



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 4th May 2018

Our value for this half term is Self-belief

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

Another lovely week at High Beeches and lovely to see the weather has improved in time for our long weekend. Thank you to all parents who attended our Mindfulness workshop lead by Lucy Mortimer. We hope you all found this useful, we had some lovely, very positive feedback. Year 5 have been working on their cycling proficiency this week and should now be confident and safe to enjoy the summer months on their bicycles. The Travelling book fair arrived on Wednesday and is with us until next Tuesday. It is open each day after school for an hour so please support this if you haven't already done so. All commission received will be used to buy books for our new library. FoHBS are holding their Junior Movie Night after school today, many thanks to all who are helping with this.

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.

Mobile Phones in School

It has come to our attention that Parent Volunteers are coming into school with their mobile phones just on silent. Please note that for the safety of our children and as per notices around the school, **ALL** phones must be switched totally off whilst on the school premises. Thank you.

Uniform

As we may be lucky enough to enjoy some warmer weather in the next few weeks can we please remind you that girls summer dresses do not have to be the official school dress but we do ask they are green and white stripes and not checks/gingham. We do have most sizes available to buy in school apart from age 7/8. Please ask at the school office. Thank you.

DBS checks

A reminder that all volunteers in school and attending trips and swimming lessons should have a DBS check. We can only apply for these if you are able to help out on a regular basis as the school has to pay for them.

Herts County Show

We still have children's tickets for sale for the Herts County Show on 26th and 27th May at £2 each. Please pop to the office if you would like any.

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

Congratulations to Cedar class on 100% attendance this week.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Isla - for having a positive attitude to learning

Jake - for showing self-belief in his abilities

Chestnut

Olivia - for her fantastic effort with all her work

Heather – always having a great attitude to learning

Elm

Frank - for being an enthusiastic learner and always trying his best

Erin - for always showing positivity and enthusiasm

Cedar

Sophia - for trying hard in Maths and having a positive attitude

Harry - for always trying his best and showing resilience

Hazel

Alex - for his fantastic effort in English this week

Chloe - for always working hard

Willow

Xavi - for challenging himself in Maths

Dylan - for putting so much effort into his comic strip

Birch

Abby – for always producing brilliant pieces of work

Zhi-Tao – for his fantastic work in Maths

Redwood

Eva - for excellent work using column multiplications

Millie - for great perseverance and self-belief in Maths

Maple

Abigail - for self-belief and working really hard at Maths

Hannah - for making an excellent effort with her writing

Pine

Avril - for showing an improved effort in Maths

Terrence -for working hard and setting an example in Maths

Ash

Mikel - for taking risks in his Maths learning

Sophie - for working hard to increase her self-belief in Maths

Sycamore

Shakil - for wonderful vocabulary in his writing

Thomas - for a fantastic, positive attitude to learning

Have a wonderful long 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-Infants morning 9.15am, Juniors afternoon 1.20pm + second hand school uniform sale

22nd May- Class photos

23rd May- Sports day reserve

25th May-INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

28thMay- 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

17th July- Tea party for volunteer helpers – 3.15pm – 4.15pm – note change of date

18th July- High Beeches Got Talent (HBGT)

20th July - 9am- Year 6 leavers assembly

20th July 2pm - end of term