

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our pupils have set up accounts on a variety of social networking and chat sites, including Facebook, Bebo, Twitter, MySpace and msn. As I am sure you are aware, the minimum age required to set up a 'Facebook' account is **13** and in accordance with the stance we take within school about e-safety, I would ask you to consider carefully whether it is appropriate for our pupils to be engaging with platforms designed for teenagers and adults. The use of such sites is something you need to discuss with your children at the appropriate age – including the dangers of inappropriate befriending of strangers and cyberbullying.

In particular, I would urge you to find out if your children are using Facebook and, if they are, think about whether it is appropriate. At the very least, you should ensure their privacy settings are set at a safe level. If you have any concerns related to e-safety, I would be more than willing to discuss these with you.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 20th April.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

A group of our Reception children took part in a Gymnastics Festival at Marriotts School Gym Centre last Thursday. They all worked very hard, earning themselves a gold award certificate – well done!

CHEERLEADING DANCE CLUB

Well done to our Thursday Cheerleaders, who took part in a Dance Festival at Almond Hill School last Friday. The 'Fairlands Fairies' all did us proud and busted some great moves!

THANK YOU!



To **Miss Morgan** for organising last week's Gym Festival and Dance Competition.

All the children who took part had a wonderful time doing exciting gymnastic activities and dance moves!

YEAR 3/4 EASTER CRAFTS

Yesterday, Year 3/4 took part in some Easter Workshops at Holy Trinity Church where they listened to the Easter story, talked about friendship issues and who they would talk to if they had a problem. They also planted a sunflower seed, which they have all taken home to grow.

YEAR 1 'IN THE GARDEN' DAY

There were lots of bugs, gnomes, flowers and fairies in Year 1 on Tuesday, as the children and teachers came to school dressed as 'something from the garden'. They spent the morning doing garden art activities, planting seeds, looking for signs of Spring and making Easter crispy cakes. In the afternoon they had an Easter egg hunt, which was won by Natavan Wilson and Alfie James, and took part in a sponsored obstacle course, to raise money to develop the Year 1 outdoor area.

EASTER DISCO

A good time was had by all at last night's Easter Discos and there were some fantastic fancy dress outfits. Thank you to the Friends of Fairlands for organising the event, and to the staff who helped out.

EASTER HAT COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who took part in today's Easter Hat competition. There were some very imaginative designs. Congratulations to all the class winners. Thank you to Mrs Denis for organising the competition.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Alissa Crew and Louisa Thomas (both in ASH) for achieving Gymnastics Awards at their Gym Club. Alissa gained Levels 6 & 7 and Louisa gained Level 3.

NURSERY ALLOCATION RESPONSE FORMS

Parents should have received their Nursery Place offers yesterday. Please send your allocation response forms back to school no later than **Friday, 23rd April**.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 15/03	w/c 22/03
ASH	95.3	89.3
BEECH	93.4	95.9
CHERRY	92.1	91.2
CHESTNUT	96	92.7
ELDER	90.8	86.2
ELM	80.9	90.9
HAZEL	95	94.6
HAWTHORN	90.4	90.8
HORNBEAM	86.7	99.6
LARCH	92.3	96.5
LIME	91.3	98.3
LABURNUM	96.1	95.7

BRAZILIAN PERCUSSION

Fancy a go at a little Brazilian percussion? You don't need to be musical, just go along for some fun! For ages 7 - 19. **Tuesday, 6th April, 2pm - 4pm** at NHMEF, Whinbush Rd, Hitchin. Contact 01462 440224 to reserve a space or email aiminghigh@btconnect.com

FREE! INDIAN DHOL WORKSHOP

Taking place on **Monday, 12th April, 2pm - 4pm**. For ages 7 - 13. At NHMEF, Unity House, Whinbush Rd, Hitchin. Contact 01462 440224 to reserve a space or email aiminghigh@btconnect.com

STEVENAGE & NORTH HERTS ATHLETICS CLUB

An introduction to athletics for Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 pupils, in partnership with Stevenage School Sports Partnership & N. Herts School Sports Partnership. At Ridlins Athletics Stadium, Woodcock Rd, Stevenage on **Mondays 19th & 26th April, 10th, 17th & 24th May**. Events offered; sprints, hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot putt, discus and javelin. Contact Jill Eaton at jilleaton1@aol.com or Ros Cramp at rospdm@yahoo.co.uk

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD	
Monday, 19 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday, 20 th April	Return to school
Thursday, 22nd April 6.00 - 7.00pm	Yr 4 meeting for Cuffley Camp parents/pupils
Thurs, 29th April : 5 weeks 9.15 -11.15am	Parentlineplus Course : Bringing Up Confident Children
Monday, 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday, 6th May 9.05 - 10.30am	Parent Forum
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
Monday, 7 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 15 th 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

