

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well... what a start to the new year! I would like to thank all parents and carers for their understanding during this extended period of severe weather. It is never an easy decision to take when considering school closure and I do appreciate the disruption it causes to families and child care arrangements. It is good to know however, that our critical incident systems work so efficiently and that we are all able to pull together during adverse situations! Here's to hoping that the weather improves soon and we can properly get **back to normal next week, with staff collecting the children from the playground at 8.50am.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mr Alan Horner** for spending Thursday last week, in the freezing cold, clearing snowy paths and entrances!

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Please ensure you let the office know of any changes to your contact numbers, so that we are always able to contact you if your child is unwell.

PARENT FORUM

Following several requests, the next **Parent Forum** meeting will be an **evening meeting**, on **Wednesday, 3rd February from 6.00 to 7.00pm**, in the Upper Building. This gives working parents an opportunity to come along and meet with me to discuss their views, good or bad, on the school. I look forward to meeting you all!

THE STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

On Monday, each child will bring home an envelope from **The Student Support Centre**, a company who provide help to those parents who would like to offer their children a home-based complement to their schoolwork. The school receives a financial donation based on the number of slips returned – **the more slips returned, the higher the donation!** Please could we ask **ALL parents** to complete and return the slip to school by **Thursday - the two classes who return the highest percentage of reply slips, will each receive £50 to spend on classroom resources of their choice!**

CHOCOHOLICS ORDERS

If you placed an order for Chocoholics last term, they are now ready for delivery. We apologise that you did not receive these orders in time for Christmas - they were due to be sent home with children on the last day of term, however, this was not possible due to the early closure of school.

Since then the weather has continued to be a factor, orders will now be sent home with your child(ren) on Monday 18th January.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2010-11?

If your child was born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 please apply now for a reception place for the school year 2010-2011. Information has already been sent out to parents. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions - **Application deadline 29th January 2010.**

Anyone who does not have access to a computer at home is welcome to come to the school office, where Mrs Dunthorne will help you apply on-line, but please ensure you have decided which 3 schools you would like to apply to, before you come along.

IT'S A GIRL!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Foster has had a baby girl; Ella Grace, born Monday, 4th January, weighing in at 71b 12oz.

GYM CLUB

Please be aware that there will be **no Gym Club for the next 2 weeks.** Sessions will start again on **Monday, 1st February.**

CHANGE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM DELIVERY COSTS

Please note that from Monday, 1st February, YourSchoolUniform.com will be introducing a nominal charge of £1.95 for orders below £35. Free delivery will still apply to orders of £35 and over.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Sophie Dowsett (ELDER) for passing her pre-primary ballet exam and also to Lillyanne Dowsett (LABURNUM), for passing her Grade 3 ballet exam with a Merit.



The Wakey Wakey Club!

Our popular Breakfast Club is held in the dining hall and runs every day, Monday to Friday.

Your child will receive a healthy breakfast and professional childcare in a safe and friendly environment, giving them an opportunity to socialise with other children from all areas of the school.

On **Fridays**, children are offered **bacon or sausage butties for breakfast!**

Parents are welcome to join their children for breakfast on Fridays an extra cost of £1.00 per bacon/sausage butty!

The club is open to all Fairlands' children from Nursery to Year 6 and runs in the dining hall from 8.00am until registration (Foundation & KS1 children are walked to their classrooms)

Cost : £2.00 for first child, siblings £1.70
(Free school meals £1.50)

No need to book – just turn up at 8.00am

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

Tuesday, 19 th Jan 3.30pm – 4.30pm	KS2 Basketball Club Starts
Thursday, 21 st Jan 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Little Samurai Warriors Club Starts
Friday, 29 th January	Closing date for Primary Applications
Wednesday, 3 rd Feb 6.00pm – 7.00pm	Evening Parent Forum
w/c 15 th February	Half Term
Monday, 1st March	Parent/Teacher Appointment Boards in Upper Building
Monday, 8th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds, 10th March 5.30pm – 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 1 st April	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 19 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday, 20 th April	Return to school
Monday, 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term
Monday, 7 th June	INSET Day
Thursday, 1 st July	INSET Day
Friday, 2 nd July	Occasional Day
Friday, 23 rd July	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish