

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

A few parents have asked me what is happening with regard to the proposal to expand Fairlands to three forms of entry, as there has been no news recently. The outcomes of the consultation are currently being prepared and will be presented to the HCC Education Panel on the 15th March, with recommendations then going to Cabinet on 21st March. Cabinet will then publish 'statutory notices' for planning permission etc., with final decisions being made in June. In the meantime, we are continuing to plan ahead and work with the council to make sure the plans include good quality provision for the children at Fairlands. If you have any ideas, or concerns, please do come and see me or come along to next Thursday's Parent Forum.

Also, a quick reminder: please **make sure you have completed the parent survey** - it needs to be returned to school **BEFORE 25th March**. Last year, we had a good response - 173 families out of 269. Let's see if we can have even more this year!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

WORLD MATHS DAY

Last Tuesday the children enjoyed a day of maths: collecting data with SEAL buddies, learning French numbers, playing French maths games, solving French word problems, making French board games, playing games and taking part in the World Maths Day On-line Challenge. Congratulations to everybody for a wonderful day.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Fairlands boys and girls teams both came up against some tough competition last Tuesday in the Wix Tournament held at Giles and Codicote schools. They were up against some of the top teams in the premier division and, although they gave it their all, they came up short. If it had not been for the crossbar and post, the boys may have won a game but, as it was, they lost all four matches. Despite some great defending by Radhika Chamdal, the girls only won one of their matches (3-1, with 2 goals from Brooke Logan and 1 from Georgie-Lee Blackham). Hopefully, the boys will have better luck in their next game against Larwood School next Wednesday.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum is being held on **Thursday, 17th March, 9.00-10.00am** in the Upper Building. Please come along and join other parents/carers to discuss your thoughts about the school, good or bad!

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The children will be having their class photos taken **next Thursday**, so please ensure they are all in full school uniform that day (as they should be every day!).

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to all the **TEACHERS** for preparing and delivering parent consultations this week!

It is hard work for all staff, but I think a special mention should go to the **Nursery staff**, who enjoyed a marathon of 54 consultations, lasting around 10 hours!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 14/2	w/c 28/2
ASH	95.2	96.7
BEECH	94.3	97.3
CHERRY	93.2	93.6
CHESTNUT	92.7	95.7
ELDER	96.5	93.8
ELM	95.4	96.7
HAZEL	96	94.4
HORNBEAM	97.2	93.6
LIME	95.6	92.2
LARCH	94.7	93.7
PINE	95.6	95
POPLAR	98.1	89.4
WILLOW	93.9	93.9

WELL DONE

Well done to Callum Hurren and Alice Hannaford (Willow class) who have both passed their Stage 8 swimming award and have also achieved their 1000 meter swimming certificate.

WISEPAY

Did you know that you can now pay for dinner money/milk or school trips online using your debit card.

The Wisepay system has been running since November, and has been successfully used by many parents. We would, however like to reduce the amount of cash transactions being made at the office, so would urge you to give it a go!

Parents who do not have access to the internet are welcome to come into the school office and use a computer. Mrs Sandover will be available to help you if needed, but please avoid the early morning rush. If you have mislaid your letter with your log on details, please contact the office for a reminder.

APPLYING FOR A NURSERY PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2011/ JANUARY 2012

If your child was born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008, you can now apply on-line for their nursery place.

If you would like to look around the nursery setting, we are holding one more 'open session' for prospective parents on Friday, 18th March between 1.30 and 2.30pm. Please contact the school office if you wish to book a place.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline Friday, 1st April.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come to the office and use a computer. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help you, if needed, but please contact her to arrange a convenient time.

FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am to 8.50am each school day morning in the dining hall.

Cost : £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book - just turn up on the morning.

Your child will receive a healthy breakfast and professional childcare in a safe and friendly environment, giving them an opportunity to socialise with other children from all areas of the school.

HERTFORDSHIRE SONGWRITER 2012 COMPETITION

Herts Music Service are running a FREE Song-writing Workshop for children aged 8-11 on **Tuesday, 15th March** from **3.30-5.30pm** at **Trotts Hills School, Wisden Road**. Learn to improve your song-writing skills and produce a new track to enter in the Songwriter 2012 Competition. To book your FREE place phone 01438202806 or email the.mix@hertscc.gov.uk www.hertsmusic.org.uk/songwriter2012

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

Thursday, 17th March 9.00-10.00am	Parent Forum
Thursday, 17th March	Class Photographs
Friday, 18 th March 1.30 - 2.30pm	Nursery Open Afternoon for parents applying for Sept 11/Jan 12
Monday, 28th March	Mothers Day Present Room
Friday, 1 st April	Closing Date for On-line Nursery Applications
Monday, 4th April	Primary School Allocation Day
Thursday, 7th April FS & KS1 : 5.00-6.00pm KS2 : 5.00-6.15pm	FoF Easter Discos
Friday, 8 th April	Last day of term : School finishes at 2.15pm
Tuesday, 26th April	INSET
Wednesday, 27th April	Return to School
Friday, 29th April	ROYAL WEDDING
Monday, 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5th May	Nursery Allocation Day
Monday 9th to Friday, 13th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday, 27th May	Last Day of Half Term