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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Every month, usually on a Thursday morning, I hold a Parent Forum, which is a relaxed, informal opportunity for parents to come and have a chat and a cup of tea, to discuss any issues they would like to raise. Numbers can vary, but usually there are around 6-10 parents who come regularly and it is so helpful to hear their views on what is happening in the school. It would be great to have more parents come along – so please do feel welcome just to turn up! At the next meeting, on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 9.00am**, parents will be given a chance to go onto the builders' site, meet Frank Conway, the Project Manager and have an early look at the new Year 5/6 block whilst it is still under construction. Come along!

Robert Staples  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to Mr James Dickinson & Miss Michelle Bridge, for giving up part of their Easter break to run Easter School for 22 Year 6 children!

I am very impressed at the excellent attitude to learning in Year 6 this year – the attendance of these children at the extra classes is a good indicator of how seriously they are taking their studies – well done Year 6!

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 26/3	16/4
ASH	89.3	86.4
BEECH	91.7	88.6
CHERRY	94.6	96.5
CHESTNUT	89.3	96.4
ELM	79.6	90
ELDER	85.4	92.4
HAZEL	97.2	92.8
<b>HORNBEAM</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97.2</b>
LIME	94.2	96.5
LARCH	90.7	96.1
PINE	94.7	92.5
POPLAR	94.1	85.6
<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>98.2</b>	94.7
WALNUT	94.7	90.6

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Parents/Carers of children in Years 2 - 5 are invited to come along to the **Upper Hall** from **9.00-9.30am on Monday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> April**, to find out how we do maths in school and how you can help your child at home. You **will not** be asked to do any maths at the meeting!

## KING GEORGE PARK PROJECT

The school have been involved in an exciting project to renovate King George Playing Field park area. The Council are spending £55,000 on the renovation and the children at Fairlands have been asked to vote on the final design. The Play Officer from the Council will be counting up the votes after school today and the winning design will be announced in whole school assembly on Monday. The winning design will be displayed in school in the next few weeks.

## BEST WISHES

Good luck to Miss King, Year 1 teacher, who is going on maternity leave today. We wish her the very best and will let you know as soon as we have any news from her. Welcome to Miss Glenister, who will be teaching Cherry class in her absence.

## PRIMARY & NURSERY ALLOCATIONS

**Primary School** offers were emailed to parents on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you log-on to [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) to **accept or decline your offer by 2nd May**. You will need your Parent ID and log-in details.

**Nursery** offers will be made on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you log on to the admissions website above to **accept/decline your place by Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

## FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS

We have had some parents showing an interest in running a few of the events that used to be run by FoFs, i.e. Present Rooms, discos. There will be a short, very informal handover meeting at **2.30pm on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in the **Community Room**. If anyone is interested in helping out with these events, or has any other fund raising ideas to share, please come along for a chat – we'd love to hear from you.

## YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Our Year 5/6 football teams have recently had a couple of very wet and muddy matches. Both teams battled hard against Bedwell last week and the girls' team got knocked out in the cup semi-final against Ashtree yesterday – well done for getting that far in the competition.

## FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to come to the Community Room (upper building) on Friday mornings from 9.00am for coffee and a chat. This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and are also attended by Sara Hassell, our Family Lives worker.

## MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

We have had a fantastic response to our request for unwanted mobile phones. More envelopes are available in the reception foyer – please help us to keep raising funds for Family Lives, the fantastic charity who we work closely with to provide parental support at school. Please hand filled envelopes into class teachers or post them in the collection box in the upper building reception area. Thank you.

## SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's Vouchers are no longer being issued, so please send in any you have collected, ready for us to send our order off at the end of May.

## ZUMBA CLASSES

Need to get fit and have fun? Come along to our Zumba classes, which run at Fairlands on Mondays 5.45 – 6.45pm and Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30pm. £5.00 per class (£2 if you are a member of Active4less). Classes are held in the upper hall.

## STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

The Credit Union is run at Fairlands School in the Upper Building Entrance every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** – come along this week and find out more.

The Stevenage Credit Union is a savings club which collects from a number of schools in Stevenage and enables the children to learn about cash handling at an early age. They can plan what they do with their pocket money - perhaps save for a holiday, Christmas or family birthdays. Adults can join too!

On joining, children receive a drawstring bag and a savings chart. After 12 weeks they receive another gift and, if they save regularly, this continues every 12 weeks.

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

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April - Yrs 2-5 9.00-9.30 Upper Hall	How to help your child with maths
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2.45pm Upper Hall	Year 5 Parent's Assembly
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm Upper Hall	Year 3 Parent's Assembly
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30–9.30pm Lower Building	Fairlands Fathers
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm Lower Hall	Foundation Stage Parent's Assembly
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2.45pm Upper Hall	Year 2 Parent's Assembly
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00 – 7.00pm	Cuffley Camp Meeting
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm	Year 1 Parent's Assembly
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to School
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 Cuffley Camp
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Return to School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 visit Secondary Schools
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Return to school