

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your cooperation this week, with the school being closed due to strike action. We never take it lightly when making a decision about school closure, so your understanding is always appreciated. With the winter months well and truly here, it is probably a good time to remind you that the best place to find out whether the school is open or not is the school website www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk. You can also double check on www.hertsdirect.org or listen in to the announcements on Jack.FM radio station.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to the **Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 staff** for all their hard work in preparing for their Christmas Productions.

It is lovely to see the children having such fun performing to parents!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 14/11	w/c 21/11
ASH	89	90.3
BEECH	86.6	84.8
CHERRY	96.4	94.3
CHESTNUT	89.6	96.8
ELDER	90.8	91.2
ELM	90.8	92.7
HAZEL	93.8	96.2
HORNBEAM	96	99.2
LARCH	92.9	92.9
LIME	98.1	95
PINE	95.9	97.1
POPLAR	92.4	94.7
WALNUT	98.1	91.2
WILLOW	92.5	87.5

FEED MY IN-BOX

You can receive live RSS feeds from the school website straight to your own email, so you get an alert every time the main news story changes – just go to - www.feedmyinbox.com – to set this up really simply. This is completely free if you only do it for one website.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to everyone who came to school wearing something spotty for Children in Need. We raised £270 – thank you for your support.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our Reception and Year 1 children had a wonderful morning at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Tuesday when they went to see Beauty and the Beast – oh yes they did! Thank you to all the parents who helped out for the morning.

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

If your child does not usually have school dinners and you would like him/her to have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 14th December, please ensure you book their meal at the office by next **Monday (5th Dec) at the latest**.

CUFFLEY CAMP 2012

Cuffley camp is now completely full – unfortunately, anyone who hasn't yet secured their place by sending in their deposit will not now get a place.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Just a reminder that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, you should keep them off of school for a period of 24 hours after the last bout of illness.

PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Please can I remind parents/carers to park considerately and carefully in Pound Avenue at the start and end of the school day, to avoid a serious accident. There was a near miss last week, when a car mounted the pavement and almost struck a child. Please do not park on the pavements, zig zag lines or bends.

JUMPERS AND COATS

Although we are enjoying unseasonably warm weather at the moment, it is important to ensure that your child comes to school with a school jumper and a coat. The children are frequently moving between the two buildings and should be wearing a jumper when doing so and should have a coat in school for break and lunchtimes.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2012-13?

If your child was born between **1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2012-13.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2012**. Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come into the office and use a computer.

SPRING MEADOWS HOLIDAY CLUB

Spring Meadows holiday club is based at The Barclay School - **open Monday 19th to Friday 23rd December, 7.50am - 6.15pm.** £3 per hour (£2.50 sibling rate). Activities include den building, pool table, face painting, arts & crafts, Christmas activities, cooking, costume making and much more! Trips out to be confirmed. For more information and to book contact Louise Prior at louise@springmeadows.co.uk on 07738 570321.

NESTLES BOX TOPS

We are still collecting Nestles Box Tops, which we exchange for cash, which we use to purchase things to improve the children's learning environment. Please keep sending your tokens in.

INSET DAYS

Please be aware that there is now only one INSET day in February - school will only be closed on **Monday 20th February**. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

Tuesday 6 th December 6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 7 th Dec 2.00 & 6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 9th Dec	Year 5/6 to RAF Hendon
Tuesday 13 th Dec 10.00am	Year 3 & 5 Carol Concert
Tuesday 13 th Dec 2.15pm	Year 4 & 6 Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Thursday 15 th Dec	FS & KS1 Parties & KS2 Talent Show
Friday 16 th December	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET Day
Weds 4th January	INSET Day
Thursday 5th January	Return to School
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	INSET Day
Friday 30 th March	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 2 nd to Friday 13 th April	Easter Break
w/c 14th May	YEAR 6 SATS
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th June	Half Term
Monday 11th to Friday 15th June	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Friday 29th June	Occasional Day
Monday 2nd July	Occasional Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Term : 2.15 finish