



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

*Our value for this half term is Empathy*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches news**

An exciting week at High Beeches! We have received the Healthy Schools accreditation for Health and Well-being this week. Huge congratulations to Miss Pascoe and Mrs Shewbridge for completing the audit and all the staff for their hard work.

Some of our children represented High Beeches at the Harpenden and District Rotary Carols Concert at the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening and performed beautifully. I was extremely proud of our Key Stage 2 pupils from Red and Yellow house on Thursday evening as they shared their lovely Christmas Carol service with us. I am sure that Blue and Green house will be equally as brilliant on Monday evening. Thank you to Mrs Sands for all her wonderful music teaching, Mrs Shewbridge for conducting the children and KS2 teachers for all their hard work. Thanks also go to Mrs Walton and the orchestra who also entertained us magnificently.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December and a massive thank you for all of us at High Beeches to FoHBS for organising this lovely event.

### **High Beeches is a 'Healthy School'!**

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded a 'Healthy School' quality mark for health and well-being. The school council, and Year Six tour guides, did a fantastic job of informing the assessor of how we incorporate mindfulness, values and well-being into our everyday school life.

On the day, our visitor commented that as soon as she walked in she could feel the nurturing and caring environment of our school and was amazed at even our youngest children's confidence and understanding of the importance of a healthy body, mind and overall well-being.

### **Head Teacher Question**

This week we had a question about the delivery of Christmas cards – last year we found that there were so many cards it was taking children too long over lunchtime to sort them into classes which was impacting on their learning and play time. Many of the cards were not clearly addressed which made this a very time consuming problem. Therefore, it was decided that this year we would trial a new arrangement.



### **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!

### **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**

*Arthur for working on his target and using a good growth mindset*

*Jamie for showing confidence during rehearsals*

### **Chestnut**

*Albie for showing confidence during rehearsals*

*William for showing kindness in the playground*

### **Elm**

*Sophie for showing kindness and empathy*

*Leo for challenging himself in maths*

### **Cedar**

*Harry for lots of efforts in maths*

*Electra for excellent rehearsal practice*

*Arran for always working hard*

*Isla for working hard all week*

### **Hazel**

*Felix for always trying his best in lessons*

*Henry for using his growth mindset and working hard in maths*

### **Willow**

*Frank for learning his lines and speaking clearly with wonderful expression*

*Rose for learning her lines and speaking clearly with wonderful expression*

### **Birch**

*Matthew for always working hard in class*

*Lottie for showing empathy towards others*

### **Redwood**

*Henry for being an empathetic friend*

*William for working hard in learning this week*

### **Maple**

*Joel for his excellent attitude to all his learning*

*Marc for always being an empathetic member of the class*

### **Pine**

*Ishika for showing an increased effort in all his work this week*

*Enayah for being an excellent role model in class at all times*

### **Ash**

*Harry for always showing perseverance in his work*

*Isabella for working well with others in English and Maths*

### **Hawthorn**

*Avril for showing empathy through both her kind words and actions*

*Tom for working hard on his writing in English*

### **Sycamore**

*Double next week*

*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Best wishes,*  
*S. Lawrence*  
Headteacher

**Diary dates-updates in red**

9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> December- Blue and Green house KS2 Carol Concert  
10<sup>th</sup> December-14<sup>th</sup> December- Book 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- Christmas Jumper day  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm- Year 1 Carols around the tree  
18<sup>th</sup> December- School Christmas lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> December 9am- Governor’s Cup assembly  
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  
7<sup>th</sup> January INSET  
8<sup>th</sup> January- term starts for children  
17<sup>th</sup> January- Castles workshop at school for year 1  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January- Viking workshops  
24<sup>th</sup> January- Roman workshop  
31<sup>st</sup> January-Fire of London workshop  
31<sup>st</sup> January- Young voices- more info to follow  
5<sup>th</sup> February- drama workshop  
8<sup>th</sup> February- Movie night  
11<sup>th</sup> February- Year 5 K’nex challenge tbc  
18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February- half term  
25<sup>th</sup> February- school starts  
14<sup>th</sup> March- Year 2 trip to Living rainforest tbc  
15<sup>th</sup> March- Year 5 trip to Duxford  
20<sup>th</sup> March- Spring Festival  
22<sup>nd</sup> March-Quiz night FoHBS  
29<sup>th</sup> March- FoHBS disco  
1<sup>st</sup> April- Year 3 British museum trip  
4<sup>th</sup> April- Community Concert  
5<sup>th</sup> April- Break up for Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> April- INSET day  
24<sup>th</sup> April- Children back

