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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a brand new year at Fairlands! It has been lovely seeing all the new children settling into their classes this week – looking so smart in their new uniforms. We have had a lot of work going on over the summer holidays, including new windows to the lower building and the installation of fantastic new audio and lighting equipment for the stage. Thank you again to Fairlands Faces who paid for the stage equipment from funds raised by parents & carers!

The window replacement works now move to the upper building, so please bear with us as we go through this schedule of works. As each class is 'done', the children will be relocated to the Music Room for 4-5 days, so if your child tells you they have been moved to another class, that is what is going on! The contractors, Euro Windows and T&B Contractors, have done a superb job on the lower site, so I am sure this next phase of works will go just as smoothly.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS & ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT

These were sent home with the eldest child on the first day back last week. Please ensure you check all data is correct, sign one Annual Parental Consent Form per child and **return them to the office asap**. Children cannot participate in any school trips without a signed consent form.

### MODERN LANGUAGES

We will now have a weekly language focus at Fairlands. Children and adults will be encouraged to use the target language throughout the week. A child from each class who uses the language spontaneously will be presented with a Modern Languages Certificate in Achievement Assembly. Please keep an eye on your child's homework flyer to find out about the language focus for that particular week.

This week we have all been learning to say '**bonjour**' correctly. Miss Flanagan has been very impressed to hear lots of children and adults using this week's phrase. Next week we will be focussing on '**au revoir**' which means goodbye.

### YEAR 3 TRIP TO STEVENAGE MUSEUM

As part of their topic on Stevenage, Year 3 will be visiting Stevenage Museum on the morning of Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. If any parents are interested in helping out, please speak to your child's teacher. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### PARKING

Please can I remind parents/carers to take care when driving along and parking in Pound Avenue and in the school car parks. We have had lots of reports of dangerous drivers speeding into car parks and parking on the zig zags lines. This is an accident waiting to happen – please slow down and be considerate of others.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Just a reminder that, if you wish, school will provide children in **Reception to Year 2** with a nutritious **school meal for FREE**. These are called Universal Free School Meals.

If, however, you are **claiming certain benefits** and are, therefore, eligible to apply for **Free School Meal status**, please contact the school office and we can help you apply. The school will receive funding for each child registered, which will be used to give them extra support in school.

For those children in Years 3 – 6 the price of school meals for this year is 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 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.**

## WELLIES AND RAIN COATS

Does anyone have any old wellies or raincoats they no longer need? We would love to take them off your hands to use in school, so the children can visit the nature area, even if the weather is bad. Please send them to Mr Brewis in the upper building – thank you.

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings are taking place over the next few weeks at Stevenage secondary schools. Dates can be found on the school website. Year 6 parents can now apply on-line at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for applications is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please contact the school office if you need help with your application, or do not have a computer at home and would like to use one at school.

## PARENT FORUM

Yesterday's Parent Forum was really well attended and lots of useful subjects were discussed.

The next meeting will take place in the Family Room at **2.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, where you can meet with Miss Thompson (Year 1/2 Assistant Head) and Miss Bridge (Year 5/6 Assistant Head). They look forward to hearing your views.

## RUBY'S FUNDRAISING EFFORT

Ruby Ellis (Lime Class) wanted to do something to help other people. She said to her mum one day "Mummy I want to help the ladies that you help". So her mum suggested she raised a little bit of money for Women's Refuge.

It started off quite small, but ended up with her making over 150 Loom Band bracelets, which she sold to friends, family and even to passengers on the train!! She even went into her mum's work and politely went from office to office selling bracelets.

In total, Ruby raised £165.81, which she presented to the Refuge, who were overwhelmed with her efforts. Well done Ruby!

## MORRISONS LET'S GET GROWING

Vouchers are now being issued in store, until 28<sup>th</sup> November, for this year's 'Let's Grow Scheme'. Please send any vouchers you collect into school, so that we can claim some free gardening equipment.

## HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Please help us to keep on top of this on-going problem, by regularly checking your child's hair for lice and eggs and ensuring that long hair is tied back at school.

If you notice your child has headlice, we advise that you comb it through every other day with a mild conditioner using a fine comb/nit comb; this will ensure you remove any live lice and any hatching eggs. You need to keep doing this each time you wash your child's hair.

If your child is uncomfortable with headlice and, therefore, unable to concentrate at school, we may ask you to come and collect him/her from school to comb the hair through and then return them again. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to Liddington
w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	European Languages Week
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Gourmet Burger Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2.30 – 3.15	Parent Forum – Family Room: Miss Thompson & Miss Bridge
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term: 2.15pm finish
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional Day's Holiday
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term: 2.15pm finish