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Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Survey 2010!

To help us know what you think about different aspects of school life, next week, all children will be bringing home a yellow questionnaire for parents to complete and a brown envelope in which to return it to school. The questionnaire should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please could I ask parents to complete one questionnaire for each of your children and **return it back to us before Friday, 14th May**. To ensure confidentiality, we will then send all the envelopes away, unopened, to an independent company who collate the results for us. Thank you in advance for your help!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week has to go to **Mrs Julie Dunthorne**, the school secretary.

She had a very busy week last week, running the office all by herself because Mrs Sandover was trapped abroad due to the volcanic ash cloud!

Thank you as well to **Mrs Pateman & Mrs Biggs**, who also helped out.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 29/03	w/c 19/04
ASH	76	92
BEECH	93.1	92.4
CHERRY	89.6	95
CHESTNUT	98.5	97.2
ELDER	92.9	98.8
ELM	90.9	97.4
HAZEL	88.75	97.2
HAWTHORN	95.6	96.8
HORNBEAM	89.6	96.3
LARCH	93.8	97.3
LIME	97.4	98.3
LABURNUM	91.3	98.7

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum meeting will take place in the Upper Building on **Thursday, 6th May**. Mr Staples would very much like you to join him for coffee and a chat from **9.05 – 10.30am**. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and discuss any ideas/issues you have about the school, good or bad.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Proofs of class photographs were sent home last week. If you are not ordering on-line, please remember to return your order to school, with the correct payment enclosed in the plastic envelope, **by Thursday, 6th May**.

FoF QUIZ NIGHT

The Friends of Fairlands are holding one of their very popular Quiz Nights on **Friday, 7th May (7.00 for a 7.30pm start)** with a **£50 prize** for the winning team!

Teams of up to 8 people are invited to take part. Tickets cost **£6.50** per person and include a chip supper (You will need to bring your own refreshments, including alcohol. Tea & coffee will be available to purchase). Please send your booking form (and money) into school by **Tuesday, 4th May** and don't forget to put your team name on the slip.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS

The Quiz Night is just one of many events the Friends organise each year to help raise money for the school. The number of parents who are involved with the Friends has dwindled recently and, in order to keep this invaluable group up and running, they badly need some new members. The Friends are meeting at **6.30pm on Monday, 10th May** in the Dining Hall, and would welcome anyone who is interested in either being on the committee or helping with events to join them for a chat.

FUN WITH STORIES

On **Monday, 10th May**, Bridge Road Children's Centre are holding a story and craft session for parents and carers with children aged 0-4 in the **Lower Hall** between **9.15 and 11.15am**. No need to book – just drop-in. Bring along your favourite book to this **FREE** fun session.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Isabelle Paul (Hazel), who passed her Grade 2 ballet exam, with distinction.

BEAT THE GOALIE

As part of his college course, one of our ex-pupils, Sam Pateman, has organised a 'Beat the Goalie' session at North Herts College, Cambridge Road, Hitchin (sports college) on **Sunday, 9th May**, between **11am and 4pm** to raise money for Cancer Research. If you think you've got what it takes to beat the goalie and win an amazing prize, please go along and support Sam if you can.

TESCO & SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are doing really well with this year's schemes. So far, we have collected 11,600 Tesco vouchers (being issued in store until **Sunday, 9th May**) and 6,000 Sainsbury's vouchers.

FLORA COOKING FOR SCHOOLS

Please register any tokens by **Wednesday, 5th May**. Tokens can be found on the foil lids of packs of Flora – either visit www.cookingwithschools.com to register your tokens, or send them in school (please clean them first!) We will be ordering cooking equipment which will be used both for our new Cooking Club and Creative Curriculum Time.

SBFC PLAY ON THE PITCH SOCCER CAMP

Stevenage Borough FC in the Community is pleased to announce it will be holding another **Play on the Pitch Soccer Camp** on **Tuesday 11th May**. Following the success of last year's event which sold out within two days of its release, SBFC in the Community would like to invite pupils to attend one of the following three Soccer Camps:

Soccer Camp 1 - Ages 3 & 4 – 4pm-5pm - £10.00

Soccer Camp 2 - Ages 5-12 – 4pm-5pm - £10.00

Soccer Camp 3 - Ages 5-12 – 5pm-7pm - £20.00

Book online at www.theboroshop.com

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

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, 10th May 9.15 – 11.15am Lower Hall	'Fun With Stories' Story & Craft Session
w/c 17th May	Walk to School Week
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term
Thursday, 27th May	Yr 2 to Whipsnade
Monday, 7 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 15 th June	Yr 1 to Legoland
Wednesday, 30th June	Sports Day
Thursday, 1 st July	INSET Day
Friday, 2 nd July	Occasional Day
Friday, 23 rd July	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish