

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Hopefully, parents will have noticed our updated and improved website! As well as a brighter, fresher 'feel', you will find some new features like the straw poll surveys on the home page. Let us know your views!

We also have amazing new class blogs that will be updated regularly, so you can keep in touch with what is going on in your child's class. Hopefully, you will visit the site regularly to find out what is happening at the school. Have fun exploring! If you have any initial feedback or ideas to make the site better, please feel free to drop me an email.

A massive thank you goes to Andy Jeffries, one of our parents, and his company, NextGen Development Ltd, who continue to support the school by providing hours and hours of time developing the website.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

STEVENAGE FESTIVAL

We were very proud last week when two groups of children from Year 5 and 6 performed in the Stevenage Festival.

6 children from Year 6 took part in the opening concert with Stevenage Symphony Orchestra, performing their own compositions based on myths and legends. 22 children from Year 5 took part in the Stevenage Primary Schools' concert and sang, as a choir by themselves and with other Stevenage schools.

Well done to everyone who took part. We have even received a letter from Stephen McPartland, MP, congratulating them on their performances.

YEAR 5 CYCLING COURSE

Last week, a group of 16 Year 5 children took part in a Cycling Course, run by Mr Tweeddell and Mr Brewis. The course greatly increased their confidence and competence. They had a fantastic time and all passed Levels 1 and 2 in Bikeability. At the end of the course they enjoyed a 6 mile cycle ride, followed by another 6 mile ride after Sports Day on Tuesday.

SPORTS DAY

Thank you for everyone who came along to support the children's Sports Day on Tuesday. We were very lucky with the weather and everyone had a good time. Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for providing refreshments throughout the morning.

NSPCC 'THE BIG WORKOUT'

Well done to everyone for taking part in last Friday's NSPCC sponsored event. The total raised so far is already an incredible **£2,280!** If you haven't already done so, please ensure you send sponsor forms and money back to school by Friday 12th July at the latest. Thank you very much for all your support of this very worthy cause.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN SCHOOL

Children are welcome to bring their scooters and bikes to school, but only if they arrive at school, on time, **before 8.50am**. **If your child arrives at school after the gates are closed, you will be asked to take their bike/scooter home with you.**

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Letters were sent home this week telling you about our new '**Summer Term Parent Consultations**'. These are taking place on **Tuesday 9th July 5.30 - 8.00pm** and **Wednesday 10th July 3.30 - 6.00pm**. Please return your appointment request slips to school by **Tuesday 2nd July**.

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next Fairlands Fathers meeting is on **Monday 15th July at 7.30pm**. You are invited to come along to the Family Room in the Lower Building for coffee and a light-hearted chat and support from other Fairlands Dads.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWS

Do you have a child moving from pre-school to nursery or from nursery to reception in September? Stevenage Educational Trust is holding a transition workshop for parents/carers at **Bridge Road Children's Centre** on **Monday 1st July from 7pm-8.30pm.**

Information will be available at the workshop on how you can help your child get ready for their next stage, where to go for additional support and what now for you. To book a place, or for details of other workshops in Stevenage, please contact Emma Skinner - eskinner@educationtrust.org.uk.

BRINGING UP CONFIDENT CHILDREN

Want to feel more confident as a parent and help your children feel good about themselves? Sara Hassell, our Family Lives worker, is running a new free 3 week course for parents/carers in the Family Room, Lower Building from **Tuesday, 2nd July, 9.15 to 11.15am.** There is a free crèche. Booking for both is essential - contact Sara on 07805 523480.

PARENT FORUM

The last Parent Forum of this academic year will be at **9.00am on Wednesday, 17th July.** Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school. We would be interested to hear your feedback about this year's Sports Day.

SCHOOL LOGO BADGES

Embroidered badges with the school logo are on sale in the school office at £3.80 each. Ideal if you wish to purchase a plain navy sweatshirt and sew the logo on - you can then keep re-using the same badge as your child grows!

OLIVER - OPEN AUDITIONS

Auditions are taking place at the Gordon Craig Theatre for the musical 'Oliver'. 8 - 12 year olds are invited to attend open auditions on **Wednesday 10th July 4.30-6.00pm** and **Sunday 14th July 1.30-3.30pm.** Leaflets in leaflet stand in main entrance of school.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 10/6	w/c 17/6
ASH	97.5	91.4
BEECH	91.2	93
BIRCH	93.4	95.5
CHERRY	98.3	94.3
CHESTNUT	92.7	91.7
ELDER	97.4	95.4
ELM	95.8	98.5
HAZEL	93.2	95.2
HORNBEAM	90.4	89.2
LIME	86.5	97.3
LARCH	95.4	93.8
PINE	97.3	92.8
POPLAR	93.3	97.5
WALNUT	97.1	98.2
WILLOW	87.1	99.4

PARENTS/CARERS - PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE OF YOUR CHILD'S 'NEW TO' MEETING - SHOWN BELOW.....

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)	
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY School Closed
Monday 1 st July	OCCASIONAL DAY School Closed
Thursday 4 th July 2.45pm	Reception Parents' Class Assembly
Monday 8 th July	Year 2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Monday 8 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 5 Parents' Meeting
Monday 8 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 6 & PGL Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 9 th July 5.30-8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Weds 10 th July 3.30-6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 15 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 2 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 16 th July 2.00pm & 7.00pm	Year 6 Performances
Tuesday 16 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 1 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 3 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 4 Parents' Meeting
Thursday 18 th July 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Do
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Term 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 4 th Sept	Return to school

