



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 24th May 2018

Our value for this half term is Self-belief

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

We come to the end of another busy half term at High Beeches. I hope that you all enjoyed our Sports day on Monday. We were very lucky with the weather and the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. Thank you to all our year 6 sports captains, Freya, Alex, Matthew, Bertie, Harriet, Tom, Elise and Marcus, all the staff and especially Miss Pascoe for her wonderful organisation. Thank you to FoHBS too for the lovely café!

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely trip to St Albans Cathedral on Tuesday participating in a variety of workshops.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very lovely, and hopefully warm, half term break. See you all back at school on Monday 4th June.

GDPR

On the 25th May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force in the UK. These are new data protection regulations built upon the Data Protection Act of 1998.

The GDPR require public authorities and businesses to identify the lawful basis for storing personal data, audit information we already hold and take a 'data protection by design and default' approach to personal data. We take data protection very seriously at High Beeches. In line with GDPR requirements, we have already appointed a Data Protection Officer, Anita White, to oversee our approach to data management and protection.

In order to ensure that we comply with the new regulations, we are reviewing our current policies and practices. We are currently updating our privacy notices and these can be found on the Policies page of our website <http://www.highbeeches.herts.sch.uk/our-school/policies-and-forms>

As part of this compliance process, we are also seeking to update the consent forms/home school agreements we have received from parents and pupils. The new regulations are clear that consent must be up-to-date and clearly recorded. From now on, lack of response cannot be interpreted as implied consent. We therefore ask that you return these to us promptly in any situation where consent is needed.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>

Vision and aims meeting

I would like this core group meet on 29th June? I am afraid I cannot make an earlier Friday because of going to Dell Farm with year 4. This meeting will go ahead with the parents who are able to attend as I am very keen to write our aims and vision statement before the end of the school year. Please let the office know if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Next Parent Forum meetings

Reception and Key Stage 1- 21st June 9am

Key stage 2- 25th June 9am

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.

Payments

Please can we ask that all payments (dinner money, trips etc) are paid by the deadlines specified. Payment by School Gateway is so easy now and can be done at your own convenience. Thank you.

Head Teacher Questions

I have received 1 question this week.

My son is going on a Year 2 visit to St Albans tomorrow and needs to bring in a packed lunch. I note that with the lunch "disposable containers carrying sandwiches, etc. are always beneficial".

Typically, disposable means plastic and I am surprised that the school is, in effect, encouraging the use of and the disposal of single use plastic. I am going to put sandwiches in a paper bag and hope that the school will encourage him to recycle this after its use. I am using reusable plastic pots for his vegetables and would expect to see those come back with him.

I am surprised that the school is, in effect, encouraging this especially given the recent media attention.

Therefore, my question to the head is, why are the school encouraging the use of single use plastics and what will they be looking to do to eradicate this? This should not be isolated to just school trip packed lunches, but on a day to day basis within the school.

Thank you for raising this point. I have passed it on to our Eco group at school for them to consider. I will also ensure it is brought up at the next Full Governing Body meeting so that it can be discussed and any policy changes will be shared with parents in due course.

However, the use of disposable containers does not always mean plastic and we do keep this to the absolute minimum in that we only encourage their use when children go on trips. Paper bags are fine- but sandwiches can get squashed in a rucksack so not always ideal.

Pupil Achievement-returns after half term

Headteacher awards – return after the half term holiday.

Have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

25th May-INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

21st June 9am-Parent forum meeting Reception and Key Stage 1

25th June 9am-Parent forum meeting Key stage 2

26th June- District Sports

28th June- Hazel class assembly

29th June 9am- Vision and aims meeting

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

16th July – Year 6 Play – time tbc

17th July – Year 6 Play – time tbc

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