

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after a long, but busy, holiday! This is an exciting new chapter in the history of Fairlands, officially reopening as a three form entry school. It has certainly been exciting to see the 90 new Reception children enjoying their starting week and making lots of new friends.

We would love you to come and have a look around the whole school, including the new buildings, so **please try to pop in after school on Tuesday next week for our 'Open School' event, from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.** A flyer has gone out, so please check your child's book bag or download it from our website. It would be good to see you!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you must go this week to **all the staff who came in over the summer**, giving up their time voluntarily to make sure the school was ready for the children by Monday.

We absolutely could not have achieved this without the huge goodwill of staff, shifting endless tables, chairs, furniture and resources. It was a very busy time but the school is now looking fantastic. **THANK YOU!**

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Please remember that there has been a slight rise in the cost of school dinners as follows :

£2.00 per day / £10.00 per week

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.90 per day (£2.00 for packed lunch and those entitled to FSM).

WISEPAY

Now that we have asked for all school meals to be paid for in advance, may I remind you that the quickest and safest way to pay is on **Wisepay**. If you have mislaid your login details, please contact the office. Breakfast Club will soon be added to the system!

SELECT SPORTS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately Select Sports will not be continuing with the after school clubs they ran last year. I understand a few parents may be owed money for cancelled sessions. If you are, please contact the school office for a refund.

DATA COLLECTION

On Monday, **Data Collection Sheets** were sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please ensure you check these carefully, complete the Annual Parental Consent Form(s) and return them to school asap. **Children will not be able to take part in any school trips/local visits until we have received this information back.**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

These sessions are being held every week on **Tuesday mornings** from **9.00 – 10.30am**, in the **Upper Building** from **Friday 21st September**.

The classes are for all adult speakers of languages other than English, who wish to improve their English skills. They cater for all – from complete beginners to advanced learners.

Mrs Kate Trafford (Inclusion Co-ordinator) and Miss Monika Najdowska (Teaching Assistant) will run these relaxed and friendly classes together. We look forward to seeing old and new faces - all are welcome!

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of Fairlands Fathers will take place on **Monday 24th September** from **7.30 – 9.30pm** in the **Lower Building Community Room** (the old 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. Visit www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk for more information.

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.

SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We are happy for children to ride their bikes and scooters to and from school, however, please ensure that they are not ridden within the school grounds and that they are either padlocked to the racks provided or taken home for the day. **School cannot accept responsibility for bikes and scooters if they are left on the premises.**

TAEKWONDO

Master Jeffries, the instructor of Fairlands Taekwondo, has just returned from Korea, where he attended a week's World Taekwondo Leaders Forum (the world headquarters invited 150 masters from 53 countries out of the 70 million worldwide Taekwondo practitioners to attend). This was a great opportunity to learn current Olympic Taekwondo techniques and train/meet with some of the most powerful people in Taekwondo to form international friendships.

Fairlands Taekwondo is part of Stevenage Taekwondo now and is the only Olympic Taekwondo group in North Herts. They have a couple of available spaces in the 3-6 year old Kicking Kids class and a few open spaces in the 7-14 Fairlands Taekwondo class, both held on a Saturday morning. For more information, please contact Master Jeffries on 07939 164853.

ADULT LEARNING LITERACY COURSE

Bridge Road Children's Centre, Woolenwick School, currently has spaces available (without crèche) on an 18 week adult learning literacy course starting on Monday 17th September (1pm-3pm). If you are interested in attending this course, with the opportunity to gain a qualification at the end, please contact Lucy at the children's centre - 01438 202692 - for more details.

Tuesday 18 th Sept 3.30 - 4.30pm	'Open School' Event
Thursday 20 th Sept 2.45pm	Year 6 Parents Assembly
Monday 24 th Sept 7.30 - 9.30pm	Fairlands Fathers
Tuesday 25 th Sept 5.30 - 6.00pm	'What goes on in Foundation Stage?' Parents Information Meeting
Wednesday 26 th Sept 5.30 - 6.00pm	Year 1 Parents Information Meeting
Thursday 27 th Sept 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents Assembly
Friday 28 th Sept	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Thursday 4 th Oct 2.45pm	Year 4 Parents Assembly
Wednesday 10 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Thursday 11 th Oct	School Photographer
Thursday 11 th Oct 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents Assembly
Friday 12 th to Weds 17 th Oct	Book Fair in school
Monday 15 th Oct 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 17 th Oct 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thurs 25 th Oct 2.45pm	Reception Parents Class Assembly
Friday 26 th Oct	Halloween Discos
Mon 29 th Oct to Friday 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Friday 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 7 th Jan 2013	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 th Jan	Return to School
Mon 18 th - Friday 22 nd Feb	Half Term
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half Term