



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

I was very proud to watch representatives from the Fairlands Choir perform with other schools at the biennial Hertfordshire Music Gala at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday.

This was the first time that Fairlands has participated in the Gala and it was an awe-inspiring experience for the children. They behaved immaculately and were really excited to perform alongside Gabs Gardiner - we were so proud of them! Please take a look on the school website at the [Blog](#) and at the [photos in the Galleries section](#) and view a video of the rehearsal for the final reprise of Coldplay's 'Viva La Vida'!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

MARIE CURIE MINI POTS OF CARE

Congratulations to our Year 1 children, who have raised £151.77 for Marie Curie Cancer Care by growing 'Mini Pots of Care daffodils'. They have been looking after their bulbs all through the winter and are now enjoying a lovely display of colour. Thank you to Mrs Biggs for organising the event.

NATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING WEEK

The whole school has gone chemistry crazy for National Science and Engineering week this week. Throughout the school, inside and out, investigations have been happening.

By looking at how different materials react with each other every class has seen some great science including rainbow milk, exploding lunch bags and lava in a cup! Each year group was also challenged to create the biggest bubble possible.

YEAR 2 WOW DAY

Yesterday, Year 2 spent their WoW day learning about fire safety and we had a visit from the Fire Brigade with one of their vehicles, which the children thought was 'sick!' They made dough and watched the yeast reaction make the bread rise. They made an amazing fire mural with their hand prints and played 'carrying-water' games like they did in the Great Fire of London. It was too windy to do our surprise activity, so watch this space and we'll let you know when that happens.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you very much to all parents/carers who have taken the time to complete and return the parent surveys, the results of which will be published in a later newsletter. The winner of the £10 M&S token is Mrs Robb, parent of Jessica in Cedar class.

EASTER DISCO

Don't forget to purchase your child's ticket for the Easter Disco which is being run on **Thursday 3rd April**. Tickets cost £3.50 per child, which includes entrance, refreshments, a glow stick and an Easter Egg.

Nurs, Rec & Year 1 : 4.30 – 5.30 Lower Hall
Years 2 – 4 : 4.30 – 5.30 Upper Hall
Years 5 & 6 : 6.00 – 7.15 Upper Hall

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 3/3	w/c 10/3
ASH	93	95.9
BEECH	92.6	93.8
BIRCH	93.6	94.3
CEDAR	94	95
CHERRY	94.7	92.3
CHESTNUT	97.2	96.2
ELDER	95.7	96.7
ELM	91.7	95.3
HAZEL	96.5	96.9
HORNBEAM	94.8	95.7
LARCH	93.7	96.1
LIME	92	98
PINE	96.5	98.8
POPLAR	97.3	98.5
WALNUT	97.5	96.9
WHITEBEAM	93.7	95.3
WILLOW	96.5	90.6

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING
NURSERY SCHOOL IN 2014/15?**

If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 **TODAY IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE** to apply for a nursery place for the school year 2013-14.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to Tom and Sammy Hawkins (Walnut & Lime) and family, who have been selected for, and are currently competing in, "The Observer Ethical Awards in Association with Ecover – The Great Energy Race in Association with B&Q" with 19 others across the country. Basically it is a competition to find creative and imaginative ways to save energy in the home. The competition is running from 10th March to 7th April and the winner will receive up to £10,000 of energy saving installations from B&Q. You can follow their activities at www.hawkinsger.blogspot.com

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers can be collected from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and with online grocery deliveries up to Tuesday 20th May. Please ask all your family and friends to help us by collecting as many vouchers as possible and sending them into 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 shown in bold)**

Thursday 27th March	Mothers' Day Present Room
Tuesday 1st April	Year 1 WoW Day
Weds 2 nd April 1.00 – 3.00pm	Autism Support Group
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Discos
Friday 4 th April	End of Spring Term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATS
w/c 12th May	Year 4 Cuffley Camp
26th – 30th May	Half Term