

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

May I please bring to your attention a **short online survey** that we are currently running on the website, **asking parents what they think about behaviour in the school?** It is very important that we receive as many replies as possible (but obviously only one per family) so please go onto our website this weekend, where you will find links on the main page. Thank you!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

VISIT TO STEVENAGE LIBRARY

Beech class, Afternoon Nursery and Chestnut class all recently enjoyed a visit to Stevenage Library. The children were introduced to the library and enjoyed a story session. They had the opportunity to look around and learned about the different services available. A big thank you to the library staff for making these visits so enjoyable. Visits are planned in the near future for more classes.

FOUNDATION STAGE GO SHOPPING

On Tuesday, all the children in Foundation Stage went shopping in Aldi! As part of their topic, 'Keeping Healthy', the children went to buy the ingredients to make a fruit salad. They made a shopping list, looked around for the fruit then paid at the checkout. On Wednesday they chopped up the fruit and created their own delicious fruit salads.

Foundation Stage staff would like to thank the staff at Aldi for accommodating over 120 new shoppers! They would also like to thank the parents and carers who accompanied them on our trip.

ROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday morning, Larch class were invited to join in with the North Herts College 'Round the World Celebrations'. The children looked at Shanty Towns and Igloos and participated in art and craft activities. They also learnt street dancing, which they performed in the college's entrance foyer. The children had a lovely morning and were complimented on their good behaviour and 'lovely' manners.

STARGAZING

This week saw Fairlands' first star gazing event, held as part of National Science and Engineering week. 20 intrepid children, with adult support, braved the cold and dark to learn a little bit more about the sky above us.

The evening began in the ICT room with an introduction to the telescope and the constellations we would be looking for. Children enjoyed guessing the shapes of the constellations and designing some of their own and looking at the computer simulations of what they would be searching the skies for. Armed with clipboards and torches with red paper filters, they headed out and as the sky darkened the stars began to shine. Whilst waiting for turns on the telescope the children counted the stars they could see and tried to draw any patterns they could see in the skies.

This very successful evening ended with a return to the ICT room to try and identify the stars that had been seen.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, 8 Yr 5/6 footballers went to Round Diamond School to represent Fairlands in a Stevenage wide 6-a-side tournament. Following training sessions, the children were anxious to play their first competitive match of the year. Things started well against Bedwell with a draw in the opening game and improved with a good win over our hosts in the second game, with goals from Remi Jeffrey and Marley Heath making the difference.

As the tournament progressed the team battled well against more experienced and organised sides but, despite further goals from Milad Latif and Remi, they were unable to pick up any more results.

Huge credit must go to the team for the manner of their performance and behaviour, always trying to play an attractive passing game and always showing the highest levels of sportsmanship, showing equal grace in defeat and victory. Congratulations must go to the whole team for placing fifth in the tournament and for representing the school in such an exemplary manner.

REC/KS1 CHEERLEADING CLUB

Please note that there will be no Cheerleading Club in the last week of term.

There are still a few places available in the Thursday after-school session. Please contact the school office if your child would like to join.

WELL DONE

Congratulations go to Charlotte Jones (Elm) for passing her Preparatory Ballet Exam and good luck to Natavan Wilson (Cherry) and Isabelle Paul (Hazel) who took their ballet exams this morning.

THANK YOU!



Thanks go this week to **Mr Dickinson** for organising Science Week! The children have had an exciting week of science activities based around the theme of the 'Earth', including an installation of different types of habitat made by the whole school!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 01/03	w/c 08/03
ASH	93.3	91
BEECH	92.8	85.9
CHERRY	92.0	97.1
CHESTNUT	94.4	86.4
ELDER	90	93.3
ELM	91.7	92.2
HAZEL	94.8	95
HAWTHORN	96.4	95.2
HORNBEAM	95	93.3
LARCH	96.54	95.6
LIME	95.2	87.4
LABURNUM	96.52	93.5

SPRING CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Come and have fun making and decorating cards, baskets, eggs and other Easter treat activities with your child on **Wednesday, 24th March, 3.15-5.15pm** in the **Dining Hall**. Please contact the school office to book your family onto this fun event, which is being run by the Hertfordshire Adult & Family Learning Service.

NESTLE BOX TOPS

This year's Box Tops Scheme closes at the end of March, so please have a look in your cupboards for any food packets which have tokens on and send them into school asap.

DOES YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

Take part in an interview for the NSPCC and receive a £10 voucher!

The NSPCC and Children England have created a service called **Safe Network**, which aims to advise, train and support voluntary organisations (such as churches, sports and drama groups) to keep children in their care safe.

They would like to speak to parents in order to get their views about what they think makes an organisation a good and safe place for their child and ask them about any 'out of school' activities they attend.

The 10-15 minute telephone interview will take place at a convenient time to you and you will receive a £10 voucher for your time.

For more information contact the Safe Networks Evaluation Team :

Email safenetworksevaluation@NSPCC.org.uk or call Nicola on 020 7825 2511 (Mon-Weds). You will be asked for a contact number and a couple of convenient times to call you.

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

Weds, 31st March FS/KS1 : 4.00-5.00pm KS2 : 4.00-5.15pm	FoF Easter Disco FS/KS1 Lower Hall KS2 Upper Hall
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, 24 th to Friday, 28 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term
Weds, 24 th March 3.15pm – 5.15pm	Spring Crafts Workshop
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term
Monday, 7 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 15th June	Year 1 to Legoland
Thursday, 1 st July	INSET Day
Friday, 2 nd July	Occasional Day
Friday, 23 rd July	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish