

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

The time has come around again for our annual Parent Survey – a questionnaire was sent home with the eldest child of each family on Thursday. **It is so important to hear your views!** We use the results to celebrate what we are doing well and to identify area where we could be even better – I will give full feedback at the next Parent Forum meeting and in the newsletter. PLEASE take 5 minutes to fill this in and return to school by **Friday, 3rd February**. Pupils in KS2 will also complete a survey in school, so we should get a good idea of how we are doing!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **the core group parents that come faithfully to the Parent Forum** each month – you know who you are!

Attendance at these meetings can range from a few to over 50 at one meeting (!) but there is usually a core of parents who come as regularly as they can, to express their views and help move the school forward. Thank you for all your constructive contributions, ideas and to-do lists!

All parents are welcome to drop in to these meetings. No appointment is necessary, so please feel free to just turn up and participate as much or as little as you would like. The next meeting is **Thursday 23rd February at 9am**, so put it in your diary!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 09/01	w/c 16/01
ASH	96	96.3
BEECH	89.3	93.7
CHERRY	85.9	90
CHESTNUT	94.9	91
ELDER	98.5	98.1
ELM	90.4	91.5
HAZEL	94.8	92.2
HORNBEAM	97.7	99.2
LARCH	92.5	98.5
LIME	93.5	96.9
PINE	95.9	92.9
POPLAR	96.5	92.4
WALNUT	90.6	97.1
WILLOW	98.8	99.4

RECEPTION CLASSES VISIT SPECSAVERS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Specsavers in town. Our Reception classes visited them on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They had the chance to try on glasses, sit in the opticians chair and even visit the room where glasses are made!! We were given lots of goodies to use in our opticians in Ash class....so big thanks to Specsavers!!

YEAR 2 SCOOTER DAY

Year 2 brought their scooters to school today as part of their topic 'Ramps and Round Things'. They explored forces, carried out fair tests, took measurements and learnt about scooter safety. They also visited Pound Avenue Garage where they found lots of ramps and round things!

SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN SCHOOL

Whilst on the subject of scooters, please can I remind children who come to school with scooters and bikes **not to ride them in the school grounds** or in the alleyway leading up to the main entrance gates, as this is a health and safety issue when there are so many parents and children in that area.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL DINNER MENU

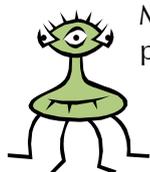
Please note that **Roast Beef** has now been replaced by **Gammon** and **Potato Frittata** is now **Vegetable Grill** on **Wednesdays (Week 3)**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Very well done to Archie Burgess (Hazel) who has won an annual scholarship (worth £900) for Top Hat Stage & Screen School. The auditions were held on 15th Jan at The Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage.

Children took part in drama, singing and dance workshops while judges talent spotted. The Mayor and Consort, Councillor Carol Latif and Mr Quazi Latif presented Archie with his award at his first session at Top Hat Stage School's weekly classes at The John Henry Newman School. Visit www.tophatstageschool.co.uk for more details.

THE STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Many thanks to everyone who took part in the design a Christmas Card competition. The response we received was very poor there were only 5 entries, but all were very good and thank you for taking the time to compete. Winners should collect their prizes from the Credit Union desk on Tuesday.

The overall winner was Rhiannon Le-Petit (Pine class) who will receive £10 for her entry. Well done Rhiannon. The other entrants Grace Yamoah (Poplar), Ben Muggleton (Poplar), Sammy Hawkins (Elm) and Jade Colapietro (Pine) will all receive £5.

If you're not already saving with Credit Union, why not visit them in the Upper Building foyer on Tuesday after school and find out more.

APPLYING FOR A NURSERY PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 you need to apply for their nursery place for September 2012/January 2013.

You should apply for your child's place on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmission from Monday 20th February. Application deadline Sunday 1st April 2012.

Parents/carers who do not have access to the internet can contact the school office to arrange to come in and use one of our computers. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help, if needed.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice continue to be an on-going problem, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced.

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.

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

Wednesday 1st Feb 2.45pm Lower Hall	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
Thursday 2 nd Feb	Year 5/6 H20 WoW Day
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 4 Mad Scientist WoW Day
Monday 6 th Feb	Year 1 Space Voyage Wow Day
Tuesday 7 th Feb	Reaching High Event Day
Wednesday 8th Feb 2.45pm Upper Hall	Year 2 Parents' Assembly
Friday 10 th February	Year 3 Superheroes Wow Day
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 21st February	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wed 22nd February 9.30-11.00am Lower Hall	Under 5s Activity Morning
Thursday 23rd Feb 9.00 - 10.00am	Parent Forum
Monday 27th Feb 7.30-9.30pm	Fairlands Fathers
Monday 5th March 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 7th March 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations