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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have a busy couple weeks leading up to the end of the summer term. The children will meet their new teachers and visit their new classrooms next Thursday morning and Year 6 will be visiting their secondary schools for the day. Everyone is working hard to ensure the transition into next year is as smooth and fun as possible.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### IDENTITY DANCE AKA DIAMOND DOLLS

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, our Diamond Dolls dancers took part in the 'Born to Dance' show at the Gordon Craig Theatre, where they performed dances to 'Who Let the Dogs Out' and 'Happy'. It was an outstanding, sell-out performance, enjoyed by all the children who took part. Well done to them all.

### SPORTS DAY

Thank you for everyone who came along to support the children's Sports Day on Tuesday. We were very lucky with the weather and everyone had a good time. Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for providing refreshments throughout the morning.

### 'OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE'

We were so pleased that the sun shone on Tuesday, when Year 1 went to Clacton. We enjoyed having our lunch on the beach, building sandcastles and walking along the pier to sing some seaside songs! Our favourite part was eating an ice-cream at the end of the day. Thank you to parents and carers who came on our trip. We all had a terrific day!

### ART EXHIBITION

Fairlands Primary School held its first ever Art Exhibition after school on Wednesday and I am sure that those of you who were able to come along and view the children's work on display will agree that they had produced some true masterpieces.

Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising the event. Don't forget, if you were unable to attend the exhibition, it's not too late to purchase your child's artwork - please send your slip back by Tuesday or contact the school office for more details.

### YEAR 5 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

Yesterday a team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Primary Rounders Tournament at The Thomas Alleyne School. They played really well and, despite the heat, all gave it their best. Thank you to Jigyasa's dad for bringing a very welcome snack for the team and all the parents who came to support them.

### YEAR 4 VISIT TO STEVENAGE MUSEUM

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to the Stevenage Museum on Thursday to find out about Stevenage during the First World War. We saw all sorts of interesting things, including information about the men from Stevenage who went off to fight in the Great War.

We also managed to find out a little about Stevenage during the Anglo-Saxon period which will help with our current Viking topic.

### 'NEW TO' MEETINGS

Just a reminder that parents/carers are invited to come along with your child to the 'New to' meetings next week, where you will be given information about your child's education, procedures and expectations for the coming year and meet the year group team.

Present Yr 4	New to Yr 5	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> : 5.00pm
Present Yr 3	New to Yr 4	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> : 5.00pm
Present Yr 2	New to Yr 3	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> : 5.30pm
Present Rec	New to Yr 1	Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> : 5.00pm
Present Yr 1	New to Yr 2	Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> : 5.30pm
Present Yr 5	New to Yr 6 & Liddington	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> : 5.00pm

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports will be sent out to parents/carers next **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**. If your child doesn't hand it to you when they come out of school, don't forget to check their book bag!

If you wish to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please make an appointment.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 16/6	w/c 23/6
ASH	89.3	96.6
BEECH	90.7	98.1
BIRCH	93.8	96.6
CEDAR	91.3	91.2
CHERRY	97	90
CHESTNUT	97.3	97.5
<b>ELDER</b>	96.7	<b>98.7</b>
ELM	93.9	93.7
HAZEL	<b>98.6</b>	98.3
HORNBEAM	84.8	97
LARCH	97.8	97.8
LIME	94.2	90
PINE	90.8	92.3
POPLAR	97.3	90.9
WALNUT	97	94.6
WILLOW	91.2	94.2

## GET LIVE UPDATES

Are you missing out on some of the updates to our website? Missing the latest blogs from your child's class? Help is at hand – just click on the LIVE! Menu item on the school website and you can sign up for email updates in a few simple steps. Stay in touch!

Don't forget to regularly check the website under **Recent Downloads** – we always try to upload letters on the day they are sent out to parents. Please check every Friday to ensure you do not miss anything important!

## FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A NON-SMOKING SITE

We cannot stop people smoking outside of the school grounds, but would ask that you are considerate of other parents/carers and, most importantly, their children by not smoking whilst waiting by the main entrance gates. Thank you for your support.

## STAFF CAR PARK – UPPER BUILDING

Parents/carers – please not to use the upper building staff car for dropping off and collecting children from school – thank you.

## SURVIVING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, 9.15 – 11.15am in the Family Room, Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Parent Support Worker, will be running a workshop called **Surviving the Summer Holiday**.

To book your place on either workshop please text or ring Sara Hassell 07805 523480

## SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We are really pleased to have collected **19,109** vouchers this year. As cooking will be on the school curriculum next year, we have decided to use them to purchase lots of cooking equipment for the school. Thank you and well done to Mrs Wilson for counting the vouchers this year!

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

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Year 5 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Year 4 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm New to Year 3 Parents Meeting : 5.30pm
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Year 1 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm New to Year 2 Parents Meeting : 5.30pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Year 6 Parents Meeting : 5.00pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Beach Party
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Out
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 to British Museum
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance 2.30pm
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance 6.30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception to Natural History Museum, Tring
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 9.15 – 11.15am	Family Lives Workshop: Surviving the Summer Holiday
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET DAYS
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term