



Weekly Newsletter

29th November 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is positivity



Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to Ellie, James, Oisin, Joel, Callum and Marc who attended the Harpenden Schools' KS2 Chess Tournament at Crabtree Junior School on Tuesday and thank you to Mrs Haines for accompanying them. They were an asset to High Beeches.

Our preparations for Christmas are getting into full swing and the sound of Christmas songs and carols has started to thrill the air around the school on a daily basis. Please help your child to learn their words and/or songs, and source any costumes as requested by each year group.

Today has been our Christmas fair non uniform day and there has been quite a festive atmosphere around school as parents and children have brought in their contributions to the bottle tombola and secret room stock. There will be containers in the main entrance foyer all next week for any further contributions. Thank you everyone for such a positive response!

The first production of sorts takes place next week when 11 children from Years 5 and 6 will be joining together with children from other local schools to form a massed choir for the Harpenden Rotary Club carol service at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening. Our in-school events then begin with our FoHBS Christmas Fair next Sunday (8 December), and our visiting pantomime and school Christmas dinner as well as Y1 and KS2 carol services and Reception Nativity plays during the course of the week. The Year 2 nativity plays then take place in the final week of term.

Reminder – Following a change to the original published term dates for this academic year, **School is open on Monday.**

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker

Headteacher

FoHBS News

A huge thank you to everyone for today's donations. Don't worry if you forgot - there will be buckets in reception next week as well. New this year - you can sign up for [Santa's Grotto slots online](#) to avoid the queue.

Just want to get on with your Christmas shopping now and planning to make some purchases through Amazon? Simply register at [Amazon Smile](#) and search for *the Friends of High Beeches* us and we will get a % with every purchase. Win win!

As always, thank you for your support.



Headteacher Awards

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

- **Reception Oak Class** Harper – for showing a positive attitude to learning
Charlie – for showing amazing knowledge during a floating and sinking activity
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Daisy – for having a positive attitude and showing more confidence
La’ren – for trying hard to challenge himself
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Grace – for having a positive attitude towards her work and always trying her best
Alex C – for trying really hard with his writing and making fantastic progress
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Francy – for working to improve his handwriting
Erin – for using a growth mindset approach to Maths
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Harry – for showing a resilient attitude to learning his nativity lines
Jasmine – always showing the value of positivity.
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Arianna – for great effort in writing this week
Imogen S-H – for her excellent effort and expression when rehearsing her nativity
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Ed – for showing enthusiasm for his learning
Archie – for taking responsibility for his belongings and having a positive approach to his learning
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Tillie – for her positive approach to learning and hard work
Lucy – for being a great role model of positivity for others
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Josie – for always having a sunny and positive approach to learning
Will – for an outstanding attitude to all our English work
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Scarlett – for always pushing herself in her learning
Blake – for working well and showing positivity with his peers
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Eve – for showing a positive approach to improving in Maths
James - for some excellent work in Science when experimenting with forces
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Marc – for being an exceptional role model to everyone in Hawthorn
Will – for working extremely hard in all lessons and demonstrating excellent manners
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Ioanni – for being a supportive and sensitive friend
Terrence – for great improvement in presentation
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Isla – for applying herself well and demonstrating a positive attitude by working really hard at home and school to consolidate her understanding in Maths
Luca – for applying himself really well and working hard in Maths

Further Information and Reminders

Eco Committee Update

Uniform Sales

Thank you for all of your support last week during our week of uniform sales. We raised a magnificent £121, which will be used by our lovely Gardening Club, and to improve the school grounds. Given all items were only 50p or £1, a total of £121 means a huge amount of clothing was saved from going to landfill, and a huge amount of energy was saved in producing new items parents would otherwise have bought.

Watch out for us at the Christmas Fair, where we will have a flash sale of all items 50p or FREE!! Funds will go into the FOHBs pot from the Christmas fair and from hereon - all designed to help our lovely school blossom, whether it be inside or out!

Upcycling Christmas Jumpers

As you have hopefully noticed, we’re trying to be more eco conscious at High Beeches. With that in mind, we would love for parents not to feel the pressure to buy a new jumper especially for the forthcoming Christmas Jumper Day on 13th December.

