

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 return to school today, having had a fantastic week at Cuffley Camp. The children have enjoyed a huge variety of activities including mountain biking, circus skills, art in the environment, problem solving and pond dipping, ending each evening around the campfire. **Thank you to Mr Tweeddell and Mrs Walker** for looking after them all and to the staff who have been out to visit them in the evenings.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 8th June.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

NON SCHOOL-UNIFORM DAY

The Friends of Fairlands would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who took part in our non-school uniform day, and brought a bottle in for the Summer Fayre, which will take place on **Sunday, 11th July** from **11.00am to 2.00pm** - make a note in your diary now!

VISIT TO THERFIELD SCHOOL

Last Thursday, Hornbeam Class enjoyed an excellent day at Therfield First School, near Royston, which they visited as part of their Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) curriculum.

We were warmly welcomed and well looked after. The children spent the day working with the older pupils of this village school and enjoying many aspects of its environment, including local woodland and heath land habitat.

A WALK IN THE WOODS

On Tuesday morning, Ash and Beech classes walked to Woolenwick School to look around their nature trail. They had a fabulous time looking at an insect hotel, a herb garden, a butterfly zone and a bird hide. They have come back with lots of ideas of things to introduce to our natural environment. The children would like to thank all the parents who accompanied them on their long walk!

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Well done to Elm and Elder classes who, as part of the Year 2 topic 'Two by Two', treated us all to a wonderful performance of their play 'Noah and the Flood'.

BELL BOAT FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 entered two teams to the Bell Boat Festival at Fairlands Valley Park. We all had a great time paddling the six-man boats in a race over the length of the boating lake. Both teams put in a great deal of effort to come second in both of our races and nobody got too wet!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to **Miss Verlander** and **Miss Studman** for organising Year 2's trip to Whipsnade Zoo yesterday.

The children learnt lots of information about animals to support their leaning and their topic 'Two by Two'. They all behaved beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

DANCE WORKSHOPS

Over the last two weeks, the whole school have enjoyed taking part in some Street Dance Workshops, run by Charlotte Mason from Diamond Dolls Dance Classes. Visit www.thediamonddolls.co.uk for more information on local dance lessons.

SCHOOL DANCE TOUR

Yesterday afternoon the children were all treated to a dance show, performed by a group of BTEC National Diploma Students from Marriots School.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 10/5	w/c 17/5
ASH	94.5	96.9
BEECH	87.2	94.1
CHERRY	96.4	94.2
CHESTNUT	97.2	92
ELDER	91.7	94.2
ELM	93	98.7
HAZEL	96.5	95.2
HAWTHORN	88.7	86.2
HORNBEAM	96.7	99.6
LARCH	90	90.4
LIME	98.3	91.7
LABURNUM	97.7	96.8

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Well done to Jago Foord (Chestnut), who sent us some photographs which he and his sister, Tessa, took on their way to school during Walk to School Week. We have entered 2 of his photographs into the competition – good luck Jago!

DO YOU WANT A FREE COMPUTER?

The Home Access Grant 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. If you think you might be eligible and would like to know more about this grant please contact Mrs Trafford, via the school office, as soon as possible.

RENEWAL OF APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child/children already receive free school meals, then Hertfordshire County Council will be running an automated renewals process in early June (following last year's successful process).

As long as you still qualify then free school meals will continue for the new academic year (ie from September 2010 to July 2011) and you do not need to reapply.

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

Monday, 7th June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 15 th June	Yr 1 to Legoland
Tuesday, 15th June 5.30pm	New to Nursery Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 16 th June	Fathers Day Present Room
Thursday, 17 th June 9.05 – 10.30am	Parent Forum
Tuesday, 22nd June 5.30pm	Nursery to Reception Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday, 1st July	INSET Day
Friday, 2nd July	Occasional Day
Thursday, 8 th July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Thursday, 8th July	Class Changeover Day
Friday, 9 th July	Foundation Stage : Shepreth Wildlife Park
Sunday, 11 th July 11.am – 2.00pm	Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre
Monday, 19th July	Children's Reports Out
Wednesday, 21st July	Year 3/4 to London Zoo
Friday, 23rd July	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish