

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, hopefully the sunny weather is finally arriving! Please do remember to apply sunscreen to your child and send them in with a sun hat if the weather is looking particularly pleasant – much of the curriculum involves outside learning these days, so it is very easy for the children to spend a large part of their day outside.

It is a very important week next week for the Year 6 children, as they undertake their SATS assessments in Reading, Writing, and Maths. I have to say that I have been incredibly impressed with their excellent attitude to learning this year – they have been a credit to the school. I am sure that they will all do very well next week and show the good progress they have made whilst they have been at Fairlands. We wish them all the best!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 5 MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL

Last week, 30 Year 5 children took part in a multi-skills sports festival at Barclay School. They had the chance to try lots of exciting sports such as rounders, cricket, speed stacking and football. Luckily the weather held out for them and even Miss Dhillon and Miss Najdowska couldn't resist joining in!

YEAR 2 SCOOTER DAY

Year 2 brought their scooters to school on Wednesday 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 and then, back at school, painted Kandinsky pictures.

YEAR 1 'PLACES TO PLAY'

As an exciting end to our 'Places to Play' topic, Year 1 are going to Clacton on **Tuesday 21st May**. We will be making sandcastles, visiting the pier and looking at the similarities and difference between Stevenage and a seaside town. Please remember to bring your money in for the trip by **next Monday**. We have also been visiting different parks around Stevenage and completing surveys. The children have enjoyed playing on all the park equipment too. Don't miss our class assembly on **Friday 24th May**.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Monday, 20th to Friday 24th May is Walk to School Week. We will be encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school or 'Park and Stride'.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Don't forget to check overleaf for the date of your child's **class assembly**, which parents/carers are invited to come and watch. Please remember that the assemblies start at **2.45pm** and are often very short – so it's important to arrive on time, or you might miss it!

PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Please can I remind parents not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates and, especially, not to park on the pavements where parents and children are walking to and from school, to avoid a serious accident. There is now ample parking and dropping-off space available in our two new car parks.

TREEHOUSE HOLIDAY CLUB

Treehouse After School Club would like to offer a **Holiday Club** during Whitsun half term, but can only do so if there are enough children booked in. **Please contact the school office asap if you are interested.**

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MENU

Please note a change to the school packed lunch menu commencing **Monday 20th May**: **Menu Week 3** – Wednesday will now be EGG ROLL, Thursday will now be CHEESE BAGUETTE.

TRACKS BRING AND BUY SALE

Thank you very much to everyone who supported Ella and Amy's bring and buy sale after school last week. The girls raised over £193.71, which will be donated to TRACKS, which supports autistic children and their families. Well done girls!

ATTENDANCE AWARD		
	w/c 22/4	w/c 29/4
ASH	90	88.2
BEECH	94.8	93.3
BIRCH	93.9	89.6
CHERRY	100	88.3
CHESTNUT	93.7	98.3
ELDER	93.5	97.7
ELM	90.8	87.3
HAZEL	94	96.4
HORNBEAM	95.8	91.7
LIME	96.2	98.8
LARCH	98	98.4
PINE	94	99.6
POPLAR	91.2	91.7
WALNUT	95	91.2
WILLOW	100	92.5

Well done to Willow and Cherry classes, who both achieved 100% attendance w/c 22nd April – each class was awarded a £25 voucher to spend on class resources.

CHILDRENS' HEALTH ISSUES

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA: As there have been a larger than usual number of cases of sickness and diarrhoea in school this week, if your child becomes unwell, please keep them off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness – thank you.

SLAPPED CHEEK: There have been a number of cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome in school recently. This is a viral infection, which initially presents with cold and cough symptoms. Once the rash appears it is no longer infectious and there is no reason for your child to be absent from school, unless they are feeling unwell. If you or your child has a weakened immune system such as sicklecell or you are pregnant and are concerned, please see your GP.

Measles outbreaks and MMR vaccine: As you are aware, there are an increasing number of measles cases and local outbreaks being reported. HCC are encouraging **parents of children aged 10-16** to ensure their children are vaccinated or, if they are unsure whether they have been vaccinated, check with their GP. Parents of **children under this age** need to check with their GP that their children have had two doses of MMR. You can find accurate and reliable information on measles at www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles (NHS Choices website).

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Janay Bullock (Elder) who got a distinction in her Tap exam with 85% and also distinction in her Modern exam with 85%!, and to Chenille Bullock (Poplar) who got a distinction in her Modern exam with 91% and also a distinction in her Tap exam with 97%! The girls both attend Premiere School of Dance, the examiners for these exams were ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing).

CYCLESAFE FAMILY DAY

Families are invited to a CycleSafe Family Day on Saturday 11th May, to mark Road Safety Awareness Week.

The event will take place between 10am and 2pm at Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Longfield Centre, Stevenage, SG1 4AE. And don't forget your bike!

For more information, please contact Kevin McGetrick on 07551 477881 or email kevin.mcgetrick@hertfordshire.gov.uk

TIME TO DANCE AT STEVENAGE MUSEUM

Fancy a bit of body popping? Some jazzy jive? Or a chance to tap like the stars of old. Have a go in these fun dance taster sessions. Try different dance moves from the past.

Pop along to Stevenage Museum on Saturday 11th May, 11am-12noon – **Jive**, 12.15-1.15pm – **Tap** and 1.30-2.30pm – **Street**.

Cost: £3 per class (£2 concessions), or bring a packed lunch and come to all three for £7 (£5.00 concess). Suitable for all ages over 7.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)	
13 th – 16 th May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 14th May	Year 1 & Parents Park Equipment Workshops
Friday 17th May	Year 6 to Cambridge
Monday 20th May	Year 3&4 to Birds of Prey Centre
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 21st May	Year 1 to Clacton
Thursday 23rd May	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st May	Half Term School Closed