

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to tell you that we are going to be having the whole roof refurbished on both the upper and lower building in the summer – so hopefully no more leaking roofs in the school! This is a considerable project, costing the best part of £700,000, which is being funded centrally by Herts County Council. Please be aware that, at some point, scaffolding will be erected and there may be areas of the site that become temporarily unusable. We will keep you posted!

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday, 3rd June.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

SALAD CART

Last Friday, Reception really enjoyed helping cook prepare the salad cart. They learnt about food hygiene and preparation before grating carrots, slicing cucumber and celery and cutting lettuce. The whole school enjoyed the delicious, healthy spread!

POST OFFICE TRIP

Reception walked to the post office to post some very important letters. They had the opportunity to weigh the letters and buy stamps before posting in the box. Both passers by and Post Office staff commented on how well all the children behaved. Congratulations Reception!

YEAR 6 TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE

Last Friday, following a hard week of SATs, Year 6 took a well-earned trip to Cambridge on the train. As part of their Wild Kingdom topic they visited the museum of Zoology to look at the adaptation of animals throughout history before taking part in a Polar workshop at the Scott institute for polar research. They also took time to look around Emmanuel College where many of the children are now hoping to go.

BIRDS OF PREY CENTRE

On Monday, Year 3 and the Year 4 who weren't at Cuffley Camp had a fantastic day out at the Birds of Prey Centre in Old Warden. Every child had the opportunity to not only learn about some of the many species of birds, but also to handle and fly them.

"OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!"

On Tuesday Year 1 went to Clacton for the day. We enjoyed making sandcastles, going for a paddle in the very cold sea and walking along the pier. At the end of the school trip we all had a delicious ice-cream. Thank you to everyone who came on our school trip to Clacton!

YEAR 6 DRAGON BOAT RACING

Two teams of Year 6 children took part in the Dragon Boat Racing at Fairlands Lakes yesterday. They had a fantastic day took part in a variety of other activities including orienteering, canoeing and kayaking.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos were sent home with the children last week, but there were a couple without the child's name on. If you ordered a class photograph and have not yet received it, please contact the school office.

'THE TREEHOUSE' AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

We can now offer after-school care from 3.15 – 6.15, Monday to Friday at 'The Treehouse' After-School Club, which is run in the upper building (music room) within the school.

Cost: £2.00 registration fee, per family, 3.15-4.15pm: £6.50, 3.15 – 5.15pm: £7.50 and 3.15 – 6.15pm: £8.50. 50p sibling discount per session. Please call in at the school office for an application pack or contact Lyn Taylor at the club from 3.15pm.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 6/5	w/c 13/5
ASH	89.7	87.9
BEECH	87.5	97
BIRCH	86.6	92.5
CHERRY	90.8	91
CHESTNUT	81.7	89.3
ELDER	90.4	94.6
ELM	91.3	94.8
HAZEL	96	97.2
HORNBEAM	93.7	95.8
LIME	96.6	95
LARCH	92.5	98.8
PINE	94	97.2
POPLAR	97.9	98.3
WALNUT	97.6	100
WILLOW	98.2	98.1

Well done to Walnut class for achieving 100%

CONGRATULATIONS

Very well done to **Emily Day** (Poplar Class) who won a **GOLD** medal in running at the DSE East Region Athletics Championships on 11th May.

Congratulations also go to **Foster Bennett** (Elder Class) who, last Tuesday, achieved his Award 5 Certificate and Badge in Trampolining at 'Richard's Trampoline Club' which runs at Marriotts Gym.

BARCLAY SCHOOL PARENT FORUM

Barclay School are holding a 'Parent Forum' meeting on Wed 5th June – 6.00 to 7.30pm.

The aim of the meeting is to look at developing a Parent Charter, looking at ideas for fundraising events and discussing ways forward from a parent engagement point of view. Anne Williams, Business Manager at Barclay, will also be present.

They would like to invite parents of Year 6 children who are going to attend Barclay School in September to go along. There will also be some other fun opportunities after half term for new parents to be involved in school activities. More information to follow after half term!

For more details contact Barclay School on 01438 232221.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)

Mon 27 th –Fri 31 st May	Half Term School Closed
Wednesday 5th June	Nursery & Rec to Standalone Farm
Thursday 6th June 2.45pm	Year 4 – Cuffley Camp Parents' Assembly
Wednesday 12th June : 9.00-10.00am	Parent Forum
Thursday 13th June 2.45pm	Year 3 Parents' Assembly
Tuesday 18th June 7.00pm (rehearsal during day)	Year 5 in Stevenage Primary Schools' Festival Concert at Leisure Centre
Tuesday 18 th June 5.30pm Lower Hall	New to Reception Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 25th June	Sports Day
Thursday 27th June 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents' Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY School Closed
Monday 1 st July	OCCASIONAL DAY School Closed
Thursday 4th July 2.45pm	Rec Parents' Class Assembly
Monday 8th July	Year 2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Monday 8 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 5 Parents' Meeting
Monday 8 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 6 & PGL Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 9 th July 5.30-8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Weds 10 th July 3.30-6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 15 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 2 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 16th July 2.00pm & 7.00pm	Year 6 Performances
Tuesday 16 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 1 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 th July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 3 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 th July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 4 Parents' Meeting
Thursday 18th July 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Do
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Term 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 4 th Sept	Return to school