



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 27th April 2018

Our value for this half term is Self-belief

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

Another lovely week at High Beeches despite the weather. Our year 3 and 4 football team won the Harpenden and district tournament on Tuesday afternoon. We are all so very proud of them. Please read their report later in the newsletter. As I write the newsletter, Key Stage 1 are enjoying their movie night! A big thank you to FoHBS for providing them with this lovely event after school.

I look forward to being Mindful with you at our Mindfulness parent's workshop on Monday morning at 9am.

SATS

Key Stage 2 SATS week is from 14th to 17th May.

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes)	Monday 14th May
English reading test Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)	Tuesday 15th May
Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	Wednesday 16th May
Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)	Thursday 17th May

In Key Stage 1, the children are assessed throughout the month of May. We aim to keep these assessments very low key. The teachers will plan them to fit in with their other lessons so we regret it is not possible to give you a detailed timetable.

Year 3 and 4 football tournament- report written by the team.

On Tuesday, the year 3 and 4 football tournament took place. We took 8 players-William, Ryder, Zach, Max, Joseph, Oliver, Tristan, and Olly. We played 4 matches in the group stage. We won 3 and drew 1, scoring 7 goals and conceding only 2. We made it through to the semi-finals, where we played against the Grove. At full time the game was 0-0 and Joe got injured! We had to decide the winner with a penalty shootout.

Oliver, Olly and Max were chosen to take our penalties. Oliver and Max scored, while Olly unfortunately missed. We won and went through to play St Nicholas in the final.

Olly scored the first goal and made up for his penalty miss, before Zach scored the winning goal with the game finishing 2-1 to High Beeches.

For the first time, High Beeches had won the year 3 and 4 football tournament- and we did it all without losing a single match!

FoHBS News

- final call for second hand uniform to be handed in to the office. We will be holding the sale on sports day (May 21st, reserve May 23rd)
- if any parents or carers would like a stall at this year's summer fair (June 16th 2pm-4.30pm) please email contact.fohbs@gmail.com
- if you are trying to buy tickets for Festival on the field, our school name needs to be entered on the screen titled 'A quick question', which is after the 'Promotion and discount code' page which can be left blank.

Also:

- the gardening club will be running a plant stall at the summer fair to raise money for their projects (you will have noticed how lovely the flower beds etc are looking!) and are looking for donations of any plants.

FoHBS Copper Trail

Don't forget your coppers for our copper trail which is being launched at our summer Fair on June 16th. There is a bucket outside the school office to put your coppers in. Please support. Thank you.

Values news

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that with almost 60% of the vote, a Penguin has been chosen to be our school Values mascot. Now we need a name or a slogan- so please discuss with your child and let us know of any inspirational ideas **by 11th May**. Thank you.

Year 4 Dell Farm Meeting

Year 4 parents are invited to a meeting about Dell Farm on Thursday 10th May at 6.00pm.

Head Teacher Questions

No questions this week.

Pupil Achievement

"My name is Jenni and I am the Brownie Guider of the 14th Harpenden Brownies.

Yesterday 13 of the girls from my unit stood up in front of around 400-500 people in Rothamsted Park as part of our St George's Day celebrations and spoke about women that have made an impact on the world. They spoke so beautifully clearly and with such confidence. I had many of the adults after say how impressed they were with them. I am so proud of them, and wanted to share this with you as 3 of them are pupils at your school."

The following girls took part:

Clara – Pine Class

Issie Barnicoat –Willow Class

Ruby Tattersall – Pine Class

Well done girls we are proud of you too.

Congratulations to Oak class on 100% attendance this week.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Harry- for having a positive attitude to learning

Amelie- for amazing reading

Mustafa- for showing the value of Self-belief

Chestnut

Amelie- for having a consistent, fantastic attitude to all her work

Aiza- for amazing effort in her writing

Elm

Amy- for trying her best and having a positive attitude to learning

Lauren- for always showing enthusiasm and positivity

Cedar

Lewis- for working hard and having a positive attitude

Isabella- for trying hard and showing enthusiasm in her learning

Hazel

Aiden- for working hard in lessons and trying his best

Lois- for always showing enthusiasm for her learning

Willow

Isla- for always pushing herself to do her best work

William- for always having an excellent attitude towards his work

Birch

Timo- for settling into High Beeches so well

Finley- for being a very supportive learning partner

Redwood

Eve- for showing self- belief and perseverance in maths

Noah- for always trying his best in everything he does

Maple

Alexandra- for showing real enthusiasm in science

Joseph- for making a big effort to improve his handwriting and succeeding!

Pine

Lily- for showing great focus and concentration during maths

Olivia- for being a good role model by demonstrating the value of honesty

Ash

Archie- for always showing a mature attitude to learning

Joe- for showing perseverance in his learning

Sycamore

Clover- for seeing and encouraging good behaviour in others

Matthew- for boosting the self-belief of a classmate.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

30th April 9am- Mindfulness workshop for parents

4th May-KS2 FoHBS movie night

9th May- Reception lego workshop day

10th May – Year 4 Dell Farm Meeting 6.00pm

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 + second hand school uniform sale

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 tournament

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 – non-school uniform day

5th July- Willow class assembly

6th July- Ash class assembly

11th July- Speakers cup finals day

12th July- Secondary transfer day

18th July- High Beeches Got Talent (HBGT)

19th July- Tea party for helpers

9am- Year 6 leavers assembly

20th July 2pm - end of term