



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

*Our value for this half term is Self-belief*

Dear Parents/Carers,

**High Beeches News**

Another week flies by and we have managed to squeeze just as much into four days. Thank you so much to all who supported our book fair which raised an amazing £631.77 towards new books for our library. Chestnut and Oak classes had an exciting Lego workshop this week, thank you to all parents who came along to help with this.

I had the pleasure of thanking Mrs Jones, Sycamore Teaching Assistant, for her 20 years service at High Beeches as of today. Mrs Jones is a great asset to our school and we are very grateful for all her work over the years.

We wish FoHBS a successful May Ball tomorrow and hope you all have a lovely evening.

We wish our Year 6 children lots of luck with their SATS next week, all we ask is that you do your very best.

**SATS - FINAL REMINDER**

**Key Stage 2 SATS week is from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

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.

**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.

### **Gardening**

The Gavan and Shafer families were hard at work creating raised beds and tidying our garden areas during the Bank Holiday Weekend. We can't thank them enough for giving up so much of their time. We look forward to seeing everything mature. Our gardening club also worked hard at weeding the existing beds, well done.



### **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.

### **Herts County Show**

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

### **FoHBS News**

'This year's sold out Great Gatsby-themed Black Tie May Ball FoHBS fundraising event is this Saturday at Aldwickbury golf club.

Timings and final details have been emailed to table hosts and these can also be viewed on the event Facebook page. Don't forget to please bring plenty of cash for limited edition goody bag, professional photography donation and to purchase raffle tickets! All monies raised on the night go directly to support our lovely school and children via FoHBS.

Thank you to everyone within the school community who has generously given their time and expertise towards creating this event - it promises to be a spectacular night!

### **FoHBS Copper Trail**

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

### **Head Teacher Questions**

No questions this week.

### **Pupil Achievement**

Ollie and Louis, Pine Class, took part in the Essex Rugby Festival for the U9's Harpenden Rugby team last weekend. The boys played superbly and their team won the tournament for the U9's. Well done Ollie and Louis.

## **Headteacher awards**

### **Oak**

*Ted - for marvellous investigating*

*Sienna – for showing self- belief in your writing*

### **Chestnut**

*Isabella - for an excellent growth mindset*

*Sophie – for showing perseverance when writing*

### **Elm**

*Rose – for putting lots of effort into her work and showing positivity*

*Harrison - for being a helpful and hardworking member of the class*

### **Cedar**

*Matilda - for concentrating and working hard*

*Emily – for trying her best and having a positive attitude*

### **Hazel**

*Lottie - for writing exciting sentences*

*Alexander - for putting effort into his writing*

### **Willow**

*Anish - for always showing self-belief and having a “can do” attitude*

*Amber - for being an inquisitive learner and asking thoughtful questions*

### **Birch**

*Harry – for taking more pride in his work*

*Sylvie – for always showing enthusiasm for learning*

### **Redwood**

*Theo - for concentrating on his work and not letting others distract him*

*Kaii - for excellent work on his Howard Carter diary entry*

### **Maple**

*Alexander - for improving his handwriting*

*Jayden - for having a really good attitude in class*

### **Pine**

*Clara - for continuing to be an excellent role model at all times*

*Annemarie – for showing the values of friendship and kindness*

### **Ash**

*Annabel - for showing great resilience in Maths*

*William - for showing great enthusiasm in Science*

### **Sycamore**

*Chloe - for maintaining a positive approach to her learning*

*Lauren – for working super hard on Maths revision in the run up to SATs.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence*

Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

**14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs test week**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 9am - Vision and aims meeting – new date**

**21<sup>st</sup> May- Sports day-Infants morning 9.15am, Juniors afternoon 1.20pm + second hand school uniform sale**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May- Class photos**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May- Sports day reserve**

**25<sup>th</sup> May-INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**28<sup>th</sup>May- 1<sup>st</sup> June- Half term holiday**

**6<sup>th</sup> June- Legal eagles in year 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> June- Food waste Ninjas workshop.**

**7<sup>th</sup> June- pm Rounders tournament**

**11<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 phonics assessment week**

**13<sup>th</sup> June-15<sup>th</sup> June- Pine class to Dell Farm**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Sycamore class Assembly**

**15<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Fathers’ Day Morning 9am – 10am**

**16<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer Fair**

**19<sup>th</sup> June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival**

**19<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park**

**20<sup>th</sup> June-22<sup>nd</sup> June- Maple class to Dell Farm**

**21<sup>st</sup> June-Harpenden and District Kwik cricket festival reserve date**

**26<sup>th</sup> June- District Sports**

**28<sup>th</sup> June- Hazel class assembly**

**29<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer disco – non-school uniform day**

**5<sup>th</sup> July- Willow class assembly**

**6<sup>th</sup> July- Ash class assembly**

**11<sup>th</sup> July- Speakers cup finals day**

**12<sup>th</sup> July- Secondary transfer day**

**17<sup>th</sup> July- Tea party for volunteer helpers – 3.15pm – 4.15pm – note change of date**

**18<sup>th</sup> July- High Beeches Got Talent (HBGT)**

**20<sup>th</sup> July - 9am- Year 6 leavers assembly**

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - end of term**