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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 have been working very hard towards their SATS assessments in Reading, Writing, and Maths, which take place w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May. I am sure that they will all do very well and show the good progress they have made whilst they have been at Fairlands. We wish them all the best!

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT DATES

Just a reminder to **Years 1, 2 and 6** parents of important dates this term - Please avoid any unnecessary absence during these dates:

**Year 6 SATS: w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 2 SATS: w/c 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Year 1 Phonics Testing: w/c 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June**

### YEAR 5 KIT CAR RACE

Last week, a selection of children in Year 5 were invited to take part in an exciting event, in conjunction with Greenpower. Representatives from Greenpower came to school on Friday to help the children to build a kit car, which they then raced in a competition at The Da Vinci School on Saturday. The children had a great time using their engineering skills to construct the car and thoroughly enjoyed the race event at the weekend. We are already looking forward to putting another team together for next year's event!

### DEVELOPING OUR OUTSIDE AREA

As the weather is beginning to improve, Year 1 would like to start developing their outside areas.

The first area that they would like to focus on is their mud kitchen and they would be very grateful for any contributions of old pots, pans and cooking utensils. If by any chance you are having a new kitchen fitted in the coming weeks and would have larger items available, such as a sink, please speak to Miss Flanagan!

### PRIMARY SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS

Parents will have been notified which primary school they have been offered last week. Please ensure you log back in, either by clicking on the link in your offer email, or by visit [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) to accept or reject your offer by **Tuesday 2nd May.**

### NURSERY ALLOCATIONS

Parents will have received their Nursery place offers on Tuesday this week. Please ensure you log in and accept or reject your offers(s) on-line at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) by **Wednesday 4th May.**

### NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Don't forget, we are now using the new Spring & Summer 2016 School Lunch Menus, which were sent home with children before Easter.

### SARA HASSELL FAMILY LIVES SUPPORT

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, will not be available for the next 2-3 weeks. If any parents/carers need support during this time, and do not feel that staff at school can help, please **contact the Family Lives helpline between 9.00am and 9.00pm on 0808 8002222.**

### SMOKING IN THE ALLEYWAY

Please could we ask parents to be considerate of others by not smoking in the alleyway entrance area at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to B&M Bargains, Stevenage Broadwater branch, who donated some compost and 20 Get a Grip Tyres for Art Week.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 28/03/16	w/c 18/04/16
<b>ACORNS AM</b>	<b>88.9</b>	95.8
ACORNS PM	78.6	92.9
<b>CONKERS AM</b>	80.3	<b>98.7</b>
CONKERS PM	88.7	94.6
ASH	94.8	99.1
BEECH	90.1	97.1
<b>BIRCH</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>99.6</b>
CHERRY	93.8	98.8
CHESTNUT	84.9	99.1
CEDAR	90.8	97.4
ELDER	93.3	98.2
ELM	89.9	95.7
<b>FIR</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>100</b>
HAZEL	84.8	95.5
<b>HOLLY</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>99.6</b>
HORNBEAM	89.6	98.3
LIME	91.1	98.3
LARCH	91.7	97.4
PINE	91.8	97.1
<b>POPLAR</b>	93.8	<b>99.0</b>
<b>WALNUT</b>	<b>96.2</b>	97.3
<b>WILLOW</b>	94.4	<b>99.0</b>

**Congratulations to FIR Class** for achieving **100% attendance** last week.

## SCARLET FEVER

There has been an increase in cases of scarlet fever across England and Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health department would like to remind people of the advice to follow if you think you or your child may have the illness.

Scarlet fever is a seasonal illness which should be treated with antibiotics and cases of the illness usually peak at this time of year. The elderly remain most at risk of this infection but increased levels of disease compared to last year have been seen mostly in young adults and children less than five years old.

Scarlet fever is a mild illness with initial symptoms being a sore throat, headache and high temperature and a swollen tongue. This is followed by a pinkish rash. The fever clears up after about a week but you should visit your GP for a proper diagnosis and to get the right treatment.

There is currently no vaccine for scarlet fever and it is highly contagious. Advice to limit the spread is:

- if your child has scarlet fever keep them out of nursery or school for at least 24 hours after starting treatment
- adults should also stay off work for 24 hours

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- wash your hands with soap and water after using or throwing away tissues
- avoid sharing cups, glasses, clothes, utensils, bed linen, towels or baths with people with scarlet fever

You will be informed if there are several cases in your school, nursery or workplace

Full information and advice can be found on at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/pages/introduction.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/pages/introduction.aspx)

## FREE COURSES FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Find out about FREE courses for parents, inclusive theatre groups for children, transforming care roadshows and much more in the new edition of HAND News, the online newsletter from Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database at [www.hertsdirect.org/handnews](http://www.hertsdirect.org/handnews)

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May - 2.30pm	Chestnut Class Parent Assembly
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 6.00pm Lower Hall</b>	<b>Year 4 Cuffley Camp Meeting</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May - 2.30pm	Elm Class Parent Assembly
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Dragon Boat Practice</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Willow Class to Cambridge</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Walnut Class to Cambridge</b>
<b>Weds 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 to Cuffley Camp</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Bell Boat Racing</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Dragon Boat Racing</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - 2.30pm	Birch Class Parent Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Whitsun Half Term
June	Year 2 SATS
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June - 2.30pm	Elder Class Parent Assembly
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - 2.30pm	Cedar Class Parent Assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> & Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET & Occasional Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Summer Term 2: 2.15pm finish