

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware that the old school office has now been converted into our new parents' Community Room. This room is available for parents to use for workshops and meetings, as well as being the base for some of our regular provision, like the weekly Family Learning session for parents with English as an additional language. The weekly parents' coffee morning is also based in the Community Room – please feel free to come along next Friday morning and see the newly refurbished facilities!

Many thanks goes to the Friends of Fairlands for providing the new furniture in the Community Room, including spending several hours making trips to IKEA and putting it all together!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

WOBURN ABBEY JOG

Good luck to staff from Fairlands who are taking part in the Woburn Abbey Jog/Walk this Sunday, in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to one of our governors, **Mrs Julie Jeffries**, who gave up her own time to run a Saturday Community Cooking Event last weekend.

The children had great fun making some healthy meals, including Carrot Couscous Salad and Mango Chicken Pittas. The children were joined by their parents, including several dads.

Thank you, Julie, for making this such a fantastic event!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 16/5	w/c 23/5
ASH	90.3	90
BEECH	95	93
CHERRY	94.6	90
CHESTNUT	92.8	91.7
ELDER	91.9	98.5
ELM	97.6	95.2
HAZEL	94.8	93.2
HORNBEAM	90.8	92.3
LIME	97.4	Cuffley Camp
LARCH	93.9	
PINE	97.8	87.8
POPLAR	93.7	97.5
WILLOW	96.6	93.1

YEAR 3/4 BELL BOAT RACING

Two teams of Year 3/4 children went to Fairlands Lakes before half term to take part in the Bell Boat Racing. Each team raced against the clock with a team from other schools. Although they were not the fastest teams, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

YEAR 6 DRAGON BOAT RACING

Two teams of Year 6 children took part in the Dragon Boat Racing at Fairlands Lakes before half term. They had a fantastic day, despite the heavy rain, and scored some very respectable race times. A good time was had by all and the children were a credit to school.

CUFFLEY CAMP

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Cuffley Camp where lots of fun activities and marshmallows were enjoyed by all! The children who went would thoroughly recommend that all current Year 3 children go next year!

FOUNDATION STAGE TRIP TO STANDALONE FARM

All the children in the Foundation Stage enjoyed a wonderful day at the farm. They spent the day exploring the farm, riding on tractors and feeding goats. At the end of the day all the children sat down and watched the farmer milk a cow. They were amazingly well behaved (unlike the cow!) and the farmer commented on what a fantastic group they were. Well done Fairlands!

CHICKENS!

Over half-term the Foundation Stage welcomed chickens into their ever growing number of pets. Using the money from the very successful sponsored event, the School Council representatives from each class went to Jolleys to buy 3 chickens. The children have loved spending time with their new pets this week and have been busy finding out about how to care for them. After much deliberation the children have named them Cindy, Penny and Whitney. Look out for the eggs which will be on sale soon!

YEAR 5/6 CRICKET

On Tuesday afternoon a team of Year 5 & 6 boys had a fantastic time at the Stevenage Schools Cricket Festival, which took place at Stevenage Cricket Club against 15 other schools. The boys won 2 out of their 3 games and finished 8th overall, with the whole team helping to contribute to their success.

YEAR 3 / 4 TENNIS

Yesterday, four Year 3 & 4 children took part in a Tennis Tournament at Odyssey Health Club. Everyone played really well and displayed great sportsmanship.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Janay Bullock (Beech Class) who passed her 1st ballet exam with Premiere School of Dance. Good luck also to Janay, who is performing in the Dance Festival at the Gordon Craig Theatre in June.

FATHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

This year's Fathers Day Present Room will be held during the school day on **Monday 13th June**.

The Friends of Fairlands are looking for volunteers to help out – if anyone can spare some time during the day, please let the office know.

GAMES LIBRARY

Don't forget our new **Games Library** in the Upper Building - **Tuesdays**, from **3.15pm - 3.45pm**. This is a great opportunity to borrow games for your children to play at home and, in exactly the same way as you would borrow books from a library, you can change them as often as you like.

BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Are you looking for something fun to do with your pre-school child?

Bridge Road Children's Centre has a new weekly Stay and Play group running every **Monday afternoon from 1.00-2.30pm at the children's centre**. There is a small charge of £1 per session, per family to attend, which goes towards new resources for the group and there is a healthy snack on offer each week. There is no need to book – just pop in! If you would like more details please contact Bridge Road www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad

TESCO & SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

So far we have collected **21,302 Tesco** and **13,055 Sainsburys** vouchers, which is fantastic, but we're sure that there are lots more out there tucked away in purses/wallets, glove compartments, etc. **Please have a good look at home and send in any more you find asap.**

Thank you so much to Ailsa Forsyth (parent of Jago and Tessa) for, once again, giving up her spare time to count the vouchers – your help is very much appreciated.

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

Monday, 13th June	Fathers Day Present Room
Tuesday, 14 th June 5.30 - 6.30pm	New to Nursery Parent Meeting
Thursday, 23rd June 9.00 - 10.00am	Parent Forum
Friday, 24th June	Non School Uniform Day
Tuesday, 28 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday, 28 th June 5.30-6.30pm	Nursery to Reception Parents' Meeting
Sunday, 3 rd July 12.00am - 3.00pm	Family Fun Day
Wednesday, 6th July 7.00-8.00pm	Maths Calculation Parents Evening
Thursday, 7 th July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Tuesday, 12 th July 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Open Evening
Wednesday, 13th July	Year 1 to Woburn
Thursday, 14th July	Year 2 to Whipsnade
Thursday, 14 th July	School Reports being sent home
Friday, 22 nd July	End of Summer Term : 2.15 finish
Friday, 1st September	INSET Day
Monday, 5th September	Return to School