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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We are hopeful that the weather will be kind to us for Sports Day on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** and look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible coming along to support the children and join us for our annual picnic. The Fairlands Faces will be selling refreshments.

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE THE NIGHT BEFORE – REGRETTABLY, IF THE GROUND IS WET, WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL.** If we do need to cancel, the children will still need to bring a packed lunch on that day (unless you have school packed lunch, booked in advance).

**Don't forget, school is closed for an Occasional Day on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June and INSET on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

Robert Staples  
Headteacher

### START OF SCHOOL DAY

There are a growing number of children arriving late to school. **Please ensure children arrive at school before 8.50am**, in time to be taken into the classroom by their teachers.

### FOUNDATION STAGE TRIP TO STANDALONE FARM

Last week all of the Foundation Stage children visited Standalone Farm. It was a lovely, busy day. The children had the opportunity to feed lambs, go on a tractor ride and watch a cow being milked! They were brilliantly behaved and were a credit to the school - well done Nursery and Reception!

### FATHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising this week's Fathers Day Present room - they raised £154.30 towards school funds.

### YEAR 5 & 6 ATHLETICS

Yesterday, a team of year 5 & 6 children competed in this year's Stevenage Schools Primary Athletics Festival at Ridlins. Despite battling rain and chilling winds, all children performed extremely well. Tom Elmes and Grace Yamoah narrowly missed out on medals after gaining 4<sup>th</sup> place in their 100m sprints, Amina Jalloh gained 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 600m distance and Lian Chavhundura was outstanding in the high jump, earning a gold medal!

### HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE

Our School Family Worker, Karen Clynes, is running a **4 week**, Family Toolkit Nurturing Programme for parents/carers commencing **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 12.45 – 2.45pm** in **Family Room at Fairlands Primary School**. To book onto this free course contact Karen email at [karenclynes@nobel.herts.sch.uk](mailto:karenclynes@nobel.herts.sch.uk) or on 07088 613202.

### NURSERY PARENTS

We are holding our 'New to Reception' parents' meeting next **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>**, in the Lower Hall at **5.30pm**. To give us an idea of numbers attending, if you haven't already done so, please let the office know (or Miss Martin) whether or not you can attend. Please let us know if you will need use of the crèche.

### NSPCC 'THE BIG WORKOUT'

On **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**, the children will be taking part in 'The Big Workout', a sponsored event which is being run by the NSPCC. **Children can come to school in their PE kit on that day.** The children were given an NSPCC activity sheet and sponsor form on Monday. If you would like your child to participate in this activity, please encourage him/her to find some sponsors and ensure the form and sponsor money is returned to school by **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June**. Your support is very much appreciated.

### SCOOTERS / BIKES

For health & safety purposes, please ensure children do not ride their scooters or bikes in the school grounds.

### FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next Fairlands Fathers meeting is on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**. Dads are invited to come along to the Family Room in the Lower Building for coffee and a light-hearted chat and support from other Fairlands' Dads.

### TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 parents are invited to join Miss Bridge and Sara Hassell, from Family Lives, to look at a variety of ways to support your child with their transfer to secondary school. Please join them in the **Upper Hall at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June**.

### YEAR 6 'WISEUP' MAGAZINE

**Year 6 parents**, please be aware of an error in this magazine, which states that there is 'Free travel for under 16's on buses and trains'. This should say 'Discounted travel is available for students aged 11-18 with a SaverCard'.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 20/5	w/c 3/6
ASH	90	90
BEECH	93	96.9
BIRCH	88.6	91.5
CHERRY	95	95
CHESTNUT	96.3	95.3
ELDER	94.6	94.6
ELM	88.4	94.8
HAZEL	95.2	96
HORNBEAM	91.2	95.2
LIME	96.5	94.2
<b>LARCH</b>	92.8	<b>100</b>
<b>PINE</b>	<b>96.8</b>	97.2
POPLAR	90.8	94.2
WALNUT	94.4	93.5
WILLOW	87.5	97.6

Well done to Larch class for achieving 100% attendance w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### 'THE TREEHOUSE' AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The 'Treehouse' After-School Club is run in the upper building (music room).

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.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 in Stevenage Primary Schools' Festival Concert at Leisure Centre
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Lower Hall	New to Reception Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents' Class Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY School Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	OCCASIONAL DAY School Closed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm	Reception Parents' Class Assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Whipsnade Zoo
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 5 Parents' Meeting
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 6 & PGL Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30-8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 2 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm & 7.00pm	Year 6 Performances
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 1 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm	New to Year 3 Parents' Meeting
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm	New to Year 4 Parents' Meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Do
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Return to school