



Weekly Newsletter 15th November 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is positivity



Dear Parents/Carers

High Beeches Remembers

Thank you to the House Ambassadors who led a very moving and thought-provoking act of remembrance on Monday morning which was attended by all staff and pupils.

This week, the children have been exploring what constitutes and how to respond to bullying, as part of our work for national anti-bullying week. This included joining schools all over the country in wearing odd socks on Tuesday as a way of thinking about and celebrating identity and difference.

A class of Year 4 pupils from Crabtree school delivered cards to each of our pupils in Pine class today as part of their "Cool to be kind" week. It was lovely to see the two classes chatting/mixing together confidently. We hope to reciprocate in the Spring term.

On Tuesday, we also held the first of a number of open mornings for prospective parents (for those with children starting Reception in September 2020). This included Year 6 pupils giving tours to over 60 visitors, during the course of the morning and almost every one of the visitors commented on how articulate and informative the children were. Well done Year 6! The second open morning takes place this coming Thursday and the last is on Wednesday 4 December. These sessions are always very well attended and any parents with children starting school in 2020 wishing to attend should book in via the school office.

Staff and pupils enjoyed an excellent concert given by the 40 strong members of the St Alban's Rehearsal Orchestra on Wednesday morning, which introduced them to the range of orchestral instruments and the power of live music. Finally this week, our second Year 2 class, Willow, enjoyed learning about making pizza in a visit to Harpenden Pizza Express and our Reception pupils had a fantastic handling session of nocturnal animals, including a rather long snake, a hedgehog and an owl.

Today we have been taking part in raising funds for Children In Need with children dressing in bright colours or spots. They had a lovely assembly with four Pudsey Bears to keep them company. For those who forgot their £1 coins we are happy to receive them on Monday morning. So far we have raised £394.44, this includes larger sums from children donating their pocket money. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

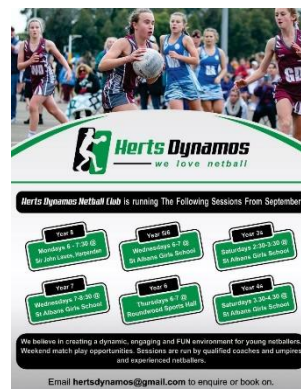
Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Sports Desk

Congratulations to our cross country team who participated very successfully in the district cross country event earlier this week. All of our team finished in the top half and 5 were in the top 10!

Keen netballers are invited to find out about the [Herts Dynamos](#) club who run sessions in St Albans, Redbourn and Harpenden.



FoHBS News

DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MIDNIGHT TODAY!

Please don't forget to order your commemorative school year tea towels with self-portraits of all the children and staff presently at the school printed directly onto the premium cotton tea-towel. These make great gifts or can be a memento of your child/children during their time at High Beeches. All orders will be fulfilled in time for Christmas and they are priced at £6.50 each, £12 for 2 or £16 for 3. [Order online here:](#) We hope to hold uniform sales next week every day (we have lots after recent donations and FOHBs would like their shed cleared where we're storing it). Please could this be added to the newsletter today to that end:

The eco committee were over the moon recently to receive lots of lovely condition uniform to sell. We're going to hold sales next week of that outside the school (weather dependant) and maybe have a stall at the Christmas fair of what remains. Here are the sale days for next week. Keep a note! Everything 50p or £1:

- Monday-Grey dresses, grey skirts, cardigans
- Tuesday-Trousers, shorts, jumpers
- Wednesday-Summer dresses and polo shirts
- Thursday-Sportswear, school coats, hats
- Friday-Back-up day for any rained off sales

Many thanks

A festive poster for 'DONATION DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR' on 29th Nov & 6th Dec. The background is decorated with pine branches, red baubles, and pinecones. The text is as follows:

DONATION DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR
29TH NOV & 6TH DEC

29th Nov - Staff Car Park @ drop off/pick up
Bottle of Wine/alcohol

one per family for the adult tombola

29th Nov - Reception @ drop off & pick up
Secrets Room present, one item per child:

an unused gift that would be suitable for a Mum, Dad, sibling or relative. The children love doing this - they get to choose and wrap on their own which makes it really special. (Please don't forget the men - we get lots of choices for Mums and so many for the Dads so nice chocolate, books etc

6th December - Dining room hand in
Baked goods - cakes/biscuits/mince pies

Please send in all cakes/biscuits in an air tight container or very well wrapped. If you want the container back please label it with name and class

We rely on your kind donations to make this event successful. Thank you for your support!

A poster for 'Support FRIENDS of HIGH BEECHES' featuring a large green Christmas tree. The text is as follows:

Support
FRIENDS of
HIGH BEECHES

Buy a LOCALLY GROWN
Christmas Tree

Premium NORDMANN FIRS
Cut in early December

£10 PER TREE WILL BE GIVEN TO FoHBS

Order online from www.foha.ecwid.com
Collection or delivery on 13th or 14th December
Prices from £39 (5ft tree)

Attendance

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

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** Thalia – for showing so much positivity
George – for working so hard on your target every day
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Evie – for showing a positive attitude to learning
Amelie – for approaching tasks with a positive attitude
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Harry – for showing such enthusiasm about our topic and his learning
Lauren – for having a positive approach to her learning
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Callum – for a positive attitude to learning
Kelly – for showing a positive attitude in Maths
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Olivia – for always trying her best and showing a conscientious attitude to learning
Emily – for always showing a positive attitude to life and learning
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Kiara – for approaching tasks with a positive attitude
Joseph – for always showing a positive attitude to learning
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Elliott G – for writing a fantastic poem about fireworks
Isabella – for showing enthusiasm for her learning
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Lauren – for challenging herself with a positive attitude all week
George for being really positive about his Maths in recent weeks
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Josie – for always having a positive approach to learning
Henry G – some excellent research during English
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Meya - For always showing positivity in her learning
Ranye – for always working hard to up-level her writing
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Sam – for showing a positive attitude to learning in Science
George – for pushing himself in his learning in Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Rosheena – for being a truly positive member and role model for the class
Adkeesh – for always trying his best in every lesson
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Dhilan – for making excellent contributions to lessons and consistently working well
Jonah – for a positive attitude in all lessons
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Alex – for asking great questions in History to deepen his understanding of the first World War
Same J – for showing enthusiasm and positivity in his learning by doing additional handwriting practice at home

Further Information and Reminders



Many parents may have heard of the Winter coats for the homeless appeal by the charity [Wrap Up London](#), where members of the public are encouraged to donate unwanted Winter coats to the homeless. Donations may be made up until 24 November and school parent Mrs Barnicoat has offered to take any that High Beeches families may wish to donate to the local collection point en masse this coming Monday (18th November) before and after school. So why not have a root around in your cupboards and wardrobes this weekend and see if you have anything going spare?

Sickness

Reminder: IN accordance with Health Protection Agency guidance, we have a 48 hour policy for sickness and diarrhoea episodes, please keep your child away from school during this time to avoid the spread of any bugs of this type. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

All cards, mugs, bags etc should have been received now. Thank you to Carolyn Berg and Anna Davies for all their help with sorting this. Much appreciated.

Photographs

If you ordered school photographs you should have received these yesterday. Please check your child's bag. If you ordered some and haven't received them please contact Van Cols direct. Thank you.

Diary Dates

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

November	21 st	Open morning 2 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am <i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i>
	29 th	Christmas Fair tombola donation mufti day!
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	Jolly (Christmas) Jumper Day (L & D Helipad Appeal)
	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