

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this year in preparation for their final SATS in May. They have just completed a set of mock tests and have shown excellent progress - **achieving 91% above Level 4 in English and 76% in Maths**. This is a real achievement and I am sure they will do us all proud in the actual tests.

Some children in Year 6 will also be attending an Easter school for the first time ever at Fairlands, thanks to Miss Bridge and Mr Dickinson who have decided to offer this great opportunity. It is fantastic to see the commitment from both staff and children, throughout the school, to ensure we keep on 'reaching high' towards our targets. Well done, everyone!

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school at 8.50am on Monday, 16th April.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



A huge thank you this week to **Mrs Kirsty Denis** for organising Easter Bonnet Competition!

We had three wonderful assemblies this morning, where we judged the 'best' bonnet for each class. It was amazing to see the amount of time and effort the children had put in, so well done to everyone that took part!

THE EASTER JOURNEY

On Monday, Year 6 went to Holy Trinity Church to learn about the Easter Journey. They were complimented on their behaviour and knowledge.

FOUNDATION STAGE WOW DAY

Yesterday, the Foundation Stage children came to school dressed as someone from another country and worked extremely hard preparing and cooking a range of delicious recipes from 'Around The World' for their WoW day. A huge thanks to 'Hurrens Butchers' for donating the mince for our chilli!

Thank you to all the parents/carers for your support - we managed to raise £84. We look forward to spending this with the children after Easter.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 12/3	w/c 19/3
ASH	89.6	91.4
BEECH	94.8	90.7
CHERRY	89.2	97.3
CHESTNUT	84.5	93.4
ELDER	95.4	95
ELM	91.5	95.8
HAZEL	96	95.6
HORNBEAM	97	96.3
LARCH	88.9	90
LIME	98.8	95.8
PINE	88.8	94.7
POPLAR	96.2	97.1
WALNUT	90.6	98.8
WILLOW	92.9	88.2

MARIE CURIE MINI-POTS

Congratulations to Foundation Stage and Year 1 who raised **£165.62** by supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Care Mini Pots. The children planted daffodils in October then cared for them and watched them grow. They enjoyed a colourful display and collected sponsor money from family & friends.

CALCULATION WORKSHOP

Thank you to the parents who attended the Calculation Workshop last week. As a result of feedback from those parents, we will be holding sessions for parents during school time on 'how to help your child with maths' early in the summer term. Look out for the letter giving details.

SKILL 7 TASTER SESSION

Skill 7 run an after school football club at Fairlands on Mondays. They will be running a FREE taster session after school on Monday, 16th April from 3.15 – 5.30pm (for Reception to Year 6). Places are limited to 40, so **please contact the school office today** or when we return on the morning of the 16th if your child would like to come along.

APPLYING FOR A NURSERY PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 don't forget to apply for their nursery place on-line by **this Sunday 1st April, 2012** at the following address www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmission

GOVERNORS' ANTI-BULLYING QUESTIONNAIRE

Governors sent their latest newsletter home to parents last week. Attached was a questionnaire asking for your opinions on anti-bullying. Thank you to those of you who have already completed this. You can also access the questionnaire by clicking on the link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGG2KO2>

SPORTS RELIEF

Well done to Albany, Ruben and Sam Barlow who did the Sport Relief Mile last Sunday. Many thanks to those who sponsored them.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

When we return after Easter, we will be sending home some mobile phone recycling envelopes. Each old or unwanted mobile phone donated to school will help us raise funds for **Family Lives**, the fantastic charity who we work closely with to provide parental support at school. So, if you get a mobile phone instead of an Easter Egg this year – please keep hold of the old phone and send into school. Thank you for your support.

TESCO & SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Vouchers are now being issued in both stores. This is a great way for us to order lots of FREE equipment for the whole school, so please ask all your friends and relatives to help us and start collecting.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH 'LUCA' FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN DAY

Stevenage Borough are holding a Fun Day on Sunday, 8th April, at St Nicholas Park, Pilgrims Way between 10am and 4pm, to raise money for Luca, a little boy who plays for them who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. There will be lots of football related activities to take part in, fun stalls and appearances from Twizzle (360 Play) and Tiger (Gambado).

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

Monday 16th April	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Thursday 19th April 9.00 – 10.00am	Parent Forum
Wednesday 18 th April	Primary Allocation Day
Monday 30 th April	Nursery Allocation Day
w/c 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
w/c 21st May	Walk to School Week
Mon 4th to Fri 8th June	Half Term
Monday 11th June	Return to School
Mon 11th to Fri 15th June	Year 4 Cuffley Camp
Tuesday 26th June	Sports Day
Friday 29th June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Monday 2nd July	Return to School
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 visit Secondary Schools
Friday 20th July	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 10th September	Return to school