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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and patience whilst we complete the window walling works on the Upper Site. Things have been going rather slowly this week, as the builders uncovered some beams which needed removing and they have had to wait for permission from a structural engineer! I am hopeful that the works will recommence on Monday and should move quickly from that point on. In the meantime, Years 2-4 will need to continue to use the Year 5/6 gate in the mornings and Year 2 parents will need to continue to walk round the Year 5 /6 block to collect at the end of the day.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 1 PARK OUTINGS

Year 1 have had some fantastic outings, with three park trips last week and a trip to Stevenage Fair this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their local environment as part of Geography and looking at old and new parks and fairs as part of History. A huge thank you goes to all the adults who came and helped out on these local trips. We couldn't do it without you! These trips really help to bring the children's topic 'Places to Play' alive. We really appreciate it!

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES WEEK

This week we have all had lots of fun celebrating European Languages Week. Each phase focused on a different European country and learnt about their traditional food! We then recreated some of the traditional dishes and shared them with our parents/carers in special taster sessions. Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported European Languages Week at Fairlands Primary.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Well done to all the children who have already received a Modern Languages Certificate this year! This week's language focus has been 'Comment t'appelles tu?' which means 'What is your name?'. Next week's focus will be 'Je m'appelle ...' which means 'I am called ...' We are looking forward to hearing lots of French conversations around the school in the near future!

OUR FAVOURITE CHOICE MENU

Thursday 2nd October is School Census Day. The school will receive £1,300 for every eligible child who has a Free School Meal on that day, so it is really important that as many children as possible join us.

As an incentive, the menu that day will be favourites; chicken pie, jacket potato with beans or cheese roll followed by chocolate pudding with chocolate custard, fresh fruit or jelly and biscuits – yum! **We hope you will encourage your child/children to have a school dinner next Thursday.**

It is important that we have as many parents as possible registered for the Free School Meal status before next Thursday. Please see below for details on eligibility.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL STATUS

In addition to school funding received from Hertfordshire County Council/ the Education Funding Agency, **Fairlands Primary School is able to claim a £1,300 grant** from Government each year called the Pupil Premium **for children whose parents or carers receive any of the benefits below:**

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- (Income Related) Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190 and not in receipt of Working

Tax Credit

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS please contact the school office where we can help you apply or apply at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents/Carers are invited to class assemblies this term as follows:

Year 5	Weds 1 st Oct
Year 1	Weds 8 th Oct
Reception	Thurs 16 th Oct
Year 2	Thurs 23 rd Oct
Year 3	Thurs 13 th Nov
Year 4	Thurs 20 th Nov

All in Upper Hall, **starting** promptly at **2.30pm**.

PARENT FORUM

The next meeting will take place in the Family Room at **2.30pm on Thursday 2nd 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/ideas about the school.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Parents/Carers are invited to join us for coffee and cakes from **9-11am on Friday 3rd October in the Lower Hall** to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support Fund. If you can't make it to the coffee morning, please come along to the lower hall after school, as we will be selling off any leftover cakes. Thank you in advance for your support.

YEAR 2 PARENTS

Just a reminder that, in order for Year 2 children to access the full outside area at playtime, they need to keep a pair of wellies (marked with their name) at school. The grass is already quite muddy and will soon be too wet to play on without wellies.

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 for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for

applications is **Friday 31st 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Janay Bullock (Lime class) who took her tap exam and ballet exam and got 87% and a distinction in both. Janay dances with Premiere School of Dance.

MAKE BELIEVE GROUP

Is your child waiting to be discovered? Has your child ever dreamed of being an actor, singer or dancer? Children from as young as 3 and right up to 18 years old come to us to learn how to make the most of their talent, eventually performing in shows in and around the West End! Above all, our training boosts confidence. We'd love to hear from youngsters who are energetic, enthusiastic and want to have fun. As well as helping boost confidence and have a great time, being part of the Make Believe journey could lead to the discovery of a new star! Make Believe launches at Fairlands Primary School on **8th October**. The timings are **Infants (3-5) 5.30-7.00pm, Juniors (6-9) and Seniors (10+) 5.30-8.30pm**. **Contact Jeanette Barratt to book your free trial today on 01438 215678.**

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15

Mon 29 th Sept	Reception visiting Stevenage Library
Weds 1 st Oct	Yr 3 to Stevenage Museum
Weds 1 st Oct 2.30	Yr 5 Parents Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd Oct	Our Favourite Choice Menu
Thursday 2 nd Oct 2.30 - 3.15	Parent Forum - Family Rm Miss Thompson /Miss Bridge
Friday 3 rd Oct 9-11am Lower Hall	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 6 th Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly
Weds 8 th Oct	Yr 1 Parents Class Assembly
Thursday 9 th Oct	School Photographer
Tuesday 14 th Oct 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent Consultations Reception to Yr 6
Wednesday 15 th Oct 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations Nursery to Yr 6

Thurs 16 th Oct	Rec Parents Class Assembly
Friday 17 th Oct	Year 4 to Verulamium
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Yr 2 Parents Class Assembly
Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term
Thurs 13 th Nov	Yr 3 Parents Class Assembly
Thurs 20 th Nov	Yr4 Parents Class Assembly
Friday 19 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish