



*Making learning an adventure"*  
*Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017*

*Our value for this half term is Resilience*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches news**

We have all enjoyed our first full week of the summer term even though the temperature seems to have dropped! On Thursday Oak and Chestnut enjoyed some excellent road safety training. On Tuesday afternoon, our chess team participated in the Harpenden and District chess tournament and came 4<sup>th</sup> which is our best result for years. Very well done to them all and a huge thank you to Mrs Hughes and Mr Watson for their help with coaching.

We are very excited because during half term we are having a brand new trim trail installed. A very big thank you to FoHBS for giving £5000 to this project. We have also received a grant towards this. Plans can be viewed on a display board in the school entrance.

Last week we had a fantastic day with "Google Expeditions" where the children were able to visit the Galapagos Islands, Egypt and the Amazon Rainforest. This was via a Virtual Reality application which gave the children the sense of being transported to these environments. We hope to use the application ourselves in the future.

### **Class and Team Photographs**

Our school photographer will be taking class and team photographs on Tuesday. Please send children with sweatshirts/cardigans (a decision will be made on the day as to whether they will be photographed with or without). All children who have participated in a sports team competition should make sure they have trainers (please return any kit, track jackets etc), and Orchestra should have instruments with them. Thank you.

### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair arrives on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May which will be open each day after school. Please support as we receive a commission towards books for our library.

### **Orchestra**

Reminder for Orchestra participants that club is at 12.45pm on Fridays. Please remind children to bring their instruments, we are learning the Flinstones tune this half term.

### **Parking**

Mr Halsey has very kindly monitored parking in Ashwell Park this week and he tells me that he thinks it has been slightly better. Thank you all for parking more responsibly and respectfully. Please remember though that there is no parking in the school grounds between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. Thank you.



## **Values**

Our value this half term is resilience. I have been talking to the children about the Learning pit. If you would like more information there is a very good Youtube clip by James Nottingham. Please follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IMUAOhuO78>

## **FoHBS news**

Thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning today to help organise the summer fair. New volunteers are always needed and we have a great event lined up for you on June 17th.

If any parent or carer would like a stall at our Summer fair this year please get in touch with the school office.

## **St Albans Half Marathon**

The St Albans Half Marathon is being held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June this year and we would like to get involved as a school. Information will be sent in an email. It would be lovely to get as many High Beeches children as possible involved. You can register on the website [www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk) but please also inform the school office with names of children taking part. Children 8+ years can enter individually but under 8 need to be registered with an adult.

## **Sainsburys Vouchers**

The voucher scheme is almost at an end. Please collect as many as possible from friends and family and bring them to school by 31<sup>st</sup> May at the latest. Thank you.

## **Pupil Success**

Emilia in Sycamore class has had several high level swimming achievements over Easter holidays and in the first week of term. On Saturday night, she represented High Beeches at the St Albans district primary school gala where she won 3 golds (backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke) and 1 silver (butterfly) setting new records for y6 in both the breaststroke and freestyle. She also won the trials cup for the best overall performance across y5/6. This was the second year in a row she won this.

Also over the Easter holidays she took part in a Level 1 gala and won 2 silvers (freestyle and backstroke) and achieved 6 qualifying times for the regional championships to be held at the end of May in Norwich. She qualified in 12 and under age group and is one of the youngest girls in the East of England to qualify.

Well done Emilia!

Leon in Birch class has passed his 7kyu grade in Wado-Ryu Karate. Well done Leon.

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to Elm, Birch and Redwood classes this week for 100% attendance.

**Don't forget school is closed on Monday.**



## **Headteacher awards**

### **Oak**

**Darcey**-for showing amazing resilience

**Frank**- for working so hard on sentence writing

### **Chestnut**

**Chloe**- for working so hard with her writing

**Isla**- for always being a resilient learner

### **Elm**

**Rayan**- for taking care with his writing

**Zac**- for showing resilience with his learning

### **Cedar**

**Finn**- for showing resilience with his maths

**Mikey**- for working hard and pushing himself when writing a method for melting chocolate

### **Hazel**

**Jack**-for improving his use of sentence punctuation

**Christopher**- for working hard in class despite his broken arm

### **Willow**

**Harry**-for being a resilient learner and working hard to improve his work

**Alfie**- for concentrating well during maths

### **Birch**

**Ollie**- for being very creative in his use of conjunctions in English

**Annemarie**- for showing great resilience in her learning and never giving up

### **Redwood**

**Sam**- for pushing himself in maths and enjoying his learning

**Louisa**- for embracing the new value of resilience and showing an understanding of the Learning Pit

### **Maple**

**William**- for learning a large part of The Night Mail and being able to recite it from memory

**Josh**- for being kind and supportive to his friends

### **Ash**

**Harriet**- for always being a resilient learner

**Lauren**- for working hard across all subjects

### **Sycamore**

**Amelia**- for being a resilient learner all year and always pushing herself to improve

**Lorenzo**- for always working hard and applying himself

*Have a lovely long weekend*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence*  
Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**



**1<sup>st</sup> May-Bank holiday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May- Class and Team photos**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May- Book fair arrives**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2pm- Behaviour group meeting**  
**Wb 8<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs tests**  
**9<sup>th</sup> May 10am- Hazel class to fire station**  
**9<sup>th</sup> May – Harpenden and District year 3 and 4 Football tournament**  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Dell Farm Residential Trip**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May- Cuffley Camp trip-year 3**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May- May ball**  
**15<sup>th</sup> May- Reception trip to Zoo**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.30pm-Key Stage 1 Sports day**  
**25<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm- Key stage 2 Sports day**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May 9.15 am-Redwood class assembly**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May pm and after school- School community Ofsted celebration**  
**29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June-Half term**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June-INSET day**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June- children back to school**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June- Sports day reserve**  
**8<sup>th</sup> June am- Alice in Wonderland Dance workshops years 3-6**  
**13<sup>th</sup> June- Chestnut and Oak class visit Harpenden Library**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June 7pm- HT talk on Ofsted and what next**  
**16<sup>th</sup> June- Maple and Ash to Harpenden library**  
**16<sup>th</sup> June – FoHBS Infant/Junior Disco time tbc**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fair**  
**19<sup>th</sup> June- Kwik cricket festival Harpenden Cricket club**  
**27<sup>th</sup> June- District sports**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 9am- Willow class assembly**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June- Ash class to Kentwell**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June- Ash class Tudor building day**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 sports competition at Redbourn Infants**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 9am- Hazel class assembly**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June- Sycamore class to Harpenden library**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> July-7<sup>th</sup> July- PGL for year 6**  
**13<sup>th</sup> July- Art Exhibition**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 production**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July-HB got talent finals**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 BBQ**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July 9am- Leaver’s assembly**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July- 2pm end of term**