



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to return from the Easter holiday to find the majority of the scaffolding gone. Thank you for your patience whilst this roofing work has been carried out. I am pleased to tell you this work is all now completed and we are looking forward to not having any more leaks!

We have a busy half term ahead of us: Year 6 have been working very hard towards their SATs, which take place w/c 12th May and I'm sure you would like to join me in wishing them good luck. Some of Year 4 are off to Cuffley Camp that same week and are looking forward to a week packed with fun and activities.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

e-SAFETY AT FAIRLANDS PRIMARY

Last week was eSafety week at Fairlands. eSafety is an essential part of the computing curriculum we follow at Fairlands Primary and an important part of becoming responsible online. During computing lessons we regularly cover how to stay safe online and what to do if something goes wrong.

Last week, as part of our eSafety week, we were lucky enough to have Hertfordshire Police join us on site for a whole day. They worked with children in Years 1-6 and parents to highlight the importance of e-safety. Some of the tough realities of eSafety were dealt with in a calm and sensitive way, which staff continued with in sessions in the classroom. eSafety is a shared responsibility which we take very seriously as a school. It was great to see parents sharing this responsibility with us. Hugh thanks to Hertfordshire Police for their time! If you would like further information, please emily.thompson@fairlands.herts.sch.uk

YEAR 6 'THANK YOU'S'

Thank you to the teachers and Year 6 children who attended Easter school. It is a valuable opportunity to prepare for SATs and was lovely to see so many children keen to continue their learning.

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Smith, who came in over the Easter holiday to build our raised beds. We are looking forward to growing a variety of flowers and crops over the coming months.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE PARK

On Thursday Year 1 went to visit King George's Park as part of our 'Places to Play' topic. We demonstrated resilience (our value for April and May) because, even though it was raining, we still went to the park to complete our tasks. We were delighted to be able to have a go on some of the equipment. We enjoyed all of the equipment and we look forward to next week when we will be visiting Hampson Park. Please keep your fingers crossed for bright blue skies!

BREAKFAST CLUB EXTENDED SESSION

We are pleased to announce that, from next Tuesday, our Breakfast Club, which is run in the dining hall, will be opening from **7.45am** each morning. We have frozen the price until September - £2 per session, £1.70 for siblings, £1.50 for those entitled to Free School Meals. No need to book.

NURSERY ALLOCATIONS

Nursery allocations have now been made - you can view your offer(s) on line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. Don't forget to log-in and accept/decline by **Wednesday, 7th May**.

NEW SCHOOL MENU

Just a reminder that we are now following a new school menu, which can be found under Recent Downloads on the school website. Spare copies are also available from the school offices.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

| | w/c 17/3 | w/c 24/3 | w/c |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASH | 94.1 | 94.8 | 91.7 |
| BEECH | 95 | 97.3 | 92.7 |
| BIRCH | 93.9 | 97.1 | 86.1 |
| CEDAR | 95.3 | 95.3 | 90.3 |
| CHERRY | 93.3 | 90 | 93.7 |
| CHESTNUT | 95.9 | 96.6 | 92.1 |
| ELDER | 97.3 | 89 | 89 |
| ELM | 98 | 89.3 | 93.3 |
| HAZEL | 95.4 | 96.1 | 95 |
| HORNBEAM | 94.6 | 92.5 | 97.5 |
| LARCH | 95.7 | 95.2 | 97 |
| LIME | 94 | 94.8 | 94 |
| PINE | 95.7 | 95.4 | 91.5 |
| POPLAR | 96.9 | 97.3 | 95.4 |
| WALNUT | 97.4 | 94.3 | 94.3 |
| WILLOW | 98.1 | 96.5 | 97.7 |

FAIRLANDS FACES

Thank You to Fairlands Faces for organising last term's Easter Discos. Everyone had a really good time and they raised £801 for school funds. Thank you also to the staff who helped out.

WELL DONE

Very well done to Remiero Moulton, Hazel Class, who has just signed a professional contract for the Arsenal Academy.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Thank you for helping us to collect Sainsburys' vouchers again this year. So far we have collected 7,353. Please ask all your family and friends to collect them for us and keep sending them in.

BABY BOOM

There's been a bit of a baby boom amongst the staff at Fairlands in the last few months and we've realised we haven't let parents know! Miss Verlander had a baby girl, Lana, Mrs Day had a baby boy, Thomas and, this week, Mrs Herron had a baby boy who she called Toby. Congratulations to them all.

SCHOOL CROSSING

We have been notified today of a near miss, where a child rode their bike across the school crossing in Sish Lane before Mrs Poole-Taberner, our School Crossing Patrol Lady, had stopped the traffic - this nearly resulted in the child being hit by a car. Please remind children who use this crossing that they should wait on the curb until they are told it is safe to cross.

GOING GREEN

Just a reminder - parents are now being notified via Wisepay when letters are sent home, so that they can access them via the school website. **If you have received a paper copy of the newsletter today**, this is either because you have opted to do so or because you have not logged into Wisepay and provided us with a valid email address. If you have mislaid your Wisepay log-in details, please contact the school office.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 (New dates shown in bold)

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| Monday 5 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 9th May 9.30am | Year 1 visit to Hampson Park |
| w/c 12 th May | Year 6 SATS |
| w/c 12 th May | Year 4 Cuffley Camp |
| Friday 16 th May | Year 2 WoW Day |
| w/c 19th May | Tourettes Awareness Week |
| Tues 20th May | Year 1 Park Equipment making workshop |
| Friday 23rd May | Year 6 Trip to Cambridge |
| 26 th - 30 th May | Half Term |
| Tuesday 24th June | Sports Day |
| Friday 27 th June | INSET Day |
| Monday 30 th June | OCCASIONAL DAY |
| Tuesday 1st July | Year 1 to Clacton |
| Weds 2nd July 2.30 - 4.30pm | Open Afternoon |
| Thurs 10th July | Year 6 to Secondary Schools |
| Wednesday 23 rd July | End of Term : 2.15pm finish |
| Monday 1 st & Tues 2 nd Sept | INSET DAYS |
| Wed 3 rd September | Start of Autumn Term |