

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We had a very busy day on Thursday - the whole school was involved in solving **The Case of the Stolen Haribo!** Mr Staples' office was ransacked late on Wednesday night and all his Haribo were stolen... the crime scene was left in a terrible mess! The children were asked to gather evidence and then complete a piece of writing to help solve the case. The children also had to make sure that their piece of writing met their Reaching High Target... so there was a lot to do! All of the poems, stories and news reports were then gathered together and we used all the clues to find the culprit!

Thank you to Miss Verlander for organising such a brilliant day – it was great to see the whole school so 'fired up' about their writing!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to the **Friends of Fairlands**, for organising a fantastic Mothers' Day Present Room and the Easter Disco.

These events do not just 'happen' – there is always a lot of time and work that goes on behind the scenes. It was particularly good to see more and more parents helping out by giving a little bit of time – thank you to you all!

YEAR 5/6 DANCE FESTIVAL

This half term, a group of Year 5 girls have taken part in a Dance Club at school which culminated in a Dance Festival last week at Trotts Hill Primary School. Six schools performed a very varied programme. Our girls worked hard to learn two dances in preparation for this and proudly and confidently performed them at the festival.

SNAKES ALIVE!

The Foundation Stage welcomed 2 snakes into the lower building last Wednesday! Ben James (Ash) and Alfie James (Elm) introduced their pets to the children under the watchful eye of their parents. We had the pleasure of meeting George and Tommy. The children were able to ask our very own snake experts questions about the snakes and there was an opportunity for all children to feel Tommy the 5 foot cornsnake! Both the children and the snakes behaved very well! Staff would like to thank the James family for a very informative hands-on session.

SPONSORED PIRATE DAY

Our Foundation Stage children had a wonderful 'Pirate Day' on Tuesday. Staff and children dressed up in pirate costumes for the sponsored event. They took part in a series of nautical challenges, including walking the plank, going on a treasure hunt and making a message in a bottle. The children had almost as much fun as the staff in raising money. The Foundation Stage are hoping to raise enough money to buy 2 chickens to add to the growing number of pets currently housed in the lower building.

MATHS QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you for the many responses to our Parents Maths Questionnaire. Miss Bridge is currently collating all the information and planning a parents maths evening for the summer term. Further information will follow.

HOLY TRINITY

All children in KS2 enjoyed finding out about Christian Easter traditions and the story of Easter when they visited Holy Trinity Church earlier this week. We would like to thank both the church and Bridge Builders for their organisation and enthusiasm.

PLACES TO PLAY

As part of their 'Places to Play' topic work, Year 1 visited Hampson Park and Fairlands Valley Park this week. The children evaluated and compared the two parks. They had a lovely time and all behaved very well.

YEAR 3 & 4 'WHERE IN THE WORLD' FOOD DAY

On Wednesday children from Years 3 & 4 enjoyed tasting different foods and finding out about how dishes are made and the countries that the ingredients came from.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ms Ndoro, Ms Ellis, Mrs Butt and Miss Diallo – parents who contributed food from different countries around the world and kindly stayed to help out with the food tasting.

This was a wonderful day to end our topic for this half term.

SUMMER 1 REACHING HIGH TARGET 'SPEAK UP'

For the Summer term the whole school will be working towards the target 'I can speak clearly and confidently in front of an audience'. The information leaflet for this will be sent home after the 'Royal Days'.

NURSERY REMINDER

Nursery children are invited to attend nursery **all day** (8.30 – 3.30) on **Wednesday, 27th and Thursday 28th April**.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Just a reminder that we are soon changing to 'Pupils' Choice' school dinners, but **not until Tuesday, 3rd May**.

On Wednesday, 27th April school dinners will be as usual and on **Thursday, 28th April packed lunches will be provided for any child who usually has a hot school dinner**, as, due to work in the kitchen, we are unable to cook that day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will resume as follows after the Easter break :

Tuesday, 3 rd May	FS Multi Skills
	Year 5/6 Boys Football
Wednesday, 4 th May	Cheerleading
	Street Soccer
Thursday, 5 th May	Gymnastics
Monday, 9 th May	Skills 7 Football
	Year 5/6 Girls Football

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Alissa Crew (Chestnut Class) who is taking part in a study about Type 1 diabetes to help her brother Tyler, has this condition. Alissa recently bravely gave a blood sample to the D-GAP study.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 21/3	w/c 28/3
ASH	87	91.7
BEECH	94.3	91
CHERRY	91.1	92.5
CHESTNUT	90	95.3
ELDER	96.2	95
ELM	97.9	88.7
HAZEL	96.8	88.8
HORNBEAM	98	95.8
LIME	93.3	91.7
LARCH	97.4	95.3
PINE	90	93.3
POPLAR	96.5	93.7
WILLOW	97.1	95.2

FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club will re-open on Wednesday, 27th April and runs from 8.00am to 8.50am each school day morning in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book – just turn up on the morning.

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

Tuesday, 26 th April	INSET
Wednesday, 27th April	Return to School. 'The Royals' – Two Day Mini-Topic
Thursday, 28th April	
Friday, 29 th April	BANK HOLIDAY : ROYAL WEDDING
Monday, 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 3rd May	Return to school
Tuesday, 3rd May	Pupils' Choice Meals start today!
Wednesday, 4 th May	Nursery Allocation Day
Wednesday, 4 th May	Cuffley Camp meeting for parents & pupils
Monday 9 th to Friday, 13 th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 23 rd to Friday, 27 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday, 23rd May	Years 3 & 4 to Gibberd Garden
Friday, 27 th May	Last Day of Term
Monday, 6 th June	Return to school