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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy end to this academic year! Well done to all the children and staff for another wonderful year at Fairlands Primary School.

Well done in particular to Year 6 for a fantastic set of SATS results – see below - we are so proud of them!

Don't forget, school finishes at **2.15pm** on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July** and the children return to school at **8.50am** on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

With best wishes for a lovely summer break.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

An excellent set of results! Please see our website for more details.

- Two levels progress in Reading: **86%**
- Two levels progress in Writing: **93%**
- Two levels progress in Maths: **91%**
  
- Level 4+ Reading: **86%** (Test)
- Level 5+ Reading: **37%** (Test)
  
- Level 4+ Writing: **78%** (Teacher Assessment)
- Level 5 Writing: **16%** (Teacher Assessment)
  
- Level 4+ Maths: **88%** (Test)
- Level 5+ Maths: **24%** (Test)

*Please note that these results are not yet validated.*

### YEAR 3 VISIT BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 3 had a wonderful day that the British Museum on Tuesday. We saw lots of ancient Egyptian artefacts including the Rosetta Stone, a real mummified body! We had to do lots of walking and the children coped brilliantly with large, busy crowds. Well done Year 3 for brilliantly representing our school.

### YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to Year 6, who gave a number of very entertaining performances of 'Olivia' this week. Thank you to all the Year 6 staff for working so hard on the preparation.

Next Tuesday, Year 6 have their end of school 'Leavers Dinner and Presentation'. I hope you all have a great time and we wish you all **Good luck as you move onto your secondary schools!**

### YEAR 4 VIKING WOW DAY

Year 4 children came to school yesterday dressed as Viking Warriors and spent the day cooking Viking dishes, making long boats and re-enacting the Raid of Lindisfarne. Please keep an eye on our blog on the school website for pictures and videos.

### FOUNDATION STAGE BEACH PARTY

Reception and Nursery are really looking forward to their beach party next Tuesday. The children are invited to come in wearing summer wear e.g. shorts and t-shirts. No swimming costumes! There will be lots of games and fun happening- we can't wait!

### FAIRLANDS ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to all parents and carers who came and supported the Fairlands Art Exhibition. It was a great success, the children loved seeing their work in a 'Real Gallery' and we raised £180 for the school.

### ON TOUR WINNERS

Every year Stevenage Sporting Futures run a series of On Tour Events which enable children from Reception to Year 6 to take part in a variety of sports. They collect the scores and compare them with all of the Stevenage primary schools. This year Fairlands Year 3 and Year 4 have been crowned the champions of the On Tour Events, receiving the highest scores in the 5 sports they took part in! A big well done to all of the children in those years!!!

### 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

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

|                 | w/c 30/6    | w/c 14/7    |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASH             | 98.3        | 95.5        |
| BEECH           | 92.6        | 89.3        |
| BIRCH           | 99.1        | 93.8        |
| CEDAR           | 92.5        | 95.7        |
| CHERRY          | 92.1        | 96          |
| <b>CHESTNUT</b> | <b>99.6</b> | <b>98.7</b> |
| ELDER           | 93.7        | 94.7        |
| ELM             | 90.6        | 92.5        |
| HAZEL           | 94.8        | 97.2        |
| HORNBEAM        | 99.1        | 96.2        |
| LARCH           | 97.8        | 93          |
| LIME            | 97.4        | 93.7        |
| PINE            | 93.7        | 96.9        |
| POPLAR          | 93.3        | 93.5        |
| WALNUT          | 96.2        | 95.2        |
| WILLOW          | 97.6        | 97.3        |

### GOOD LUCK

I am sure you would like to join me in wishing Miss Borowiec and Mrs Heaps the very best as they go off on maternity leave over the summer.

### WELL DONE

A massive congratulation goes to Janay Bullock (Hazel class) for getting a **Distinction** in her Grade 1 Tap exam and Chenille Bullock (Whitebeam class) for getting **all Distinctions** in her Grade 1 Tap exam, Grade 2 Tap exam and Grade 2 Modern exam which they took in June. All family and friends are extremely proud of them! Both girls attend Premiere School of Dance in Stevenage.

### MODERN LANGUAGES

Are you visiting France in the holidays? If so, we would love to see any photos that you take during your trip. We will display these photos and use them within our Modern Languages lessons from September. Please send any photos that you have to Miss Flanagan with your child's name and year group written on the back.

### TEA AND TISSUES FOR NEW STARTER PARENTS

Starting school is a difficult time - not just for the children! For a bit of moral support, all parents of children starting into our Reception or new to the school are invited to pop into the lower building Family Room for a cup of tea on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, and for those parents whose child is starting in Nursery, **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> (am and pm) and Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> (am and pm)** after they have dropped off their children for the first time! This is a chance to meet the other new parents, and also our Family Lives worker, Sara Hassell.

### SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER

As you are aware, universal Free School Meals start from September for all children from Reception to Year 2.

For all other pupils (Years 2 to Year 6) there will be a slight rise in the cost of school dinners from September as follows :

**£2.15 per day / £10.75 per week**

**Nursery Lunch Club : £4.05 per day** (£2.00 for home packed lunch and those entitled to FSM).

Cheques 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.**

### BREAKFAST CLUB PRICES FROM SEPT

After a number of years without as price rise, there will be a slight increase from September, as follows:

**£2.50 per child per day for the first child,  
£2.20 for siblings**

**£2.00 for children entitled to Free School Meals  
(NOT Universal Free School Meals)**

### FAMILY LIVES SUMMER PICNIC

Sara Hassell would like to invite parents/carers and their children to join her for a **Family Picnic** in the area outside the nursery from **10am to 2.00pm on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July** - bring your own picnic!

### BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Bridge Road Children's Centre has lots of activities on offer over the Summer holidays for children aged 0-4 and their parents / carers (older brothers and sisters are welcome if there is an under 5 in the family). If you would like to see what they have on offer, please visit their website or find them on Facebook.

[www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad](http://www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad)

The Children's Centre will be at Fairlands Primary School & Nursery on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August between 10.30am and 1pm** - come and bring a picnic and join in the fun - £1 per family!

### MAKE BELIEVE GROUP

Make Believe Group performing arts group will be based at Fairlands School from October. Look out for the launch date when we return to school in September.