

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed and returned the questionnaires we have sent out recently. I know there have been several all at once for one thing and another – apologies for this, but I am sure you agree that it is really important that parents & carers have a chance to share their views on what is going on in the school. I look forward to being able to tell you the results of the surveys in the next few weeks.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

MULTI SKILLS SPORTS FESTIVAL

Our Year 4 and Reception classes have both recently been to Barclay School to take part in Multi Skills Sports Festival events arranged by the Young Sports Leaders. Activities included football, cricket, hurdling, tennis and basket ball for Year 4 and throwing/catching skills and relay races for Reception. We were all able to learn lots of new skills that will prove valuable in PE lessons, at sports day and in the playground.

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to the **Year 1 staff – Mrs Lord, Miss Thompson, Mrs Biggs and Mrs Alexander** - for coming into school last Saturday to create the wonderful garden area

outside Year 1.

Thanks also go to **the parents** who turned up to help with the designing, digging and planting, and to **Mr Dayton** for finishing it all off by making a beautiful bird table!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 26/04	w/c 4/05
ASH	92.3	88.3
BEECH	96.2	93.8
CHERRY	95.4	96.8
CHESTNUT	98	96
ELDER	96.7	93.7
ELM	99.1	94.8
HAZEL	96.5	95.7
HAWTHORN	96.2	94.2
HORNBEAM	94.6	94.2
LARCH	95	98.1
LIME	94.6	96.7
LABURNUM	91	88.2

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week is National Walk to School Week, so why not leave the car at home, or park a little way from school, and enjoy a stroll with the children into school?

Leaving the car at home and walking to and from school is not only healthier both for you and the environment, but helps prevent congestion around school gates, which we know is an ongoing issue. You can also see it as an opportunity to share some quality time with your child, talking about their learning and how they are getting on at school!

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

As part of Walk to School Week, HCC are running a photographic competition which could win a £500 voucher for photographic equipment for the school. **Children** have been asked to take digital photos of special landmarks they pass on their journeys to and from school in the following categories :

1. Man made structures (e.g. bridges, towers, churches, etc).
2. Something (or someone) living (e.g. trees, rivers, your school crossing patrol). Please do not take pictures of children as we will not be able to use them.

The overall winning photos will be used by HCC to make a calendar and must be of the highest resolution possible.

Email your favourite photograph to admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk by Monday, 24th May, with your name and a brief explanation of what the picture is of. Mr Staples will pick 4 photos to be entered into the competition.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Jochelle Felix (CHESTNUT), who has passed her UK Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 10.

TRINITY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Holy Trinity Church are holding their Trinity Festival Weekend on **May 29th, 30th & 31st**. Children – take your parents along – they'll enjoy it as much as you will! There will be lots to do, see and learn about God's wonderful world.

Children can have a go at a fun flower arranging competition – pots and flowers provided. Book token prizes to be won.

CHILDREN'S MARTIAL ARTS

Kempo Ju-Jitsu is an all round martial art which builds confidence, motivates and improves fitness and teaches children heightened awareness. Classes are run on Sundays from 5-6pm at Shephall Leisure Centre, Barnwell, for children aged 7 - 14. For more details call 07767 260510 or log on to www.zenkempo.co.uk (leaflets available in upper building foyer).

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

w/c 17 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday, 20 th May	Hornbeam Class to Therfield School
Thursday, 20 th May 3.30 – 6.00pm	Open Evening
Thursday, 20 th May 4.00 – 6.00pm	Writing Your Memoirs (FREE workshop)
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Thursday, 27 th May	Yr 2 to Whipsnade
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term
Monday, 7 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 15 th June	Yr 1 to Legoland
Wednesday, 16 th June	Fathers Day Present Room
Thursday, 17 th June 9.05 – 10.30am	Parent Forum
Wednesday, 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday, 1 st July	INSET Day
Friday, 2 nd July	Occasional Day
Thursday, 8 th July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Friday, 9 th July	Foundation Stage : Shepreth Wildlife Park
Sunday, 11 th July 11.am – 2.00pm	Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre
Friday, 23 rd July	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish