

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted visited us last week on Wednesday 3rd - Thursday 4th October 2012!

Everything has gone smoothly but there is now strict confidentiality about sharing the outcomes of the inspection, so we will not be able to do this until the full report is written and published in two weeks' time. This is normal procedure and is nothing to worry about.

Until then, I would like to say an enormous well done and thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work - I am extremely proud of the whole school community. Also, many thanks to the parents who were able to share their views with the inspectors both online and in person - your contributions were invaluable!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Rev. Dave Morris, Mrs Rosemary Biggs & Mrs Dorothy Ansell** for making our Harvest Festival such a special occasion.

We spent time thinking about the global scarcity of water, especially clean water, and its importance to life and food. Rev. Morris was able to share some thought provoking stories from his recent travels around poor areas of Africa.

Thank you too to all the children for bringing in a wonderful selection of Harvest Gifts! We will distribute them as usual to the needy in our local community.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Appointments for next week's Parent/Teacher Consultations were sent home with children yesterday. If you have not received your appointment time, please check your child's book bag or contact the school office.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/carers are invited to the first Parent Forum this term on **Wednesday, 17th October, 9.00 – 10.00am**. Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Walnut and Willow classes both started the school year with 100% for the first week of term and each earned themselves a £25 voucher to spend in classroom resources. Pine class then managed 96.9% the following week, earning them a £15 voucher.

	w/c 24 th Sept	w/c 1 st October
ASH	90.4	90.7
BEECH	91.4	92.5
BIRCH	93.2	92.1
CHERRY	91.3	92.3
CHESTNUT	91.7	91.7
ELM	95.4	96.8
ELDER	93	92.2
HAZEL	94.8	95.6
HORNBEAM	95.2	93.6
LIME	96.9	94.2
LARCH	97.8	92.6
PINE	93.8	92.3
POPLAR	94.6	95.4
WILLOW	91.2	91.9
WALNUT	96.9	95

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

The Fairlands Faces are holding Halloween Discos for the whole school on Friday, 26th October - fancy dress is optional. Tickets will be sent home on Monday 22nd October.

Although you can pay on the door, it's not too late to send your child's ticket request into school (in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and 'Halloween Disco').

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

The school has 2 Parent Governor vacancies. If anyone is considering becoming a parent governor and would like more information about this important role, please let the school office know and they will put you in contact with a present member of the governing body. **Closing date for nominations is 3.30pm on Friday, 19th October.**

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of Fairlands Fathers will take place on **Monday 22nd October** from **7.30 – 9.30pm** in the **Family Room (lower building)**. Why not pop in and join us for a coffee and a chat? It would be great to see a few more dads at our meetings. We chat about a whole range of 'dads' subjects and there is no agenda. Don't worry if you can't be there at 7.30 or can't stay the whole time – it would just be good to see you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents can now apply for their child's secondary school place on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. **Closing date Wednesday, 31st October.** If you do not have internet access at home, you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help, if needed.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please can I remind parents not to bring their dogs into the school grounds at the start/end of the school day, even if they are being carried. Thank you for your co-operation.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

Bridge Road Children's Centre has two one-off workshops – **Healthy Packed Lunches** - taking place on **17th October and 24th October (1pm-2.45pm)**. If you would like to have a go at making some easy healthy snacks in the Centre with your under 5 – or on your own if your child will be at nursery or pre-school – please contact Lucy in the Children's Centre to book a place on 01438 202692

BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS

We continue to collect Nestle Box Tops, which can be found on some cereal packs. Please cut out and send in any tokens by Friday, 19th October, in time for the next bonus banking!

CINEWORLD

We are planning to take the whole school to the cinema on **Friday, 19th October**. The film we are seeing will be a PG. Please notify us if you do not wish your child to take part in this event.

The Roman Activity day for Year 4 has now been moved to Wednesday, 5th December.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October (last week of half term) will be **Walk to School Week**. We will be encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school or 'Park and Stride'.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)	
Friday 12 th to Weds 17 th Oct	Book Fair in school
Monday 15 th Oct 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent Consultations (not ASH Class)
Wednesday 17 th Oct 9.00-10.00am	Parent Forum
Wednesday 17 th Oct 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 19th October	Whole School to Cineworld
Friday 19th October 3.30pm	Closing date for Parent Governor nominations
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October	Walk to School Week
Monday 22nd October 5.30 – 8.00pm	Ash Class Parent Consultations
Monday 22nd October 7.30 – 9.30pm	Fairlands Fathers
Weds 24 th October 9-11am Lower Hall	Under 5s Activity Morning
Thurs 25 th Oct 2.45pm	Reception Parents' Class Assembly
Friday 26 th Oct N-Yr 4: 4.30-5.30pm Yr 5&6: 6.15-7.30pm	Halloween Discos
Mon 29 th Oct to Friday 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Thursday 15 th Nov	Year 3 Parents' Assembly
Thursday 22 nd Nov	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
Weds 5th December	Yr 4 Portals to the Past
Friday 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish