



Weekly Newsletter

15 March 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is responsibility.



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Comic Relief fundraising today. The mufti money and sale of red noses has raised £547.25 and we hope to raise another £100 from the cake sale at the end of the day.

Pupils in Years 2 and 5 have enjoyed some real enrichment to their studies this week with off-site visits.



Yesterday our Year 2 pupils spent the day at the [Living Rainforest](#) learning all about tropical plants and animals and how they adapt to their habitats.



Today our Year 5 pupils have been to [Duxford Air Museum](#) to support the learning in their topic *Britain at War*.

Next week we look forward to the Harpenden School Music Association Spring Festival at Harpenden Public Hall, in which some Year 6 pupils will be joining in a variety of songs from stage and screen!

Congratulations to our Year 5 pupils who have had a beautiful book of poetry professional type-set and printed, entitled *Terrific Tales of Daring Dogs and Pawfect Pups!*

Seeking Your Views

The governing body and staff team are keen to seek the views of parents about the provision we offer at High Beeches. Your view really matters to us and we want to be able to feed it into our ongoing self-evaluation and planning for school improvement.

For this reason, we have created a short survey on Google forms. There are 21 statements and you are invited to state your level of agreement for each one, so it should only take a few minutes to complete. The survey can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker

Headteacher

FoHBS News

Midsummer Ball

Thanks to all those who have handed in your forms for this year's ball. The event is looking really exciting and we have secured some more exciting auction and raffle prizes. We would love to get more forms this coming week.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** Elijah – for showing respect to his friends
Dylan – for having a good Growth Mindset when writing
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Albie – for making good progress in writing
Kelly – for having a great first week of school
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Jack G – for putting lots of effort into his work
Heather – for always showing a responsible attitude to learning
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Marnie – for taking a responsible attitude to her handwriting
Mustafa – for putting lots of effort into all his work
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Alice – for working hard to show her joined writing in all her work
Max – for showing great enthusiasm and asking interesting questions at the Living Rain Forest
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Johnny – for showing a responsible attitude on our outing
Lottie – for having a positive responsible attitude to learning
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Lois – for taking responsibility for her learning and working diligently with her learning partner
Sophia – for taking responsibility for her learning and working diligently with her learning partner
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Jenson – for being so friendly and helpful this week
Anish – for being responsible and looking out for others at lunchtimes
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Adam – for consistently showing his value of respect
Toby – for an excellent attitude to all of his learning
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Olivia – for continuing to be a responsible role model at all times
Theo – for taking responsibility for all of his learning this week
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Caitlin – for always taking responsibility
Jayden – for pushing himself to write more in English
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Double next week
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Mary – for always being a supportive learning partner
Seth – for taking responsibility for his own learning and working sensibly

Sporting Success!

Congratulations to our netball and football teams who played a number of fixtures this week. The netball teams (both A and B) beat Kimpton by 16-0 and 9-0 respectively and the football team played both the Lea, against whom we won 2-0, and St Nicholas, losing 2-0. Well played everyone!

Football Report

On Monday 11th March, the High Beeches football "A" team played not one game but two at home against St Nicholas and The Lea. In their first game against St Nicholas, the High Beeches team dominated and enjoyed most of the possession. Unfortunately, St Nicholas ran away with the game, scoring two goals to give High Beeches an agonising defeat.

In the second game against The Lea, the High Beeches team bounced back brilliantly grabbing a 2-0 victory. David Coker and Max Tillotson scored the goals in a great win for High Beeches.

In the final game of the tri-tournament St Nicholas played The Lea in a 4-1 victory for St Nicholas.

Everyone played well, thanks to St Nicholas and The Lea for coming and we hope to get more wins in the future.

Further Information and Reminders

School Lunch Prices

After Easter the cost of a junior meal will increase to £2.55 a day.

KS2 Headteacher Coffee Morning

The postponed KS2 parent/carer coffee morning is now on Friday 22nd March 9.00am to 9.30am. Please email the admin address if you wish to attend.

Attendance

Congratulations to Hazel class who have had 100% attendance this week.

Pupil success

Lois – Birch class has been awarded a silver trophy from her Beaver Pack for demonstrating good values. Congratulations Lois.

Ollie – Hawthorn class passed his Grade 1 guitar exam with Distinction (an amazing 94%). Congratulations Ollie.

Gym Badges

Message from Debbie – please ensure all orders for gym badges are in by 9am Monday morning (18th March). These are being ordered all at once on Monday so late orders cannot be accepted. Thank you.

Parking

Reminder and please remind all carers/grandparents etc that parking in the staff car park is as follows: Before 8.15am only and after 4.30pm only. There is an “entrance” and “exit” please use them appropriately to avoid any accidents. Thank you.

Lost property

Please check the “huge” pile of lost property as all un-named property will be disposed of on the last day of term.

Diary Dates

- 11 March – Football fixture. Kimpton at home
- 14 March- Year 2 visit to Living Rainforest
- 15 March- Year 5 visit to Duxford Air Museum
- 15 March – Comic Relief, Red Nose Day, mufti and cake sale. See letter from School Council.
- 18 March – Y4 pedestrian skills training
- 20 March – Reception visit to Dinoland
- 20 March – Football fixture. Beech Hyde away
- **20 March – Year 4 Dell Farm parent information meeting 6pm**
- 20 March, 7pm - Harpenden Schools Spring Festival
- 21 March - Netball fixture. Sauncey Wood at home
- **22 March, 9am to 9:30am – Headteacher Coffee Morning for KS2 Parents/Carers DATE CHANGE**
- 22 March- FoHBS quiz night
- w/b 25 March – Last week of clubs
- 26 and 27 March – Y2 scooter training
- 28 March - Netball Rally at St George's
- 29 March, 9am to 9:30am – Headteacher Coffee Morning for KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Parents
- 29 March Reception Mothers' Day Celebration 2.00pm
- 29 March- FoHBS discos
- 1 April- Year 3 visit to British Museum
- 1 April – Year 4 pedestrian skills training
- 3rd April, 1.15pm – KS2 Speaker's Cup Final (finalists' parents to be invited)
- 4th April, 9am – KS1 Speaker's Cup Final (finalists' parents to be invited)
- 4 April, 6pm - Community Concert
- 5 April- Break up for Easter 2pm
- 23 April- INSET day
- 24 April- School opens for Summer term