



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many children dressed as their favourite book characters today, in celebration of World Book Day. Each class took part in a range of activities throughout the day, based on a book of their choice.

We are delighted to be working towards achieving the **Leading Partner Partnership Award**. Full details of this award can be found on the school website. I will be discussing the **LPPA next Thursday, 10th March**, at the **Parent/Carer Forum**, which I will be hosting from **9.00-10.00am in the Family Room**. I would very much like to hear your views and opinions about how well school presently communicates between school/home and supports you to support your child's learning, and your ideas on how we can improve in this area. If you are unable to attend on Thursday, but would like to send me your views on this subject, or have another subject you would like the forum to discuss, please email us at parent.forum@fairlands.herts.sch.uk

Robert Staples
Headteacher

eSAFETY ASSEMBLY

This week we have been celebrating eSafety Week. Our theme has been '#haveaheart', which focuses on communicating positively on-line. On Thursday we had a visit from an eSafety expert, who advised us how to stay safe on line. He reiterated the importance of always telling an adult if something makes us feel uncomfortable when using technology.

MOTHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for all the work and effort they put into running the present room this week. They raised an amazing **£501.60** for school funds. Thank you also to the parents/children for supporting this event.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Letters were sent out this week inviting you to book an appointment on either **Tuesday 22nd (5.30-8.00pm)**, or **Wednesday 23rd (3.30-6.00pm) March** to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how they are progressing this year. Please ensure you complete and return your slip(s) by **Monday 7th March** to ensure an appointment is made at a time of your choice.

CLASS PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, 8th March** to take whole class photographs, so please ensure your child looks extra smart that day! They will also be taking individual photos of any children who missed out in October.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS

Year 6 parents have now been notified which secondary school their child has been offered. Please ensure you log back into the admissions website by following the link on the email you were sent, to accept/decline your offer by end of day on **Tuesday 15th March 2016**. Please contact Admissions on 0300 123 4043 if you have a problem doing this.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2016?

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you can now apply for a nursery place for the school year 2016-17. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **application deadline Friday 18th March 2016**. Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line or would like help with their application are welcome to use a school computer. Please contact the school office first to arrange a convenient time.

SCARLET FEVER

There have been a small number of cases of Scarlet Fever reported in school over the last few weeks. Please search Scarlet Fever on the school website for a downloadable factsheet.

BOOK BAGS

Did you know? Book bags are available to purchase from the upper school office in red, yellow, blue or purple at a cost of £2.10.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 08/02/16	w/c 22/02/16
ACORNS AM	84.4	98.9
ACORNS PM	66.7	76.0
CONKERS AM	92.6	90.5
CONKERS PM	84.3	91.4
ASH	89.7	96.7
BEECH	88.0	93.3
BIRCH	89.7	93.8
CHERRY	94.7	95.7
CHESTNUT	95.9	94.1
CEDAR	93.0	99.7
ELDER	85.0	93.2
ELM	93.8	97.4
FIR	88.9	95.0
HAZEL	98.1	92.3
HOLLY	87.9	95.7
HORNBEAM	93.3	94.0
LIME	93.0	97.0
LARCH	99.0	97.0
PINE	99.2	94.6
POPLAR	91.2	85.6
WALNUT	97.0	95.7
WILLOW	95.7	90.0

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to Janay (Poplar Class) in her Grade 3 Ballet, Grade 3 Modern and Grade 3 Tap Exams and Marlie (Fir Class) in her Primary Ballet and Primary Tap Exams, which they are taking at the end of the month.

WELL DONE

We're all very proud of Caelan (Hornbeam Class), who is currently starring in a TV advert on various children's channels. You can see our budding actor in action at <https://youtu.be/XjDT1OFuE5U>

YOU COULD HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

Did you know that every time you shop on line you could be raising funds for our school? Log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register, select Fairlands Primary & Nursery to support and start shopping. It's that easy and doesn't cost you a penny!

SPORT RELIEF

The Stevenage Sport Relief Mile is being held at Ridlins Track on **Sunday 20th March**. There are 1 mile, 3 mile and 6 mile options available. For more details of how to take part or go along and support the event visit www.sportrelief.com/Mile

LitFest 16

A programme of children's events presented by Hertfordshire Libraries during March and April can be found under Recent Downloads on the school website.

KNITTING TASTER SESSIONS

This Easter children aged 10 and up can take part in 20 minute Children's Knitting Taster Sessions at Nobel School for Susie's Vintage Warehouse Pup-up Fair @ The Nobel School on 3rd April 1pm - 4pm £3.50 per child when book in advance. Email Sebastian.loves.knotwear@gmail.com for more details.

CLEANING JOB

DAB Cleaning have vacancies for cleaners at the school - 2 hours a day, 3.30-5.30pm, Monday to Friday). If interested contact Tina on 07783 924654

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)

Tuesday 8 th March	Class Photos
Thursday 10th March 9.00-10.00am Family Room	Parent/Carer Forum
Thursday 10 th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	POPLAR Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd March 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 23 rd March 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday 24 th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	WILLOW Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday
Thursday 31 st March 2.30pm Upper Hall	BEECH Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Friday 1 st April	End of Spring Term 2 2.15pm finish
Weds 13 th and Thurs 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Monday 18 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
w/c 9 th May	Year 6 SATS
30 th May to 3 rd June	Whitsun Half Term
w/c 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics
Fri 1 st & Mon 4 th July	INSET & Occasional Day
Friday 22 nd July	End of Summer Term 2: 2.15pm finish