

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

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

THANK YOU



Thanks this week goes to **Mr Alan Horner and Mr David Gray**, who have both recently submitted a bid to get the boiler in the Lower Building replaced.

I have just been notified this morning that the bid was successful and the works, costing around £54,000, will be fully funded by Herts County Council! This is excellent news – I am sure the children will really appreciate this when the cold weather rolls around again; and the parents will appreciate the school not closing due to boiler failure!

I also have to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gray and Mr Horner for currently shouldering a large part of the work for managing the building project. As you know, my keen focus has been on raising standards of attainment across the school and I cannot let anything distract me from that. It has been so helpful to be able to pass much of the day to day detail of the building works to both Alan and David. Their support is much appreciated!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 23/4	w/c 30/416/4
ASH	86.6	82.8
BEECH	94.8	91.3
CHERRY	93.8	95
CHESTNUT	96.9	94.1
ELDER	97.3	95.8
ELM	97.2	94
HAZEL	94	91.6
HORNBEAM	95.8	91.6
LARCH	88.8	93.8
LIME	96.2	90.8
PINE	86.9	91.2
POPLAR	95	97.5
WALNUT	92.9	95.9
WILLOW	90.6	99.4

YEAR 4 TENNIS FESTIVAL

Very well done to the 8 Year 4 children who took part in a Primary School Tennis Festival at Odyssey Health & Fitness Club at Knebworth on Wednesday and were **Festival Winners!** They now go on to take part in the Championship Finals in June.

FAIRLANDS' FACES

I am delighted to inform you that a new team of parents have now taken over from the Friends of Fairlands. They have called themselves **Fairlands' Faces** and their first fundraising activity will be the Fathers Day Present Room. A letter with details will follow.

PACKED LUNCHES FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

Please be aware, if your child is entitled to free school meals and you want to request a school packed lunch to be provided for any of the school trips coming up, you **must** return the slip from the bottom of the relevant letter to order your packed lunch asap. (School packed lunch for all trips will be cheese baguette).

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of Fairlands Fathers will take place on **Monday 14th May** from **7.30 – 9.30pm** in the **Lower Building Staff Room**. 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.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Monday, 21st to Friday 25th May is Walk to School Week. We will be encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school or 'Park and Stride'.

WELL DONE

Well done to Tom and Sammy Hawkins and Matthew Gray, who were called onto the pitch at Stevenage's last home match where they were each presented with a medal for attending every home match this season.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice in school is an on-going problem, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's and their own hair regularly.

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.

Please be aware, if we notice your child is clearly uncomfortable due to headlice, we will contact you and ask you to come and collect him/her to treat the condition. We would not expect a child to be absent for a whole day for the treatment of headlice when the above method is used.

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

w/c 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 14 th May 7.30–9.30pm Lower Building	Fairlands Fathers
Wednesday 16 th May 2.45pm Lower Hall	Foundation Stage Parent's Assembly
w/c 21 st May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 23 rd May 2.45pm Upper Hall	Year 2 Parent's Assembly
Monday 28th May	Year 1 to Clacton
Tuesday 29 th May 6.00 – 7.00pm	Cuffley Camp Meeting
Wednesday 30 th May 2.45pm	Year 1 Parent's Assembly
Friday 1st June	Year 4 Fathers Day Present Room
Mon 4 th to Fri 8 th June	Half Term
Monday 11 th June	Return to School
Mon 11 th to Fri 15 th June	Yr 4 Cuffley Camp
Monday 11th June	Year 4 &5 to Mountfitchet Castle
Monday 11th June During school time	Fathers Day Present Room
Friday 15th June 3.30 – 4.30pm	Fathers Day Present Room
Monday 25th June	Year 2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 29 th June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Monday 2 nd July	Return to School
Wednesday 11th July	Foundation Stage to Shepreth
Thursday 12 th July	Year 6 visit Secondary Schools
Friday 13th July	Reports Out
Friday 13th July 3.30 – 4.30pm	Open Afternoon
Friday 20 th July	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 10 th September	Return to school