

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are hopeful that the weather will be kind to us for Sports Day next Tuesday and look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible coming along to support the children and join us for our annual picnic. The Fairlands Faces will be selling refreshments.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE THE NIGHT BEFORE – REGRETTABLY, IF THE GROUND IS WET, WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL. If we do need to cancel, the children will still need to bring a packed lunch on that day (unless you have school packed lunch, booked in advance). We will then try again on Thursday, but there will be no picnic on that day and cook will be providing the Friday Fun Day Menu.

Don't forget, school is closed for an Occasional Day next Friday, 29th June. Children should return to school on Monday, 2nd July.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thanks this week goes to **Mr Ben Tweedell, Mr Etienne Van Wyk & Miss Charlotte Parsley**, who led the Year 4 trip to Cuffley last week.

The weather was horrendous, but the staff (and children) kept their spirits high and they all had a wonderful time. It is entirely voluntary for staff to give up their time to lead residential trips, so thank you on behalf of all the children!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 21/5	w/c 28/5	w/c 11/6
ASH	91.3	98.3	87.8
BEECH	95.7	86.7	87.6
CHERRY	91.9	96.5	90.4
CHESTNUT	95.2	92.8	97.9
ELDER	97.7	95	96.2
ELM	93.2	96.8	96.4
HAZEL	99.2	96.8	98.4
HORNBEAM	96.8	96.4	91.9
LARCH	97.3	95	97.7
LIME	892.	95.4	98.1
PINE	96.2	86.2	99.4
POPLAR	98.1	98.1	95.5
WALNUT	91.8	94.7	89.4
WILLOW	100	96.5	97.1

BABY BOOM

Congratulations to four members of our staff who have become proud parents over the last few weeks! Mr Van Wyk had a boy and Miss King, Mrs Day and Mr Dickinson all had girls.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO CLACTON

Before half term, Year 1 spent the day on the beach in Clacton. They had the opportunity to paddle in the sea, walk along the pier, make sandcastles and, of course, eat ice cream! They were amazingly well behaved and the day was a great experience for all who went. Chestnut Green group won the coveted title of 'best sandcastle', but it was a closely fought contest with many wild and creative entries.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who came along and helped and a special thank you to Mrs James who treated the children to their ice creams.

YEAR 4 & 5 TRIP TO MOUNTFITCHET CASTLE

Last Monday, Year 5 and those Years 4's who didn't go to Cuffley visited Mountfitchet Castle, where they learnt about Norman life at the Motte and Bailey castle, visited the House on the Hill Toy Museum and had an encounter with Dinosaurs.

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to our Year 4 Tennis Team, who are taking part in the Herts County Finals next week.

SCOOTERS / BIKES

For health & safety purposes, please ensure children do not ride their scooters or bikes in the school grounds.

WISEPAY

Further to the previous newsletter, I would now like to confirm that the amendments have been made to Wise pay and it is now up and running again. Apologies for the delay.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

The renewal process for September 2012 will be done automatically by the Customer Service Centre. If you are already eligible you do not have to take any action.

If you have a child starting in Nursery or Reception in September, who is not currently eligible, please either apply on line at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or telephone 0300 1234048.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We have been reviewing this event and decided that we will **not** be holding an open afternoon this year as we have introduced many other new opportunities for parents/carers to meet the teachers and see their child's work.

We have been thrilled at how many parents have been attending class assemblies and shared reading; this has given parents regular opportunities to hear about their child's work and speak to teachers. We are also now holding a new format of Welcome Meetings this half term which will give you a chance to meet the new teachers and hear detailed information about next year. We would encourage you to try to attend as many of these opportunities as possible.

We will review the format of open afternoons once the building works are completed and everyone is settled into their new locations.

TESCO VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

We have collected a massive 19,000 vouchers this year! Thank you to everyone who helped collect them – if you have any more at home, please send them in next week, as we will be sending our order off on Friday.

Once again, many thanks to Ms Forsyth (Jago and Tessa Foord's mum) for counting them all for us - your help is much appreciated.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Maddison Hurren (Elder) who has completed Stage 5 and her 100 meters badge in swimming.

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

Monday 25 th June	Year 2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Monday 25th June 5.30 – 6.30pm Lower Hall	Supporting your Child's Early Literacy : R to Yr 3
Tuesday 26 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 26th June 3.30pm	Year 6 parents S&RE video viewing
Thursday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 29 th June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Monday 2 nd July	Return to School
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 3 to British Museum
Thursday 5 th , 12 th & 19 th July 7.15 – 9.15pm	Family Lives Fathers Group – Getting on with your Family
Wednesday 4th July 9.00 – 11.00am Lower Hall	Bridge Road Children's Centre Under 5's Activity Morning
Monday 9th July 5.30 – 6.30pm	Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 1 in September
Tuesday 10th July 5.30 – 6.30pm	Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 2 in September
Wednesday 11 th July	Foundation Stage to Shepreth Wildlife Park
Thursday 12 th July	Year 6 visit Secondary Schools Class Changeover Day
Thursday 12th July 5.30 – 6.30pm	Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 3 & 4 in September
Friday 13 th July	Reports Out
Monday 16th July	Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 5 in September
Tuesday 17th July	Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 6 in September
Weds 18th July 2pm & 7.00pm	Year 6 Performances
Thursday 19th July 6.30 – 8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Do
Friday 20 th July	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 10 th September	Return to school