



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 20th April 2018

Our value for this half term is Self belief

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

A very warm welcome back to the Summer term at High Beeches. Isn't it lovely to see the sunshine at last? The children have all settled into school beautifully and are clearly enjoying their outside play in better weather. Please can I remind you that on these lovely sunny days they need to bring a cap/sun hat and a water bottle. They are permitted to have sun cream in school, but staff are not allowed to apply it so please make sure they can apply it themselves. We say goodbye today to Mr O'Donovan, MSA, and wish him luck in his new job. St George's Day is on Monday, children are welcome to wear their uniforms.

Vision and Aims meeting

Following consultation and further discussion with staff, I would like to hold another meeting on **Friday 11th May at 9am** to move forward with the review of our Vision and aims statements.

Values

This half term our Value will be self belief and our last value of the school year is confidence. Please take some time to discuss these values with your child. Some Youtube clips include the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyVzjoj96vs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-woAotZHDZo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGBpp5L5Alo>

Mindfulness for parents

I am very pleased to inform you that Lucy Mortimer, our mindfulness teacher, will be running a session for parents on Monday **April 30th at 9am**. Please email the school office by **25th April** if you would like to attend to learn more about how mindfulness can be a support in our busy lives. Please note that we would prefer no pre school age children at this session.

Message from our Eco Council

A big thank you to everyone who donated books to the Eco-Council over the last month! For St Albans Sustainable Week (Monday 23rd – Friday 27th) we will be running our second hand book sale everyday afterschool. Instead of books being individually priced we will be asking people to make a donation to our 'raised beds' project.

Values news

Following our Values day, we want to choose a High Beeches School Values animal to use as our Values mascot from the following list:

Penguin
Cat
Hippo
Owl
Monkey

Please go onto our survey monkey questionnaire with your child to choose our mascot.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2FH5WWV>

We have had 36 responses so far and would welcome lots more. So far, Penguin is in the lead, closely followed by Owl!
Let's aim for 100 responses by Monday! This survey will close next Friday 27th April. Thank you.

Head Teacher Questions

No questions this week.

Pupil Achievement will return next term Josh (Pine class) this week got the results for his grade 1 Rockschoo singing and grade 1 Rockschoo guitar and got Merits in both.

Tom (Pine class) also got a merit in his debut class for guitar.

Congratulations to Ash class for 100% attendance this week.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Oscar- for showing the value of kindness

Holly- for working very hard on her writing

Chestnut

Airianna- for working hard with her reading and writing

Leo- for a fantastic attitude to all his work

Elm

Jodie- for challenging herself, trying her best and showing positivity

Darcey- for being a kind and caring member of the class

Cedar

Chloe- for persevering to plan and write her story

William- for confidently using his ideas in writing

Hazel

Callum- for showing self belief by challenging himself with his writing

Ella- for showing self belief by challenging herself in her writing.

Willow

Emily- for being a kind and respectful member of the class

Rayan- for working hard in lessons and trying his best

Birch

Joel- for working hard in every subject and for his thoughtful comments on diversity

Max- for settling quickly into a new term and working hard all week

Redwood

Christopher- for showing enthusiasm in his learning

Ishika- for producing a lovely descriptive paragraph in English

Maple

Alfie- for having a really positive attitude to his school work

Toni- for making an excellent contribution to all his lessons and having a great attitude to school work

Pine

Emilia- for always being helpful and being a good role model at all times

Louis- for continuing to show huge improvements with handwriting

Ash

Joshua T- for trying hard and persevering in maths

David- for always helping others in their learning

Sycamore

Archie- for starting the term with fantastic learning behaviour

William- for working really hard in maths boosters

Have a wonderful sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

- 23rd April – St George’s Day – uniforms can be worn**
- 24th April-year 3 and 4 football tournament- details to follow**
- 30th April – Year 5 Cycling Proficiency week – Bicycles needed**
- 30th April 9am- Mindfulness workshop for parents**
- 4th May-KS2 FoHBS movie night**
- 9th May- Reception lego workshop day**
- 11th May 9am - Vision and aims meeting**
- 14th-18th May- Year 6 SATs test week**
- 21st May- Sports day-KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon- details to follow**
- 22nd May- Class photos**
- 23rd May- Sports day reserve**
- 25th May-INSET**
- 28th May- 1st June- Half term holiday**
- 6th June- Legal eagles in year 6**
- 7th June- Food waste Ninjas workshop.**
- 7th June- pm Rounders workshop**
- 11th June- Year 1 phonics assessment week**
- 13th June-15th June- Pine class to Dell Farm**
- 14th June 9.15am Sycamore class Assembly**
- 15th June – EYFS Fathers’ Day Morning 9am – 10am**
- 16th June- FoHBS Summer Fair**
- 19th June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival**
- 19th June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park**
- 20th June-22nd June- Maple class to Dell Farm**
- 21st June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival reserve date**
- 26th June- District Sports**
- 28th June- Hazel class assembly**
- 29th June- FoHBS Summer disco**
- 5th July- Willow class assembly**
- 6th July- Ash class assembly**
- 12th July- Secondary transfer day**
- Wb 16th July- HB got talent**
- 19th July- Tea party for helpers**
- 20th July 2pm - end of term**