

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

The building project is starting next week... we hope! On Monday, an archaeologist is coming to the school to dig some test pits around both sites. Depending on what they find, building works will be authorised to commence towards the end of the week, so you will start to see hoardings going up to separate off the builders' compounds. Please bear with us as we get the project underway. If you have any concerns at all, particularly regarding site safety, do come and tell me and I will get any issues addressed immediately. I will be having a weekly meeting with the contractors, so I will try to keep you updated as the project progresses. Exciting times!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Miss Emily Thompson** for running Apps Club!

This has been a really interesting project, where the children have been working with a software developer to create new Apps for the I pads and I phones. They have been coming up with some very interesting ideas, so look out for more information later this year.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 12/12
ASH	89.7
BEECH	90.3
CHERRY	92.5
CHESTNUT	86.6
ELDER	92.3
ELM	95
HAZEL	91.5
HORNBEAM	93.2
LARCH	94.6
LIME	95
PINE	94.1
POPLAR	94.1
WALNUT	93.1
WILLOW	90.6

SCHOOL JOURNEY TO LIDDINGTON

Please can I remind **Year 5 parents** that, if you would like your child to go on the school journey from 14th to 17th September 2012, the first deposit of **£25** should be paid by **Friday, 20th January**,

HAVE YOU GOT A NEW MOBILE PHONE ?

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details on file, so that we can always contact you if your child is unwell.

If your mobile phone is new and you no longer have a use for your old one, **please consider donating it to the school**, as **Family Lives**, our parent support group, who are a registered charity, **are now able to claim 50% commission for recycling them.**

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will be held on **Thursday, 19th January, 9.00 – 10.00am** in the headteacher's office. All parent/carers are invited to come along to this group, who meet regularly to discuss their ideas about the school.

IT'S A DAD'S LIFE

Sara Hassell, Parent Support Worker from Family Lives, is running a **one-off workshop from 7.00 – 9.00pm on Thursday, 19th January** in the upper building **just for dad's.**

This course will give dads the opportunity to meet up with Family Lives to discuss the different roles and responsibilities of being a father, and help you to understand and manage your child's behaviour, as well as suggesting some stress-busting techniques for you and your family to try at home.

Please book your place either at the school office (01438 351058) or with Sara on 07805 523480.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Janay Bullock, Chestnut class, and Isabelle Paul, Pine class, who were both presented awards by the Premiere School of Dance at their presentation evening just before Christmas.

Janay received a "Musicality" award and trophy for doing exceptionally well in ballet in 2011, moving up 2 classes within the year. She also received her ballet certificate and medal for passing her exam.

Isabelle was awarded "Dancer of the Year". This is the biggest award they give each year.

Both girls' friends and families are extremely proud of their success.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice in school is an on-going problem, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

The wet-combing method is the recommended preventative method and head lice may be cleared over a two-week period:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2013/14

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2013/14 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community groups.

The main change proposed is to allow an increase in the number of preferences from three to four, i.e. parents will be able to apply to four schools, as opposed to only three as currently. Views are also being sought on:

- A rule to prioritise children of school staff
- Amending the priority area rules and "nearest" school definitions
- Other proposals for the treatment of twins/multiple births, a single sex priority area and in year admissions

The consultation period runs until 29 Feb 2012. Visit www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2013 for more information and to respond online, or call Mini Harish on 01992 555840 for a copy of the consultation document.

H.A.N.D. NEWS

H.A.N.D. News is Hertfordshire County Council's free online newsletter with information about benefits, entertainment, activities, support groups, courses and much more for children and young people with additional needs and their parents and carers. We hear from parents, carers and other professionals that they find it an invaluable source of information. You can read the latest version of H.A.N.D. at handnews.hertscc.gov.uk

INSET DAYS

Just a reminder that there is now only one INSET day in February – school will only be closed on **Monday 20th February**.

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

Thursday, 19th January 9.00 – 10.00	PARENT FORUM
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Monday 20 th 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 14 th May	YEAR 6 SATS
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th June	Half Term