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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another busy half term! Our Value for this month is 'Pride'... and I am sure we are going to find lots of things at Fairlands that make us Proud! We have already celebrated the achievements of our Girls' Football Team, who came first in the Stevenage League - we are certainly very proud of them. Please help out at home by asking your child, "What does it mean to be proud? Is it ever wrong to be proud?" In assembly next week, we will be thinking about being proud but keeping humble and finding out about the story of Icarus.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

TOURETTE'S AWARENESS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Tic-Nic on the last Friday of last half term. Unfortunately, the wet weather prevented parents from being able to join us, but the children all enjoyed themselves and raised £328 for Tourette's Awareness.

YEAR 4 BELL BOAT RACES

On Wednesday 21st May, some of Year 4 took part in the annual Bell Boating competition at Fairlands Lakes. We all had a fantastic time and got very wet in the process. One of our teams even managed to finish in 4th place, out of 20 schools! Well done Year 4!

YEAR 6 DRAGON BOAT

Despite the wet, miserable weather, 22 Year 6 children had an adventurous and enjoyable day at Fairlands Lakes on Thursday 22nd May, taking part in the Dragon Boat Festival. As well as racing up and down the lake in the Dragon Boat Event, they also had the opportunity to try other exciting activities which included kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and problem solving. Modelling exemplary behaviour & showing resilience and determination, we are very proud of their achievements on the day.

YEAR 6 CAMBRIDGE TRIP

The weather brightened up nicely for our topic linked trip to Cambridge on Friday 23rd May. After an initial rush to catch the train, we spent a wonderful day visiting the Scott Polar Research Institute, The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. We walked past the amazing Cambridge colleges and stopped to visit the chapel opposite King's College, where the Minister gave us an impromptu lesson in how to play his organ. Every aspect of the day was a wonderful learning experience which all the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

FOOTBALL PRESENTATION

On the Friday before half term, our Year 5/6 girls football team were invited to attend a special presentation where they received the Division 2 Trophy for winning their league. Jigyasa Shukla, Willow Class, also received the 'Golden Boot' for being the top goal scorer in their division.

The girls all had a great evening and were a credit to the school - well done.

ART WEEK

Next week is ART WEEK at Fairlands. Keep an eye out in your child's parent flyer for opportunities to come in and help.

You are also invited to 'weave a wish' after pick up time each day on our new weaving loom. Please feel free to bring along anything long and flexible (a strip of fabric, ribbon, string, strips of plastic bags or paper, twigs, flowers, sprigs of ivy, etc) that can be woven into our community creation. If you don't have anything, come along anyway and you can write a wish on one of our coloured strips of paper and weave that in.

Also if you have any materials that you think we'd find handy for activities in class, please send them in.

YEAR 1 CATERPILLARS

This week Year 1 have received their very own caterpillars, which they are looking forward to watching grow and change into butterflies. We will keep you updated by blogging.

PAYMENT FOR TRIPS

There are a number of trips going on this half term. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you remember to send in your child's money and slip by the due date requested. All trip letters can be found on the website under Recent Downloads.

LOOM BANDS

Please ensure that children **do not wear Loom Bands to school** as they are a form of jewellery. We do not allow any jewellery in school except for wristwatches and one set of small, simple stud earrings.

MORNING MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child is going to be late to school due to an unavoidable appointment, please ensure you let us know in advance what their lunch requirement will be. This is particularly important if you phone and leave a message on our answerphone.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 12/5	w/c 19/5
ASH	94.1	97.2
BEECH	91.1	92.3
BIRCH	95.9	96.6
CEDAR	95.7	97.3
CHERRY	91.3	98
CHESTNUT	97.7	91.7
ELDER	99.7	95
ELM	97.1	96.1
HAZEL	97.9	97.6
HORNBEAM	96.7	96
LARCH	99.3	97.4
LIME	100	98.8
PINE	94.6	99.2
POPLAR	95.4	99.2
WALNUT	100	94.3
WILLOW	100	92.7

Congratulations to Lime, Walnut and Willow classes, who all achieved 100% attendance w/c 12th May.

JS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Vouchers are no longer being issued in store. Please have a good look at home in your purse, kitchen drawer, glove compartment, etc and ask all your family and friends to do the same and send in any vouchers you can find by next Friday, 13th June. The total collected so far is 16,415! Thank you.

HERTS CATERING VACANCIES

Can you help Herts Catering Ltd plan, prepare and serve healthy meals across schools based in **Stevenage**. Offering a number of benefits such as family friendly hours, they are seeking candidates for a wide variety of catering roles.

To apply, please go on-line to their website at www.hertsdirect.org/services/jobs. For application queries please call Wendy Stanway on 07932724353.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL RENEWALS

Following last year's successful automated renewals process for free school meals, this summer applications will again be automatically renewed in readiness for the new academic year starting in September 2014.

Letters will only be sent to those families who are no longer entitled to support. **If an applicant doesn't receive a letter, then they can assume their child will continue to receive free school meals for the next academic year (14/15).**

Following the automated renewals process, families who no longer appear to qualify will be advised by letter that their free school meals will cease at the end of term (23rd July 2014). If the applicant feels that they still meet the criteria, they can make a new application against which we will carry out further checks.

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

w/c 9 th June	Art Theme Week
Weds 11th June	Fathers' Day Present Room
Tues 17th June 5.00pm Lower Hall	New to Reception Parents Meeting
Thurs 19 th June	Year 2 to Shepreth
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day
Tues 24th June 5.00pm Lower Hall	New to Nursery Parents Meeting
Friday 27 th June	INSET Day
Monday 30 th June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 1 to Clacton
Weds 2 nd July 2.30 - 4.30pm	Open Afternoon
Monday 7 th July	New to Year 5 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 th July	New to Year 4 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm New to Year 3 Parents Meeting : 5.30pm
Weds 9 th July	New to Year 1 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm New to Year 2 Parents Meeting : 5.30pm
Thurs 10 th July	New to Year 6 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm
Thurs 10 th July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Friday 11 th July	EYFS Beach Party
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports Out
Tues 15 th July	Year 3 to British Museum
Tues 15 th July	Year 6 Performance 2.30pm
Weds 16 th July	Year 6 Performance 6.30pm
Weds 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