



*Making learning an adventure"*  
*Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

*Our value for this half term is Cooperation*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches news**

Another busy week at HB! Our year 6 children have enjoyed an amazing week at PGL! I hear that they have behaved impeccably and been excellent advocates for our school. Added to which, they have all used their growth mindset and challenged themselves brilliantly! A very big thank you to Mrs Jordan, Mrs Jones and Mrs Haines who accompanied them on the trip. Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful day at Celtic Harmony. Some children from year 5 visited Aldwickbury for an excellent challenging afternoon of maths- thank you Mrs Dent for taking them.

### **Parking**

I am sorry to say that yet again I have to mention irresponsible parking outside school. This week we have witnessed parking directly outside the school gates just before pick up and several parents have complained to me about this. Quite rightly, they raised the point that an emergency vehicle would not be able to access the school grounds with cars blocking the gates. We are in discussion with the Police to get advice about the irresponsible parking and sometimes dangerous driving around school. Understandably, our neighbours are very upset about this. We ask you again, please park and drive safely around school so that our children are kept safe at all times. A very big thank you to all the parents who walk to school or use the Park and Stride facility which costs the school £1500 a year to rent from St Alban's district Council. We provide you with a facility and respectfully ask that you use it at all times. Thank you.

### **Parents/Carers using Jousters**

Can we also please ask that parents/carers using Jousters use the correct gates ie entrance and exit. Unfortunately we need to change the timings for the use of the staff car park due to the lack of parking spaces for staff. Please only park in the staff car park between the hours of 7.30am to 8.15am and from 4.30pm onwards. Thank you.

### **Parent Governor elections**

Thank you for votes returned so far. Please note, that the ballot will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am.

### **Year 2 Seaside Workshop**

A reminder for Year 2 to attend school in their seaside clothes please (as per original letter but this is not compulsory) on Monday for their workshop.



### **Pantomime**

Please return all permission slips for the pantomime by 9am Monday morning as tickets are being ordered. If we do not have a reply slip for your child a ticket will automatically be ordered. Thank you.

FoHBS have very kindly offered to help with the transport cost for this trip so the cost will be slightly lower than originally mentioned. Thank you FoHBS.

### **Year 4 Roman Soldier Workshop**

Year 4 have their workshop on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please remember to send your children in Roman costume (as per original letter but this is not compulsory).

### **Communications**

Just a reminder to please state full name and class name of your child in all communications with school, particularly emails. Thank you.

### **FoHBS**

#### **First Aid Sessions**

Last year FoHBS ran several very successful first aid sessions for children and parents/carers focussing on childrens' first aid. We are happy to put on new sessions this year. Please email "contact.fohbs@gmail.com" and if we get enough interest we will organise some dates. (note: children need to be Year 2 upwards)

We are excited about our first social event for parents/carers in this new school year. **The date is Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8pm.** Come and join us for "Beverages, Banter and little bit of magic" in the school hall. Booking forms will be going out next week (tables of 10, £10 per ticket including your first drink. We really hope you can join us and support our fundraising. We hope to grant each and every class a "wish list" in the next few months so the funds raised in this event will be much appreciated by your class teachers.

### **Vision and Values meeting**

I met with my Vision and Values team this morning. We have very exciting news! The new school vision and values document will be launched very soon! A very big thank you to Mrs Bresler and Mrs Berg for their help and support to move this forward.

### **English Schools' Swimming Association**

On Friday 23 November the English Schools' Swimming Association is holding a gala at Woodside Leisure Centre in Watford from 7pm for the East/South East Divisions and High Beeches would like to enter a swim team! If your child has achieved the minimum qualifying times (as per the separate letter) and would like to be involved, please contact:

Emma MacDonald on: [emmamacdonald@swimdynamics.co.uk](mailto:emmamacdonald@swimdynamics.co.uk)

A flyer with more information will be sent by email.

**The deadline for applications is 5 November 2018.**

### **Pupil Success**

Congratulations to:

Emilia in Hawthorn class competed at her 2nd national ice skating competition at Lee Valley on Monday. Emilia skated a clean program and achieved 7th place and beat her PB score.



## **Headteacher awards**

### **Oak**

*Leo- for showing cooperation and working hard*

*Emma- for always following the rules and trying hard*

### **Chestnut**

*Millie- for always being very kind and showing good learning behaviours*

*Logan- for being a kind friend and showing cooperation*

### **Elm**

*Jack- for always trying his best and showing cooperation and positivity*

*Eve- for putting lots of effort into her writing*

### **Cedar**

*Leo- for amazing English work*

*Erica- for putting lots of effort into all of her work*

### **Hazel**

*Chloe- for not giving up and pushing herself in maths*

*Isabella- for supporting and encouraging her friends in their learning*

### **Willow**

*Benjamin- for being a polite, kind member of the class with a hard working attitude*

*Lottie- for trying hard and showing resilience in her approach to challenges*

### **Birch**

*Riley- for his amazing cooperation and den building skills*

*Theo- for contributing very nicely during school trip*

### **Redwood**

*Ben- For a positive attitude to school in the morning*

*Issie- for having a positive attitude to challenging herself at Celtic Harmony*

### **Maple**

*Scarlett- for her enthusiastic attitude to letter writing*

*Alfie- for having an excellent attitude to his learning*

### **Pine**

*Shona- for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours at all times*

*Aya- for being an excellent role model in class*

### **Ash**

*Max- for showing great resilience in maths*

*Isla- for always concentrating hard and showing the value of cooperation*

### **Hawthorn**

*Zoe- for her creativity with her home learning poetry*

*Ruby- for always cooperating brilliantly with her learning partner*

### **Sycamore**

*Year 6! For representing High Beeches brilliantly at PGL and challenging themselves!*

*Have a really lovely weekend,*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence*

Headteacher



**Diary dates-updates in red**

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