For this reason, from Monday to Thursday of next week there will be a box in reception for donations of outgrown/unwanted Christmas jumpers, which will then be sold at the Christmas fair, alongside 2nd hand

school uniform sale, for a small donation, with all proceeds of that being added to the charity pot for Jumper Day (L and D Helipad appeal).

Don't forget, we are also blessed with some great charity shops in our town, including these:

1. Mencap, Southdown - they have a rail of 40 jumpers ready to pull out at the Southdown lights up this evening!
2. Rennie Grove, Southdown - they have "bags and bags" of Christmas clothing that they will put out for the lights up too
3. Keech, Harpenden - they have "a whole rail" of children's Christmas jumpers still out in their shop

Nativity and Carol Concerts

Please check your emails for important letters regarding all Nativity and Carol Concerts. All replies are to be made on School Gateway, please read the letters and Gateway carefully as to what is required regarding tickets/lifts etc and stick to the deadlines so you don't miss out. Thank you.

Book Fair

Many many thanks for all your support with our Book fair which raised a fabulous £884 towards new books for our library. Amazing!

Lost Property

Some lovely parents have sorted through our lost property this week and handed all named property back. Please check the box which contains all un-named property during these final few weeks as anything un-named that is leftover will be handed to FoHBs for their sales. Any un-named non-school items will be sent to charity shops.

Books/Games

Thank you for bringing your used books and games recently but can we stop them for the time being as we are quite stocked up for now. Thank you.

Parking

Please continue to park considerately and, even in dark and damp Winter days, please make sure you allow enough time and are suitably attired to walk from the park and stride area.

We have had some communication from a resident from Alzey Gardens who has complained about parent parking blocking their drive. We understand that, given that it is a short walk away, this is in itself a kind of park and ride location for those coming from the Wheathampstead Road area/direction. However, please ensure that any such parking is not causing an obstruction or safety risk and is courteous to our neighbours.

Destination Christmas with Thameslink Trains

Thameslink and Great Northern trains are inviting children to submit *lovely Christmas pictures featuring trains* to be displayed on their rolling stock and around their stations over the Christmas period, for their Christmas competition. There will be one prize per station (1st prize a £30 love to shop voucher, 2nd prize art and craft bundle) and entries must be submitted at Harpenden Station by 16 December.

Diary Dates

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

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
January	6 th	School closed for Staff Training
	7 th	Spring Term begins



Families First Collaborative Team of the Year 2019

Family Support Worker

Salary: £21,589-£24,799 (pro rata)

Hours: 26 hours per week term time only including inset days

The Harpenden Plus Partnership of Schools is looking for a friendly and approachable Family Support Worker to join our team. The team works alongside 23 schools to provide support for local families in Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn and Wheathampstead. The post will be based at Sauncey Wood Primary school.

This position offers diversity and challenge and we are proud to have been awarded the Families First Collaborative Team of the Year 2019. To join us you will need excellent interpersonal skills and a genuine desire to help others as you will work with children and young people, parents/carers and professionals from partner agencies. As part of a team, you will focus on enabling children and families to access support and on promoting the engagement of parents/carers in their children's learning, development and wellbeing. Above all you will need enthusiasm, creativity, perseverance and initiative.

The role involves family assessments, 1:1 parenting support, facilitating group parenting delivery, facilitating group delivery to children, report writing, researching opportunities and information sharing. A key aspect of the role is supporting local schools with the Families First Assessment process including the writing the assessment, setting up the Team Around the Family and drawing together the action plan.

The successful candidate will need to be IT literate and have excellent record keeping skills. You will need to have a Level 3 qualification and ideally experience in parenting support work, facilitating parenting courses and Families First Assessments.

It is envisaged that the post holder will work 26 core hours per week across 4 days (8.45-3.15pm on Monday & Tuesday and 8.45am-4.30pm on Wednesday & Thursday and commit to flexible working when necessary to attend training etc. Hours are open to negotiation and could be worked across 5 days. Use of own car is essential.

If you think that you have the skills, energy and experience to contribute to our team please apply via Teach in Herts www.teachinherts.com. Should you wish to discuss the post in more detail, please phone Helen Fitzakerly, Partnership Manager, on 01582 623676 or 07908 459450.

Applications must be made on the HCC forms available to download from Teach in Herts – CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date for Applications: Tuesday, 3rd December 2019 at midnight

Interview date: Monday, 9th December 2019

Start date: 7th January 2020

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