



Making learning an adventure"
Newsletter 21st September 2018

Our value for this half term is Cooperation

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches news

Another busy week at High Beeches. Year 4 enjoyed a lovely trip to the Verulamium museum in St Albans. Key Stage 2 all engaged in NSPCC workshops on Thursday morning. Next week, our year 6 pupils go away on their school journey to PGL. Have a really amazing trip year 6. Use your growth mindset and embrace those challenges. A big thank you to Mrs Jordan, Mrs Haines and Mrs Jones for giving up their time to accompany them.

A reminder

Thank you for using the teachers email address. It is a great way to get a message to class teachers. It is monitored by the leadership of the school. Please allow 48 hours for a response and note that this email address is not checked at weekends, in the evenings or in school holidays.

teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk

Parent Governor elections

We have 2 candidates for our Parent Governor vacancy. You will receive voting papers by email. Please read the instructions very carefully about how to vote.

Parking around school

Please ensure that you use the Park and Stride facility and do not park illegally around school. For new parents to the school, from time to time we do have traffic enforcement officers around the school gates. The school pays for the park and stride facility in Waldegrave Park so please use it in order to keep all our children safe. Thank you.

Headteacher coffee mornings

I like to meet parents for an informal chat and a cup of coffee throughout the school year. It helps to build relationships and address any worries. The dates for this term are all listed at the end of this newsletter.

Parent forum meetings

Parent forum meetings are on **11th and 12th October**. During these meetings, class reps bring questions from parents to Mrs Shewbridge and myself. We are still looking for a Parent Rep for Chestnut and Oak classes. If anyone would like more information please see Mrs Murray.



Open classroom- 19th October 3pm-3.30pm- time change

This lovely event gives parents the opportunity to wander around classrooms to see the wonderful work the children have produced during the half term.

Vision and Values meeting

Last year, we worked hard to produce our new School Vision and Values statement. We are going to meet again on **28th September at 9am** to review work so far. All welcome.

Parent consultations

These meetings will take place on the **22nd and 24th October**- more information to follow.

Children walking home

Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk home on their own but must not be responsible for a younger sibling. Year 6 pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone into school but they must be turned off and handed into the office.

In exceptional circumstances, year 5 pupils may walk home on their own however parents must formally request this in a letter to school.

Mobile phones

To safeguard our pupils, please ensure that mobile phones are turned off when you are inside the school building.

Children's Belongings

Please can we ask that children are reminded to bring everything they require to school each day. We are getting so many forgotten items delivered to the office during the day, particularly after school club kit, and they don't always have the time to deliver these to the classes. Thank you.

Fish

We only have two small fish in our tank now and wonder if anyone would be interested in having these to add to their own collection. Please speak to the office staff if you are interested.

School property

Children have been spotted climbing on the school railings and gates and also jumping and climbing on the benches outside Oak class. Please can we ask parents/carers to remind children to respect our school property. Thank you.

Pupil Success

None this week



Headteacher awards

Oak

Lauren- for always remembering class routines

Cameron- for showing cooperation

Chestnut

Isabel- for always being a kind friend and showing a growth mindset

Leonardo- for always being smiley and brave

Elm

Imogen- for her fantastic Autumn poem

Joseph- for always trying his best and being kind and polite

Cedar

Amelie- for consistently trying hard in all her learning

Bella- for being a kind and cooperative member of Cedar class

Hazel

Alice- for cooperating and working well with others

Elliott- for always trying his best and persevering

Willow

Jackson- for approaching writing with resilience and responsibility

Darcey- for always trying her best and being a kind, polite member of Willow class

Birch

Scarlett- for challenging herself to improve her work

Hugo- for his fantastic descriptive writing about Stig of the dump

Redwood

Barney- for cooperating well with others

Josie- for fantastic learning behaviour this week

Maple

Jasmine- for her excellent attitude to maths

Adam- for always cooperating well with a partner

Pine

Kaii- for showing great enthusiasm and excellent behaviour during our trip

Thomas- for showing a great attitude to his work this week

Ash

Thomas- for some beautiful and descriptive work in English

Hannah- for showing great resilience in her learning

Hawthorn

James- for concentrating really hard across all subjects

Belle- for being a caring and cooperative member of Hawthorn class

Sycamore

Mary- for cooperating really well with all her learning partners

Tobenna- for working really hard in grammar sessions

Have a really lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher



Diary dates-updates in red

24th-28th September- Year 6 PGL
27th September- Chestnut coffee mornings
27th September- Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip
28th September 9am- Vision and Values meeting
1st October- Year 5- Hazard alley trip
1st October- Year 2 Seaside workshop
4th October- Oak parents meet Headteacher for coffee 9am
8th October- Individual photos
11th October- KS1/reception Parent forum
12th October-KS2 Parent forum
19th October 3pm-3.30pm- open classrooms. Time change
22nd and 24th October- Parent consultations
25th October- Sycamore coffee morning
26th October- Ash/Hawthorn Coffee morning
26th October- Non uniform day for Halloween disco
26th October- FoHBS discos- more info to follow
29th October- 2ND November- Half term
7th and 8th November- Pizza Express trip year 2
8th November-Maple and Pine Coffee morning
8th November- Pizza Express trip year 2
12th November- Reception- year 5 Flu vaccines
14th November-open morning for September 2019 starters
15th November- Birch and Redwood coffee morning
20th November- open morning for September 2019 starters
22nd November-Willow and Hazel coffee morning
29th November-Elm and Cedar coffee morning
3rd December- Occasional day
5th December- Harpenden and District Rotary Carols
6th and 10th December- KS2 Carol Concert
7th December- open morning for September 2019 starters
11th December- Pantomime trip – Alban Arena
12th December 2.30pm- EYFS nativity
13th December 9.15- EYFS nativity
14th December 2.30pm- Year 1 Carols around the tree
19th December 2pm- Year 2 Nativity
20th December 2pm- Year 2 Nativity
21st December 2pm- End of term