*"Making learning an adventure"*
*30<sup>th</sup> November 2018*

*Our value for this half term is Empathy*

Dear Parents/Carers,

**High Beeches news**
The lovely run up to Christmas continues! The children are enjoying all their rehearsals but are still working very hard as I wander around the classrooms.  It was lovely to meet some of the parents of year 1 on Thursday at my coffee morning.
Next week, we have the Rotary Carol Concert on Wednesday and Red and Yellow House Carol Concert on Thursday evening.
We welcome the new Headteacher of High Beeches Mr Walker to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, so I will try to ensure that he has time to meet parents during his visit.

**Occasional day**
Remember that school is closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for an Occasional day. There has been quite a lot of illness in school recently, so hopefully the long weekend will give us all an opportunity to recharge our batteries ready for the exciting run up to Christmas!

**Sir John Lawes Consultation**
The Scholars' Education Trust and the Admissions Committee for Sir John Lawes school are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for September 2020. Please see the link below so that you can contribute to the consultations if you wish to do so.
**https://www.sjl.herts.sch.uk/782/admissions**

**Sunday Times**
It gives me great pleasure to inform you that High Beeches is in the top 200 of Primary schools this year. Well done to all the staff and children!

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**Thank you**
**Poppy appeal**
I am very pleased to inform you that we raised £190.66 for the Poppy appeal this year. Thank you all.
**St Albans and District foodbank**
Thank you for all your Harvest donations for the foodbankl. High Beeches donated a total weight of 235.2kg which is amazing.

**FoHBS news**
Thank you so much for your amazing donations so far this week.   We have been overwhelmed with the amount that has come in so far, especially toys and books.
**As of today, we have had so many toy and book donations that we no longer need anymore. Thank you so much!**
We can carry on taking donations for the Secrets Room and Luxury Hampers until Friday.   There is no need to wrap presents for the secrets room - the children love choosing a present and then wrapping it themselves (with some help from the team on hand)
**Sweetie cups need to be taken in this Wednesday 5th December** (one per child) wrapped sweets only in a recycled and decorated, if your child wishes, container.
**This Friday you can bring in a bottle for the tombola and cakes** (please ensure they are in an airtight container or well wrapped)

If you are ordering a Christmas tree via https://foha.ecwid.com/ then please make sure any paper orders are in today.   Online orders can be placed a little later.
Thank you for your support - we are really excited about the school fair on Sunday 9th December 2-4.30pm - without your donations it wouldn't be possible!

**Ofsted Parentview**
Just a reminder that at High Beeches we constantly reflect on our provision and it is always good to have feedback. If you get a moment, please contribute to the Parentview survey on the Ofsted website. Governors will also be sending out a more detailed questionnaire in February 2019 to gather views.
**https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/**

**Pupil achievement**
Congratulations to:
None this week!

**Headteacher awards**
**Oak**
*Verity for showing good Growth Mindset in her writing*
*Charlie for having a good attitude for learning*
**Chestnut**
*Zach for being willing to have a go even if things are difficult*
*Ella for being a positive role model in the classroom*

**Elm**

*Stephanie for excellent work on rhyming*

*Isabella for putting lots of effort into her work*

**Cedar**

*Kirsty for putting lots of effort into her work*

*Harry for showing cooperation and empathy*

**Hazel**

*Isla for showing empathy and kindness to her friends*

*Amy for showing her Growth Mindset in maths*

**Willow**

*Double next week!*

**Birch**

*Chloe for contributing to class discussions and showing more confidence*

*Mick for always trying hard in class*

**Redwood**

*Emily for showing kindness and empathy towards others*

*Angus for looking out for his friends on the playground*

**Maple**

*Ryan for challenging himself in all lessons*

*Timo for a consistent and excellent attitude*

**Pine**

*Christopher for an increased effort in Maths this week*

*Sophie for an excellent attitude to all her work*

**Ash**

*John for exceptional work in English and Maths*

*Alfie for always bringing a smile to every lesson*

**Hawthorn**

*Double next week!*

**Sycamore**

*Georgia for excellent work in English*

*Archie for fantastic work in all subjects*

*Have a lovely long weekend,*

*Best wishes,*
*S. Lawrence*
Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

3rd December- Occasional day

5th December- Harpenden and District Rotary Carols

6th December-Red and Yellow house KS2 Carol Concert

7th December- open morning for September 2019 starters

9th December – Christmas Fair

10th December- Blue and Green house KS2 Carol Concert

10th December-14th December- Book fair

11th December- Panto trip

12th December 2.30pm- EYFS nativity

13th December 9.15- EYFS nativity

14th December- Christmas Jumper day

14th December 2.30pm- Year 1 Carols around the tree

18th December- School Christmas lunch

19th December 9am- Governor's Cup assembly

19th December 2pm- Year 2 Nativity

20th December 2pm- Year 2 Nativity

21st December 2pm- End of term

7th January INSET

8th January- term starts for children

17th January- Castles workshop at school for year 1

21st and 22nd January- Viking workshops

24th January- Roman workshop

31st January-Fire of London workshop

31st January- Young voices- more info to follow

5th February- drama workshop

8th February- Movie night

11th February- Year 5 K'nex challenge tbc

18th-22nd February- half term

25th February- school starts

14th March- Year 2 trip to Living rainforest tbc

15th March- Year 5 trip to Duxford

20th March- Spring Festival

22nd March-Quiz night FoHBS

29th March- FoHBS disco

1st April- Year 3 British museum trip

4th April- Community Concert

5th April- Break up for Easter

23rd April- INSET day

24th April- Children back