



"Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 22nd June 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches News

This week we heard the exciting news that planning permission has been granted for us to build our library! We are getting closer to our fundraising total and are very grateful to you all for your support. More library news to come next week in an updated library newsletter.

Maple class have enjoyed a sunny residential trip to Dell Farm this week. We welcomed them back this afternoon and hope you enjoy hearing about all of their adventures! We would like to thank all the parents for their help with transport for these two Year 4 trips, and also our staff who have given up time to spend away with the children in Maple and Pine classes – Mr Young, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Homer-Brine, Mrs Haines and Mr George.

Our Y5/6 Kwik Cricket team took part in the Harpenden Schools tournament on Tuesday and played admirably – well done to all those involved.

Staff news

Today we bid 'farewell' to Mrs Richardson, who has now begun her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new addition in due course. We also say goodbye to the Clark family who are relocating – we wish them luck and thank Jackie for all her excellent work as an MSA.

Next week

We are expecting a spell of sunny, hot weather next week so we have told the children that, if the weather is forecast to be hot, we will text you **the night before** and allow children to come to school in their PE kits (including trainers). They are still welcome to wear their summer dresses or polo shirts/shorts/skirts if they would like to. We will judge the situation on a daily basis so please check your text messages for updates. Please also ensure your child has all-day suncream applied before they come to school, and that they bring their water bottles and sun hats.

Following on from this, we will be providing a slightly 'lighter' version of our Wednesday roast, with different potatoes and no gravy or hot pudding. Feedback from our children is that they prefer not to eat hot food in the height of summer, but we are aware that parents like them to have their 'main' meal, so we will make these minor adaptations.

Science Fair

There is a Science Fair – "Festival of Ideas" at Rothamsted this weekend., with lots of fun activities such as tractor rides. More details are on their website and on the poster outside Oak class.

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.

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>

***UPDATE* The children will be having an Online Safety assembly in two weeks time.**

Gym Badges

29th June is the last day for sending in your payment for gym badges.

FoHBS news

We had a fantastic summer fair on Saturday and it was wonderful to see so many families there enjoying themselves. A huge thank you for all your donations and to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Next Friday is a FOHBS non-school uniform day for the whole school as thanks for all your fundraising throughout the year, and after school we have our infant and junior discos.

Don't forget your coppers for our **copper trail**. 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

None this week.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Arran – showing so much confidence

Amelie – always kind and caring

Chestnut

Isabella – showing confidence in writing

Rory – listening carefully on the carpet

Elm

Timothy – showing enthusiasm and confidence

Kirsty – showing confidence in writing

Cedar

Amy – for persevering and having a positive attitude to writing

Henry – showing enthusiasm and trying hard

Hazel

Thomas G – having the confidence to challenge himself

Matthew – working confidently in English lessons

Willow

Ryan – asking thoughtful questions in topic lessons

Angus – delivering a confident and interesting Speaker's Cup talk

Birch

Hattie – for being such a delightful class member – always smiling and working hard

Ryan – thought and effort into his shape poem

Redwood

Emily – for being and excellent help when using laptops

Thomas –having confidence in his learning

Maple – none this week

Pine

Izzy – trying hard at all activities at Dell Farm

Ioanni - trying hard at all activities at Dell Farm

Ash

Sophie – confidently taking risks in Maths

Georgia – showing enthusiasm and effort in the cricket tournament

Sycamore

Alex – great effort to improve his writing

Lauren D – presenting confidently in Speaker's Cup

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

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