



Making learning an adventure"

5th October 2018

Our value for this half term is Cooperation

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches news

Welcome to our newsletter this week. Another action packed week at HB. Year 5 visited Hazard Alley this week and learnt about ways to keep themselves safe. Year 2 had a lovely time at a seaside workshop on Monday and The Romans invaded Year 4 on Tuesday with their excellent workshop. Mrs Shewbridge and I welcomed parents from Oak class for coffee on Thursday morning. On Thursday morning 16 of our Year 2 children participated in a schools inter sports competition at Crabtree School. We are very proud to say they performed extremely well and were a credit to High Beeches. Next week, we have the photographer in to take individual and family photographs on Monday and our Harvest Festival for the children and staff on Tuesday morning.

Achievement results July 2018

It gives me pleasure to include the achievement data results in this week's newsletter. As you can see, High Beeches maintained it's high standards in July 2018.

EYFS

Key stage	School data/Herts average %	Boys % 22	Girls % 27
Early years foundation stage	83.7%/ 72.8%	81.8%/66.9%	85.2%/ 78.9%

Expected	Boys %/Herts	Girls %/Herts
Communication and language	86.4/ 79.4	92.6/88
Physical development	86.4 /83.2	96.3/92.6
Personal, social and emotional	86.4/81.1	92.6/90.3
Literacy	81.8/68.9	85.2/80.2
Maths	86.4/76.9	85.2/83.4
Understanding the world	86.4/81.3	92.6/88



Expressive arts and design	86.4/82.6	92.6/92.8
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Exceeded	Boys	Girls
Communication and language	36.4/ 17.3	44.4/24.4
Physical development	45.5/15.3	63/24.5
Personal, social and emotional	45.5/11.4	33.3/18.1
Literacy	31.8/12	33.3/17.7
Maths	40.9/19.5	22.2/16.7
Understanding the world	50/13.1	29.6/12.4
Expressive arts and design	40.9/10.6	40.7/21.5

Key Stage 1 Phonics

Key stage	School data	Herts average
Year 1 phonics	95%	84.3%

Key stage 1

	School data EXS +	Herts Data EXS +	National EXS	School data GDS	Herts data GDS	National GDS
Reading	86.7%	78.1%	75.4%	40%	31.8%	25.6%
Writing	83.3%	72.2%	69.9%	31.7%	20.4%	15.9%
Maths	86.7%	78%	76.1%	30%	25.8%	21.8%
Science	98.3%	84.4%	82.8%			
Reading, Writing, Maths	80%	67.8%	65.3%	26.7%	15.4%	11.7%
Reading, Writing, Maths and Science	80%	67.5%	65%			

EXS-Expected standard

GDS- Working at greater depth



Key Stage 2

	School data Expected +	Herts data Exp +	National EXS	School data GDS	Herts data GDS	National GDS
Reading	93.6%	79.2%	75.3%	48.4%	33.5%	28.1%
GPS	83.9%	80.1%	77.2%	35.5%	37.2%	34.4%
Maths	77.4%	76.9%	75.6%	22.6%	26.8%	23.6%
Writing TA	87.1%	79%	78.3%	32.3%	24.5%	19.9%
Reading, Writing, Maths	67.7%	66.4%	64.4%	9.7%	12.9%	9.9%

EXS= expected standard

GDS= Greater depth

GPS- Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Packed lunches

There has been some recent confusion regarding packed lunches so we would like to take this opportunity to clarify the situation. As a 'Healthy School', we encourage our children to eat a balanced, healthy diet and our cooked lunches reflect this. However, we also acknowledge that children with school dinners have a chocolate pudding once a week (usually alongside fruit) so we are happy to relax the guidelines for packed lunches. From now on, children will be allowed to have one chocolate-coated biscuit/sponge bar from the following options: Penguin (milk, orange, toffee), Club (orange, honeycomb, mint), Gold and Jaffa cakes. We have checked for allergens and these are the only ones that we will allow for Health and Safety reasons. Nestle products such as KitKats are produced in a factory that handles nuts, so we cannot allow these. If you have further queries, please check with the school office.

Birthdays

A while ago we asked if perhaps children could bring in a class book instead of sweets for a birthday treat for their classmates. If at all possible, we would prefer this as some children are not allowed sweets and it becomes difficult for staff to manage. Thank you.

Maths masterclass

Eight children from our school were invited to a maths masterclass at Aldwickbury school. There were 8 schools competing. Representing our school were: Jamie, Josh, Sam, Jonah, John, Ollie, Zachary and Caitlin. Our challenge was to build a bridge out of A5 paper, some sticks, a hole puncher and nuts and screws. In the end our project was one of three completed projects and we came 2nd as the youngest school there. Our project could hold 3.4kg!

We are really looking forward to going again!



Oliver

Present and past High Beeches students are performing in the musical, Oliver, with Harpenden Musical Theatre Company next week. Raphaëlle and Joe in Year 6 will be performing as well as Emily in Year 4; Raphaëlle's brother (Samuel –ex High Beeches and now year 10 in St Georges) will be one of the Dodgers. It takes place each night next week at 7:30 from Tuesday 9th to Saturday 13th as well as a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Parents/Carers using Jousters

Can we 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.

More Parking Complaints

Yet again, we have had complaints from a neighbour in Ashwell Park about parking. 9 cars parked there yesterday morning and 21 were spotted in the afternoon. Registration numbers have been taken and are being passed to the relevant Highway department. We, ourselves, have requested traffic warden visits to the area as soon as possible to monitor the situation. Please use our Waldegrave Park Car Park. Thank you.

Pantomime

If you did not reply to say you did not wish your child to attend the pantomime this year then a ticket has been purchased.

Communications

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

Forgotten belongings

Please remind your children to bring everything they require for their school day ie packed lunches, water bottles, club kit. We cannot guarantee that anything dropped into the school office during the day will reach your child on time. If your child is aware you are dropping something off they would be expected to check the office themselves. 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 16th 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.



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

A flyer with more information will be sent by email.

The deadline for applications is 5 November 2018.

Pupil Success

Congratulations Willow and Redwood on 100% attendance this week.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Dylan for showing good growth mindset with his writing

Olivia for always showing cooperation to her friends

Chestnut

Erik for always showing good manners to his friends and teachers

Rosie for showing good cooperation and being a good talk partner

Elm

Imogen for showing positivity

Hunter for settling into HB so well

Cedar

Uri for settling in to HB so well

Sienna for working cooperatively in maths

Hazel

William for trying his best in everything he does

Matilda for showing cooperation and working well with others

Willow

Finn for approaching all tasks with resilience and responsibility

Sophie for approaching writing with resilience and responsibility

Birch

Jess for working hard on her presentation

Jacob D for his ability to cooperate with others

Redwood

Rayan for making an effort to increase his volume of work in lessons

Dylan for being a really cooperative learner

Maple

Rory for always showing all his school values

Elissa for her excellent attitude to maths

Pine

Beatrix for showing a positive attitude to all aspects of learning

George for working hard and setting an example to others

Ash

Jayden for pushing himself to achieve more in maths



Maisie for cooperating well in maths

Hawthorn

Matthew for showing excellent cooperation in year 5

Lily for consistently challenging herself in maths

Sycamore

Wesley for amazing improvements in maths

David for cooperating well in a group

Have a really lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

8th October- Individual photos

11th October- KS1/reception Parent forum

12th October-KS2 Parent forum

19th October 3pm-3.30pm- open classrooms.

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

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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- Panto trip

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



