



"Making learning an adventure"
19th October 2018

Our value for this half term is Cooperation

Dear Parents/Carers,

High Beeches news

It has been another busy week in school, culminating in our Open Classrooms this afternoon. Children loved showing you what they have been doing this half term and we hope you enjoyed finding out about their learning. We will continue to run these popular sessions throughout the year. Other notable events this week have included an assembly by our House Ambassadors, who introduced their chosen role models for this year. You can find them on the House Ambassador display board in the hall, or ask your children! We also had a Herts Advisor visit on Monday, who walked around the classrooms and was impressed with the learning she saw. Well done everyone.

Hair

It has been drawn to our attention that many children are using hair gel, please remember that this is not allowed in school. Where hair is long enough, it should be tied back away from their face. This applies to both girls and boys. We encourage children to take pride in their appearance as this has a positive impact on their learning. Thank you for your support with this.

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 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.



FoHBS news

Beverages, Banter and a Little Bit of Magic

It is disappointing that we only have 5 tables confirmed so far for the "Beverages, Banter and a little bit of magic" night on Friday November 16th - thank you to those who have organised tables and handed forms in. **Unfortunately, we are unable to run social and fundraising events without more support from our school community so please let us know ASAP if you intend to take a table.**

The events throughout the year (for parents and children) require a huge amount of effort and planning and we do this to enrich the learning journey of children of High Beeches. We are hoping to fulfil a teacher's 'wish list' for each class with the money raised at this event. It promises to be a fun, relaxed and sociable evening - fully licensed bar, bar snacks and games on the tables.....and most importantly the fantastic magician Lee Bell! <https://www.leebellmagic.co.uk/>

Christmas Cards

The deadline has passed to hand in Christmas Card forms so please do not put in any late orders as we are unable to process them now. Orders will be sent home in book bags as soon as they are ready.

Commemorative School Portrait Tea Towels

Forms have been emailed but we are also trialling payment through school gateway for the first time. There are two versions of the tea towel - **Red/Blue houses and Yellow/Green houses**. Please make sure you follow the instructions carefully to order the right tea towel with your child's hand drawn portrait on! **You must specify in the comment box which colour houses you want and how many.** If you have more than one child you can use one child's name in the list of payments to make multiple orders and get the savings. **Orders to be in by Friday November 9th.**

Finally we would like to say a huge thank you to Jo Batchelor. Jo has been on FOHBS for years and has been responsible for organising the Children's Christmas cards each year as well as helping at the events we have run. Despite leaving the school last week she is continuing to do the Christmas card orders for this year - we appreciate it Jo, thank you. We wish you and your family all the best at the new school.

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

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

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



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, swimming kit and 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.

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.

Headteacher awards

Oak

Olivia for working so hard on her numbers

Max for showing the value of cooperation

Chestnut

Megan for showing good cooperation with friends in ChIL

Matthew for showing growth mindset and being enthusiastic about learning

Elm

Oliver for always showing enthusiasm and trying his best

Isla W for putting lots of effort into her writing

Cedar

Milla for consistently trying her best

Oscar for showing cooperation in group work

Hazel

Lex for always trying his best with his work

Rosie for being an excellent role model to her friends

Willow

George for working so hard and reading fantastically

Charlie for working hard on his writing

Birch

Noori for always working cooperatively with others

Evie for always working hard and producing lovely work

Redwood



Amber for great effort to focus more in class

Ellie for terrific level of work this week

Maple

Freddie for a consistent, excellent attitude to learning

Scarlett for showing confidence in Maths

Pine

Jessica for producing some excellent work in English

Jesse for demonstrating outstanding knowledge and understanding in Science

Ash

Luca for showing real commitment to learning in Maths and Topic

Ollie D for excellent attitude and high level of work in Science

Hawthorn

Benjamin for showing a consistently cooperative approach

Alex for always asking fantastic questions in Science

Sycamore

Seth for making an excellent effort to improve his handwriting

Anna for fantastic work in class and being a really good friend

Have a really lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

S. Lawrence

Headteacher



Diary dates-updates in red

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 FoHBS disco
26th October- FoHBS discos
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
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14th November-open morning for September 2019 starters
16th November – Beverage, Banter and a little bit of Magic FoHBS Social event
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
9th December – Christmas Fair
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