clothing and shoes PLUS good condition Christmas jumpers for resale. Drop off points will be available outside reception between the 21st-24th.

Commemorative tea towels available for order now!

These tea towels are decorated with self-portraits of all the children and staff presently at the school. They make great gifts or a memento of your child / children during their time at High Beeches Primary School. All orders will be fulfilled in time for Christmas! Orders will be accepted until Friday November 8th. For information and order details please visit our [ticket sales site](#).

Discounted pantomime tickets for High Beeches families!

Oh yes it is! Beauty and the Beast, Harpenden Public Halls...As you will already know, school is not attending a local pantomime this year, but will instead have a visiting pantomime at school. So, if you are looking for a panto to go to with friends and or family, FoHBS is delighted to be able to offer you discounted tickets for post Christmas performances of Beauty and the Beast at Harpenden Public Halls.

Online tickets normally cost somewhere between £13 and £15 but we're able to offer you a limited number of tickets **costing just £10 each (for children and adults)**. This gives you a great discount and as a small donation is made to FoHBS with each purchase you're also able to support our School! These tickets are only available on select dates and performances: 27th December 2.30pm, 28th December 2.30 pm & 6pm, 29th December 2.30pm & 6pm, 30th December 2.30pm.

If you would like to take up this offer, please click [here](#) and get your orders in by midnight on Wednesday November 6th.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Annabelle in Year 5 who has been selected to join the elite Arsenal Women's FC Academy. What an achievement and an honour!

Congratulations also to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class** David – for showing friendship and being kind to others
George – for his attitude to learning and working hard at his targets
- **Reception Oak Class** Theo – for explaining how to make a beautiful pattern to his friends
Evie – for showing her value of friendship and sharing resources
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Luella – for always being kind to others and working hard in class
Jamie – for concentrating so well in class and working hard in all lessons
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Freddie – for a great effort in his learning this week
Jessika – for a great effort in his learning this week
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Taaha – for always putting lots of effort into his work
Macy – for putting lots of effort into her English this week
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Isla G W – for showing values of friendship and resilience
Lily – for always putting lots of effort into her work
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Matilda – for challenging herself to produce detailed news reports
Alfie – for having a growth mindset when completing tricky maths puzzles
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Jackson – for a great effort in his writing this week
Benjamin – for being responsible and independent to help the class
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Anish – for showing resilience in Maths
Molly – for supporting her friends in their learning
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Thomas – for always being a kind friend
Alex B – for showing great interest and enthusiasm throughout our Roman topic
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Ethan – for putting great effort and enthusiasm into his learning
Scarlett – for quietly working at improving her Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Annie – for trying really hard with her Maths
Bobo – for being an excellent learning partner and an asset to Hawthorn class
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Maya – for excellent contributions in English
Yvie – for working really hard in Maths
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Joe – for working really hard in Maths and challenging himself
Jayden – for doing extra work at home to consolidate his understanding of Maths

Sports Desk

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 pupils who attended the tag-rugby festival at Harpenden Rugby Club yesterday afternoon. They all coped really well with the rather damp and blustery conditions and played to a high standard winning all 5 of their matches! Go team High Beeches!

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Hawthorn class on 100% attendance this week.

PARKING

We have had more complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking and have had photographs sent to us. Please can we ask that you use our park and stride in Waldegrave Park just a short walk from school.

Making the Most of Milk

The Eco Team are trying to help reduce waste around the school in a number of ways. One such way is in ensuring that free milk, and that ordered by parents once children have turned 5, is used up before the next delivery. However, we are still finding that there is a small surplus of milk cartons that cannot be kept once the next delivery arrives. Rather than throw this away, we will be offering it to parents, free of charge, outside school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Help and Support

Parents who may have a concern about a child or young person and wish to discuss a potential referral to either Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech & Language Therapy are invited to contact the new Children and Young People's Therapies Advice Line on 01992 823093.

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.

Mud Pack Challenge

Congratulations to Miss Pascoe and Miss Jackson who took part in the Mud Pack Challenge last weekend where they ran a total of 5 miles and completed over 40 obstacles, in just over an hour and raising almost £1,300 for the Hospice of St Francis. Many thanks to all those who have made a donation, it is much appreciated. You can still visit their JustGiving page [here](#) if you wish.

Communication

Please remember to state the name of your child and their class in all communications.

School Photographs

Children should have brought home their school photograph this week. Please read instructions carefully. We would ask that all orders are placed on line please by Thursday 24th October. Thank you

Diary Dates

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

October	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 School closes for half-term break at normal time
November	4 th	School opens for Autumn 2
	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
	20 th	School closes for Christmas holiday at 2pm