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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Today we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Lyme. She has worked with Years 5 and 6 for the past four years, encouraging them to reach high standards. We will never forget her motto that: "Success comes in cans, not can'ts"! We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Saltwell, who has been helping out covering in Year 5. We wish them both all the best for the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable break next week and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### YEAR 5 STONEAGE WORKSHOP

Last week Year 5 travelled back in time and became Stone Age men and women for the day. The children learnt about the animals that Neanderthal and Neolithic man would have lived alongside and hunted; became tribe members for the day and investigated original and replica artefacts from the period. We learnt lots of interesting and gory facts about their way of life. Ask us what we found out about how they used EVERY part of an animal they killed!

### YEAR 1 WOW DAY

Last Friday, Year 1 children were faced with some terrible news when they arrived at school. They received a message from an alien, telling them one of their leaders had been abducted. The children had a series of challenges to complete throughout the day, which led to a clue to help them identify who had been abducted. Fortunately, the children completed all of the challenges and Miss Thompson was safely returned to Earth and able to share the details of her adventure.

She did tell Year 1 that the aliens would be visiting again soon to watch them read some of their friends' names, so make sure you practise your phonics during the week off year one! You might like to use this website: [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

### YEAR 5 MATHS

Well done to the Year 5 pupils who took part in this week's Maths Challenge at Almond Hill School. See Year 5 blog for more details.

### YEAR 4 BELL BOAT RACING

On Wednesday, the Year 4 children who didn't go to Cuffley spent the day at Fairlands Valley Lakes and took part in the Bell Boat Racing. Our team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 19 teams. Well done.

### YEAR 6 DRAGON BOAT RACING

Two teams of Year 6 children took part in the Dragon Boat Racing at Fairlands Valley Lakes yesterday. A great day was had by all and Walnut class made it to the quarter finals, with the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest speed in the heats.

### YEAR 3 WOW DAY

Year 3 had a fantastic WOW day being super heroes. They enjoyed making healthy sandwiches, swung from ropes and climbed bars during PE and made their own super hero theme tunes. They also went on a number hunts, searching for numbers and solving problems, as well as taking part in other creative activities.

### 'NEW TO' PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to come along with your child to the 'New to' meetings, where you will be given information about your child's education, procedures and expectations for the coming year and meet the year group team.

	New to Nursery	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> June: 5.00pm
Present Nursery	New to Reception	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June: 5.00pm
Present Yr 4	New to Yr 5	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm
Present Yr 5	New to Yr 6 & PGL	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm
Present Yr 3	New to Yr 4	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm
Present Yr 2	New to Yr 3	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm
Present Rec	New to Yr 1	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm
Present Yr 1	New to Yr 2	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 09/05/16	w/c 16/05/16
<b>ACORNS AM</b>	<b>96.7</b>	81.1
ACORNS PM	68.6	81.3
<b>CONKERS AM</b>	92.6	<b>96.8</b>
CONKERS PM	85.7	95.7
<b>ASH</b>	94.8	<b>97.6</b>
BEECH	97.0	96.0
BIRCH	<b>98.6</b>	97.5
CHERRY	93.7	96.3
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<b>99.3</b>	97.6
CEDAR	93.4	93.0
ELDER	98.6	93.9
<b>ELM</b>	96.9	<b>98.5</b>
FIR	98.6	98.2
HAZEL	93.6	93.6
HOLLY	98.2	98.6
HORNBEAM	97.7	97.0
<b>LIME</b>	<b>99.3</b>	94.0
<b>LARCH</b>	96.3	<b>99.3</b>
PINE	97.7	96.9
POPLAR	97.5	97.9
WALNUT	99.1	93.5
<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>98.3</b>

## THE CONFIDENT FATHERS PROGRAMME

A **FREE** 6 week course for any man (fathers or male carers) looking after a child aged under 16 years living in North Herts.

Because "Some Super Heros don't have capes ... they are called Dad".

To be held in The Community Room, **The Valley School** from **10am to 12 noon** from **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

Run by Natural Flair Coaching Ltd (funded by HCC Childhood Support Services). Contact 01992 446051 or email [bookins@natural-flair.co.uk](mailto:bookins@natural-flair.co.uk). Places limited – call NOW to secure your place.

More details on the school website under Recent Downloads.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

For your convenience, school uniform is available to buy online from either of our two suppliers [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com) and [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues). We keep a stock of different sweatshirt sizes in the upper school office, so feel free to pop in, any time, to try them out on your child!

Tesco are offering a 5% donation to the school on every purchase. We recommend ordering embroidered uniform for September as soon as possible, as delivery can be up to 28 days during the peak period of July and August.

## HORSE STATUE – UPPER BUILDING

Please would parents/carers ask their children to refrain from climbing on the horse statue outside the upper building entrance. Thank you.

## PLEASE TAKE CARE

Please could parents/carers ask children to walk, rather than ride, their bikes/scooters along the public alleyway that runs between the two school buildings. It gets very busy at the start and end of the school day and there have been a number of near accidents reported.

## REMINDER EARLY CLOSURE – MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Don't forget, there will be a number of road closures on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, due to the bike race. Please be aware that **ONLY THE SECTION OF POUND AVENUE BETWEEN HIGH STREET AND LETCHMORE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED**. The section leading up to the school will be open, but there will be no parking.

This has resulted in a decision to **close school at 2.15pm that day**, as access to school after that time will be severely disrupted, and there will be **no after school clubs** (Treehouse, Skill7 and Identity Dance) running that day.

Please visit [www.stevenage.gov.uk/the-tour](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/the-tour) for more details about the race and road closures.

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

30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Whitsun Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 2.15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to Gulliver's Land
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day Present Room
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery to Standalone
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Governors' Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – 2.30pm Upper Hall	Elder Class Parent Assembly
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception to Shepreth
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2.30pm Upper Hall	Cedar Class Parent Assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> & Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closed for INSET & Occasional Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 to Gulliver's Land
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Performance</b>
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> July 7pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Performance</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's Reports Out
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Woburn
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers BBQ</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Summer Term 2: 2.15pm finish