



*Making learning an adventure"*  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

*Our value for this half term is Cooperation*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches news**

This week Mr Fellowes led our children in a wonderful Harvest Festival. Thank you for all the produce that was sent into school. Our parent forum meetings took place and we will share the minutes with you in the near future. Mrs Shewbridge and I are busy finalising our new School Development Plan and we will let you know our focus areas for this year in a newsletter very soon. High Beeches welcomed the new Head Teacher, Mr Walker, on Thursday afternoon. He will be visiting on several occasions before Christmas so there will be plenty of opportunities to meet him before January.

### **Maths workshops**

I am delighted to inform you that our Phase leaders will be running maths workshops this term to inform parents about the calculations strategies used across the school. Dates and times as follows!

**Tues 13 Nov Y1/2 parents – 8.45am for 9.00am start**

**Thurs 15 Nov Y3/4 parents (before the coffee morning)**

**Fri 16 Nov Y5/6 parents – 8.45am for 9.00am start**

### **Katharine Warington**

As you will be aware, the window for applications for secondary school closes on **31st October** and we have half-term comes before that. The application process for the Katherine Warington School is separate to the 4 preferences permissible by HCC this year. The Katherine Warington application is an additional choice for parents this year. Application forms can be completed by visiting [www.kwschool.co.uk/admissions](http://www.kwschool.co.uk/admissions) and submitted to HCC. On national offer day on March 1st 2019, places permitting, parents can decide to accept one of the preferences or Katherine Warington.

### **Girls' Football Report**

*" Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> October, the girls' football team – Anna, Daisy, Emma, Joanne, Lily, Mary, Ruby and Sophie played four football matches at the Grove School. The first game against The Lea we won 2-0 with Maya scoring both goals. The next match was against Redbourn with Mary doing an amazing header. Thanks to Lily who scored both goals the score ended up 2-0 again. The next game, our toughest one of all was against The Grove and we drew 2-2 with Sophie scoring one the goals and Maya and Daisy co-operating for the other after*



*being 2-0 down at half time. Our final match against Harpenden Academy we won 3-0 with two of the goals from Sophie and one from Maya. Overall we were very pleased with the matches. Bring on the next game!"*

SPECIAL 'JUMP N JUICE' FAMILY BOOTCAMP RAISING FUNDS FOR JOSSIE LEAVER - SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER AT HIGH BEECHES SCHOOL FIELD FROM 2-3PM!

This event is being organised by Katherine Scott in conjunction with Louise Condon and her team from 'Jump n Juice' to raise funds for Jossie Leaver in Year 1 at Crabtree Infants who is fighting a rare form of childhood cancer, high risk neuroblastoma and needs to raise funds for treatment overseas that is not funded by the NHS. Please do come along to support this event which will be suitable for all ages and abilities. We want to raise as much as we can and it will be pay on the door: £10 (adults), £5 (children) or £20 (families) with ALL proceeds going to Jossie's Fund. There will be opportunity to make additional donations if desired as there will be collection boxes and wrist bands that have been provided by 'Solving Kids Cancer'. If you have any questions please contact [Katherine\\_scott2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Katherine_scott2004@yahoo.co.uk)

Jossie's story can be found by following the link below:

<https://solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/jossie-leavers-journey/>

### **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.

### **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.



### **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 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.

### **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 achievement**

**Congratulations to Hazel, Maple and Sycamore who have 100% attendance this week!**

### **Headteacher awards**

#### **Oak**

*Cameron for always showing cooperation in his play*

*Sienna for working hard to hear sounds in words*

#### **Chestnut**

*Jessika for being a good friend*

*Callum for being a good listener and showing growth mindset*

#### **Elm**

*Theo for showing an excellent attitude to learning and putting lots of effort into his writing*

*Amelie for showing enthusiasm and consistently challenging herself*

#### **Cedar**



*Olivia for showing enthusiasm in all her learning*

*Jake for showing enthusiasm in all his learning*

**Hazel**

*Lewis for always trying his best*

*Naomi for a lovely acrostic poem*

**Willow**

*Johnny for showing resilience and trying hard in all areas*

*Amy for following learning steps carefully and showing cooperation*

**Birch**

*Callum for showing enthusiasm in all his learning*

*Meya for showing so much confidence in maths*

**Redwood**

*Charlie for working so hard on all his learning this week*

*Zac for a really positive attitude to learning*

**Maple**

*Adkeesh for an excellent attitude and growth mindset*

*Barney for always challenging himself and showing confidence*

**Pine**

*Theo for showing good learning behaviours in all lessons this week*

*Millie for a great attitude to learning and setting an example*

**Ash**

*Abigail for trying hard to push herself in English*

*Alex for showing resilience when tackling fractions*

**Hawthorn**

*Isabella for always showing cooperation in lessons and at playtime*

*Ioanni for concentrating and listening really well in English*

**Sycamore**

*Joseph for working hard to uplevel his writing*

*Sophie for always working conscientiously in all subjects*

*Have a really lovely weekend,*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence*

Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

**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 FoHBS disco  
26<sup>th</sup> October- FoHBS discos  
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  
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12<sup>th</sup> November- Reception- year 5 Flu vaccines  
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14<sup>th</sup> November-open morning for September 2019 starters  
**16<sup>th</sup> November – Beverage, Banter and a little bit of Magic FoHBS Social event**  
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  
**9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair**  
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