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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

A brand new start to a brand new term at Fairlands! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that the children have settled into their new classes.

Welcome to our new teachers - Miss Brown (Reception), Miss Duker (Year 1), Mrs Turner (Year 2). Also welcome to our new Teaching Assistants - Miss Day, Miss Passariello, Mrs Garcia-Rovello, Mrs Luhman, Mrs Robson, our new Inclusion Assistant, Miss Leach, who will be working alongside Mrs Nielow in the Green Room and our new Admin Assistant, Mrs Wilson.

Also welcome to Mr Brewis in his new role as Assistant Headteacher for Years 3 & 4, and Mr Tweeddell and Miss Thompson in their new roles as Senior Teachers for Maths & ICT respectively.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS & ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT

These were sent home with the eldest child on the first day back last week. Please ensure you check all data is correct, sign one Annual Parental Consent Form per child and **return them to the office asap**. Children cannot participate in any school trips without a signed consent form.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

This year we have introduced a new system to monitor uniform issues more rigorously. You will be notified if your child is not in correct uniform through a 'blue slip'. This will be sent home with your child and we will ask you to come into school for a meeting if there are ongoing issues. Thank you for your support.

### SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Just a reminder that there has been an increase in the cost of school dinners as follows:

**£2.05 per day / £10.25 per week**

**Nursery Lunch Club : £3.95 per day** (£2.00 for home packed lunch and those entitled to FSM).

Cheques should now be made payable to **Herts Catering Ltd**. In order to reduce the amount of cash coming into school, please use Wisepay. **Please contact the school office if you do not have your log in details.**

### WISEPAY

We are now using Wisepay to communicate with parents via email and text. **Please ensure that YOU log into Wisepay to ensure your email address and main mobile contact number are registered.** Please contact the school office if you have mislaid your Username and Password, so that we can re-issue this to you.

If you change your email address or mobile number, don't forget to inform the school office **and** change your details on Wisepay.

### MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN

We are always happy to pass on messages to children about a change to your usual end of day collection arrangements. However, it would be helpful if, where at all possible, you could let us know by mid-day, so that we can tell the teacher at lunchtime, rather than interrupt the class during the afternoon. Thank you for your help with this.

### SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN SCHOOL

Children are welcome to bring their scooters/bikes to school. Please ensure they do not ride them in the school grounds, that they are clearly marked with their name and that they are, preferably, padlocked to the scooter/bike racks provided. The school cannot be responsible for them whilst they are on the school premises. If your child arrives at school after the gates are closed, you will need to take their scooter/bike home with you. Thank you for your co-operation.

## DIAMOND DOLLS

Rec, Yr1 & 3 took part in some 'Diamond Dolls' street dance workshops today. The Diamond Dolls after school dance club will be running on Fridays this year. Letters were sent home with children today - if your child would like to take part, please send the slip into school before next Friday. Year 2 will be taking part in workshops & bringing letters home on Tuesday

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings are taking place over the next few weeks at Stevenage secondary schools. Dates can be found on the school website.

Year 6 parents can now apply on-line at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for applications is **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please contact the school office if you need help with your application, or do not have a computer at home and would like to use one at school.

## FAMILY LIVES COFFEE MORNING

All parents/carers are invited to join Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, for coffee and a chat **every Thursday morning, 9.00-11.00 in the Family Room (lower building)**. Babies and toddlers are welcome!

## BRINGING UP CONFIDENT CHILDREN

Do you want your child to feel more confident and feel good about themselves?

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, is running a **FREE 6 week workshop** where you can come along and share and learn tips and strategies with other parents. **9.15am-11.15am** in the **Family Room** commencing **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Please either contact Sara on 07805 523480 or the school office on 01438 351053 to put your name down. A crèche will be provided.

## GEL LAUNDRY CAPSULES – BE AWARE!

There has been a rise in the number of children being admitted to hospital after biting into brightly coloured gel laundry capsules – please ensure you store these out of reach!  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-24052303>

## MORRISONS – LETS GROW

We are now collecting Morrisons vouchers so that we can claim lots of free gardening equipment for the school.

## FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning from 8.00 to 8.50am in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book – just turn up on the morning.

**You can now pay for Breakfast Club on Wisepay.** If you haven't yet got your log-in details for Wisepay, please contact the school office.

## 'THE TREEHOUSE' AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The Treehouse After School Club offers care for children aged 5 – 11 from 3.15 – 6.15, Monday to Friday and 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.

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to Liddington
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Lower Hall</b>	<b>What goes on in Foundation Stage : Parents' Meeting</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 5.30-8.00pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-6.00pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Closing date for Secondary School Apps</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY