

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I was very pleased to take all of the Year 5/6 children to the Hertfordshire Education Centre in Gunnels Wood Road this week, to attend an exciting launch event for 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We were able to meet two ex-professional footballers and hear about how racism has affected them in their lives. The children were impeccably behaved and showed that they had an excellent understanding of the impact of racist behaviour. It was a very powerful event and it was especially heartening to see the children waving their banners and hear them chanting 'Show Racism the Red Card' as we walked back through Stevenage Leisure Park!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL BRING & BUY SALE

The school council held a Bring and Buy Sale last week, raising £145 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Well done for organising such a successful event and thank you very much to everyone who made donations and came along to buy on the day.

YEAR 3 & 4 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 3/4 children took part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at the Stevenage Leisure Centre. There were a variety of track and field events such as balance beams, speed bounce, standing long jump and an obstacle race. Unfortunately, we did not make it to the winner's podium, but Mr Brewis was as proud of the sportsmanship and effort that the children who made up our team displayed, as he would have been if we had won the competition outright. Well done to all those who participated.

THANK YOU!



A special thank you goes to **Mr Tweeddell** for giving up his weekend to go to a residential training session to become our school's Math Specialist Teacher.

This was particularly dutiful given that he was still recovering from jet lag & bugs from his professional visit to Colombia the week before! 10/10 for commitment!

WELL DONE

Well done to Tom Joy (LIME), who is a member of the Lytton Players and took part in his very first show last week, called Once Upon a Time.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 8/2	w/c 22/2
ASH	92.8	93
BEECH	95.7	92.1
CHERRY	87.5	85.4
CHESTNUT	94.2	91.5
ELDER	92.9	92.1
ELM	93	92.2
HAZEL	92.6	95.4
HAWTHORN	92.8	97.2
HORNBEAM	97.5	90
LARCH	94.8	95.7
LIME	98.5	93.5
LABURNUM	95.2	98.3

CHEERLEADING

Our new after-school Cheerleading Club for Reception & KS1, which started last week, is proving to be very popular. The club will now run on Wednesdays and Thursdays at a cost of £1 per session. There are a few places still available on Thursdays - please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent / Teacher Consultations will be taking place on **Monday, 8th (3.30 - 6.00pm) and Wednesday, 10th March (5.30 - 8.00pm).**

Nursery appointments are also available between 3.30 - 6.00pm on Tuesday 9th and Thursday, 11th March.

Appointment boards are in the Upper Building entrance area - **please come in and sign up.**

There will be a drop-in centre available in the dining hall, where your child/children can wait whilst you meet with their teacher. The Friends of Fairlands will be selling tea/coffee in both halls.

PARKING

Please could I ask parents/carers who drive to school to be considerate to our neighbours when parking, by ensuring that residents can still access their drives.

FREE CHILD TICKETS FOR A STEVENAGE BOROUGH FOOTBALL MATCH

SBFC have given us **20 FREE child tickets** for their match against Histon on **Tuesday, 16th March (7.45pm kick-off)**. Children should be accompanied by a paying adult (Adults £13 Concessions £11). We are offering 2 tickets per family on a first come, first served basis to **parents/carers** who come to the office or phone us 01438 350153.

FREE PARENTLINEPLUS WORKSHOP

Sara Hassell, our Parentlineplus support worker, is running a **FREE** 2 hour workshop called **Helping Children to be more confident**. The workshop will take place in the Learning Room from **9.15 – 11.15am on Wednesday, 17th March**. Please sign up at the office or contact Sara on 07805 523480 to book your place.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE COMPUTER?

The government has launched a scheme called the 'Home Access' grant, which makes funding accessible for eligible children in years 3–9 to have access to a home computer, by funding a **FREE COMPUTER** for some families. Letters have gone home to all those eligible for Free School Meals, however, **if you think you might be eligible** and would like to know more about this grant please contact Mrs Trafford, via the school office.

TESCO VOUCHERS

Next week on March 8th, 9th and 10th Tesco for Schools & Clubs has teamed up exclusively with the Daily Mirror to give readers the unique opportunity to collect additional vouchers for their local schools and clubs to help them save for fantastic equipment! Each voucher featured in the paper is worth three times the value of a voucher obtained in store!

EDUCATION CITY

www.EducationCity.com is a website packed with fun, educational games in the form of online activities for children. Parent/carers - sign up for a free trial today!

CALLING ALL DADS

There is a **Saturday morning club**, funded by Extended Schools, which runs from **10:30 am until 1:30pm at Barnwell School Community Room, East Campus**, Collenswood Road and has a full range of activities available for you and your children to enjoy; from babies to teenagers. There is no cost and you can enjoy spending time with your children, removing the problem of how to entertain them - you and they will make friends and have fun! For further information contact Shelagh 07827 975395.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VACANCY

Broom Barnes School are looking for an enthusiastic person to work at their After School Club. Hours are 3.00pm-5.30pm Mon, Weds and Thurs / 3.00-3.30 Tues and Fri, job share considered. The position includes; walking children from another local school to their club, organising activities and games for their children. Experience of working with children is essential. To start ASAP.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure and references. Contact details: Ms T Jarman Headteacher Tel: 01438 354913.

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

Monday, 8 th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday, 9 th March	Mothers Day Present Room
Tuesday, 9 th March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Nursery Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Weds, 10 th March 5.30pm – 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 11th March 9.05 – 10.30	Parent Forum – Date might change – please see posters!
Thursday, 11 th March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Nursery Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Wednesday, 17th March : 9.15-11.15am	Parentlineplus Workshop : Helping Children to be more confident
Thursday, 18th March	Class Photographs
Weds, 24 th March 3.15pm – 5.15pm	Spring Crafts Workshop
Thursday, 1 st April	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 19 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday, 20 th April	Return to school