



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 15th June 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

This week we have been busily preparing for our Summer Fair. Sycamore class (Y6) led an assembly this morning in which the children presented their stalls, as part of their Young Enterprise initiative. They spoke very well and have an impressive range of ideas so please make sure you visit them tomorrow. Representatives of FOHBS have been in school all week, collecting your kind contributions of cakes, hamper items, sweets and bottles and we thank you all for your support. We hope to see you at our Summer Fair tomorrow for what promises to be an action-packed, fun afternoon.

In other news, Pine class have enjoyed their residential visit to Dell Farm, where they have been to the zoo and taken part in lots of outdoor activities. Maple class are looking forward to their trip next week.

Value

Our value for this half term is Confidence. We are thinking about how we maintain our own self confidence and also how we have confidence in others.

Youtube clips which may help:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2oCP_wk1TA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBGcQ_gKvBc

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. Thank you.

Next Parent Forum meetings

Reception and Key Stage 1- 21st June 9am

Key stage 2- 25th June 9am

We look forward to the final meeting of the academic year with our Class Representatives.

Fortnite

It has come to our attention that children as young as 6 years old are playing this fighting game. This is very worrying, as it is rated as a '12'. We feel that the content is inappropriate and, importantly, there are serious concerns about the safety of the children whilst playing online with people they may not know.

Please read the Parents Guide at the link below for more information:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Jousters

Please can you let Jousters know if your child is not attending their regular slot ie for play dates, as they are spending time looking for 'missing' children around the school at the end of the day. Thank you.

FoHBS news

We will be holding a whole school non-uniform day on **29th June** as a thank you for all the support for our fundraising.

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.

Head Teacher Questions

No questions this week.

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to **Lauren and Clover** in Sycamore class who were interviewed by Linsey from Blue Peter at their folk dance festival. They were also filmed dancing and "to finish off the day, everyone received a signed postcard and badge – we even got a signed postcard for our class!". Well done girls, it sounds like great fun.

Emma (Ash class) recently took part in the St Albans City Youth annual girls 6 a side football tournament. She played for both the Under 10 and Under 11 teams, where they won all their games and did not concede a goal. Well done Emma!

Attendance

Well done to Hazel, Pine and Maple class for 100% attendance this week.

Class photos

All orders need to be in school by Monday 3.15pm at the very latest. (This does not apply to Year Two).

Headteacher awards

Oak

Marnie – showing self-confidence in all areas

Jasmine – confidently settling into her new school

Chestnut

Theo – showing confidence in his learning

Amelie – challenging herself in her writing

Elm

Lucas – being an enthusiastic learner

Finn – showing a growth mindset in Maths

Cedar

Elliott G – confident Speaker's Cup talk

Felix – being a resilient learner

Hazel

Sophia – confident Speaker's Cup talk

Jacob D – lovely Speaker's Cup talk

Willow

Jude – hard-working member of the class

Brendan – confident and enthusiastic attitude in computing lessons

Birch

Scarlett M – increased confidence in class discussions

Freddie – enthusiasm for learning

Redwood

Liam – showing confidence in his learning

George – asking questions to help his learning

Maple

*Olly – confidently attempting harder challenges in Maths
Oliver – having greater confidence in Maths and trying hard*

Pine

None this week

Ash

*Tobenna – excellent learning and focus in English
Samuel – trying hard and producing excellent work in English*

Sycamore

*Elise – good enthusiasm, dedication and confidence in play rehearsals
Arjan - good enthusiasm, dedication and confidence in play rehearsals*

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

11th June- Year 1 phonics assessment week

11th June – Year 2 visit to Affinity Water

12th June-Team and Year 2 photos – All team kit and instruments to be brought to school

13th June-15th June- Pine class to Dell Farm

16th June- FoHBS Summer Fair 2pm – 4.30pm

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

2nd July- Ash class build a Tudor house in school

5th July- Willow class assembly

6th July- Ash class assembly

11th July- Speakers cup finals day

12th July- Secondary transfer day

12th July 3.15pm-4.30pm- Open classrooms

16th and 17th July- Year 6 performance

17th July- Tea party for volunteer helpers – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

18th July- High Beeches Got Talent (HBGT)

20th July - 9am- Year 6 leavers assembly

20th July 2pm - end of term

3rd and 4th September -INSET

5th September- Term starts