

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The next Parent Forum meeting will take place next **Thursday, 26th June, 9.05am in my office.** This is a valuable opportunity for parents/carers to come along and discuss their views of the school, good and bad, with other parents/carers, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. I look forward to meeting you for coffee and a chat.

Don't forget, **SCHOOL IS CLOSED TOMORROW** for an Occasional Day's Holiday. I hope you all enjoy your day off and we'll see you back at school at 8.50am on Monday, 23rd June.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

Last week a team of Year 6 children took part in the Stevenage Primary Schools Athletics Festival at Ridlins Athletics Track. Despite the gloomy weather, an enjoyable day was had by all and the team performed very well, with Jamol Jeffrey coming 4th in the Boys Long Jump, Jaye Flynn 5th in the Girls High Jump and Cam Mills 4th in the Boys Javelin.

MATHEMATICS CALCULATIONS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday evening, some parents attended a mathematics information evening to learn about the way calculation is taught and learnt nowadays. Thank you to those who came and especially for the feedback, which was extremely positive. A special thank you to Mr. Tweeddell, for giving up his evening to help run the event and for his excellent explanation of multiplication and division by the 'Grid and Chunking Methods'.

SPORTS DAY

Just a reminder that the children will need to wear their normal PE kit for sports day next week - **they will not need a coloured t-shirt** this year, as they will be in class teams.

NEW PICNIC AREA

Thank you to the Friends of Fairlands for the lovely new picnic benches, which you may have noticed near the KS2 bottom playground. We have created a picnic area which can be used by the whole school. Thank you to Penny, Keith and Taylor Smith for giving up their spare time at the weekend to build them!

TRANSITION WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

An invitation to all **parents of Year 6 children** - Sara Hassell of Parentlineplus is running an hour's workshop on **Wednesday, 25th June : 6.00pm - 7.00pm** for parents to come and find out how they can help their children as they make the huge step into secondary school. Please return the reply slip from the letter sent home last week, or let the office know, if you would like to attend this really useful workshop.

STARTING SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Parents of children in morning nursery are invited to a workshop run by Sara Hassell of Parentlineplus on **Tuesday, 1st July** from **6.30pm - 8.00pm** in the Lower Hall, to find out how to support your child when they start full-time school. Please return the reply slip from the letter sent home last week, or let the office know.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Members of the School Council will be asking your opinion about the Playground Project on Sports Day (Friday, 27th June). Look out for our table and please make sure you have your say. The school needs to find out what everybody thinks before putting in a bid for some money.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to James Coggins, Thomas Jeffries and Thomas Hawkins (all in Ash) and Charlie Mason (Chestnut) who all received a trophy for their skills and commitment to their football training for Pin Green Under 6's football team.

FLORA COOKING WITH SCHOOLS

Flora have launched a new scheme called **Cooking with Schools**. One of our Creative Curriculum activities on Friday afternoons is cooking, so we're collecting for FREE equipment.

The tokens are printed on the greaseproof paper inside the specially marked packs of Flora - all you need to do is **register them on-line** at www.cookingwithschools.com and the value will go straight into our school's account. **If you haven't got a computer at home**, please write the number on a piece of paper and send it to the office - please don't send us the greaseproof paper!!

TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

This week we sent off **24,930** vouchers to claim a range of software and educational equipment for the Foundation Stage. Thank you very much to everyone for helping us to collect and, in particular, to Mrs Fish (Cook) for counting them again this year. Please **keep sending vouchers in** as we can bank them for next year.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

This week we sent off **11,500** vouchers to claim a range of PE equipment for the whole school. Thank you for helping us collect this year - **please keep sending them in** as we can send a second order if we collect enough.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

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| Friday, 20 th June | SCHOOL CLOSED : OCCASIONAL DAY'S HOLIDAY |
| Wednesday, 25 th June | KS1 to Woburn |
| Thursday, 26 th June 9.05am | Parent Forum (KS2 building) |
| Friday, 27 th June | Sports Day |
| Sunday, 13 th July | Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre |
| Monday, 14 th July | Reports home to parents |
| Wednesday, 16 th July 6-8pm | Open Evening |
| Wednesday, 23 rd July | Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish |
| Monday, 1 st September | SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET Day |
| Tuesday, 2 nd September | Return to school |

*The Friends of Fairlands
are holding a*

FAMILY FUN DAY



Sunday 13th July

12 - 3pm

*Come along and join in
the fun*

*Stalls, rides and activities
for all ages*

Car Boot Sale

*Display Arena -
Gymnastics, dancing &
music*

*BBQ, Ice Cream,
Refreshments*

Raffle

Top Prize - Digital Camera

*2nd Prize - £50.00 voucher for
Chicagos*

*3rd Prize - Tickets for 4 people at
Hollywood Bowl*