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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy end to the academic year. Well done to all the children and staff for another wonderful year at Fairlands. Well done to Year 6 for another set of great SATS results, we are so proud of them! There are also great results across the rest of the school in terms of phonics attainment and KS1 results, so well done EVERYBODY!

This will be the very last issue of Fairlands News. As from September, we will be going even more 'paperless', with the launch of Schoolgateway, which will enable us to email letters to parents, as well as uploading them to the school website, where you will also be able to read all the latest news items and blogs. I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous **THANKYOU to Mrs Julie Dunthorne**, our Administrative Secretary, who has produced the Fairlands News for eight years since 2008, chasing everyone for articles and pulling the whole thing together every other week. Your hard work has been much appreciated!!

Don't forget, school finishes at **2.15pm** on **Friday 22nd July** and the children return to school at **8.50am** on **Monday 5th September**.

With very best wishes for a lovely summer break

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

This year saw our Year 6 children being the first to sit new tests for Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, linked to the curriculum that was introduced in 2014.

Previously at Key Stage 2, the "expected standard" was Level 4. Many children who in the past would have achieved Level 4 have not attained the new expected standard because it is more challenging. This can be seen in the national data – for example, in reading, last year 89% achieved Level 4 or better in tests. This year, 66% have achieved a scaled score of 100 or above.

Our children have achieved exceedingly well with these new standards and we are very proud to report that we have exceeded the national data in all areas. This data is provisional, and we anticipate results will improve slightly in all areas during the checking process.

	School	National
Reading	68%	66%
Writing	87%	74%
Maths	81%	70%
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	83%	72%

YEAR 5/6 ROUNDERS FESTIVAL

Last week, 13 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in an inter schools Rounders Festival. The team's five victories out of seven games played earned them 9th place. Well done Team Fairlands! You did the school proud.

SPELLING BEE

Well done to Janay, Ezekiel and Sam, from Year 5, for making it through to the final of Spelling Bee, a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty.

The final was held at the University of Hertfordshire and they faced competition from other finalists from Hertfordshire. Unfortunately, they didn't make it into the top 10, but they did themselves and Fairlands proud.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE

Very well done to Year 6 on their fabulous production of The Wizard of Oz, which they performed to parents/carers and the whole school last week. Congratulation to Mr Tweeddell, Mrs Smith and Mrs Bainbridge for all their hard work.

Year 6 have their end of school 'Leavers Dinner and Presentation' this Thursday. We hope you all have a great time and wish you all **good luck as you move onto your secondary schools!**

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club has been a great success! The children have loved being super scientists from investigating hot and cold water, to making their own slime and even setting fire to wood! The children have also been given a science activity to take home each week and have loved this. Science Club will be starting again in September so please look out for the letter to sign up. Many thanks, Miss Brown and Miss Ferguson.

MATHS CALCULATIONS EVENT

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to last week's Maths Calculations Event. We hope you found this useful. Thank you to all the children in Years 1 to 6 who helped with the event by demonstrating their maths skills.

SCHOOL GATEWAY

We will be using a new communications/payments system from September. Don't forget to download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone) or visit www.schoolgateway.com before the end of term and register to use the new School Gateway system. If you have any trouble logging in, this might be because the school database does not have your current email and mobile number on record. Please call the school and we will update the details on our system.

DATA COLLECTION

When we return to school in September, we will be carrying out our usual Data Collection check. During the first week of the autumn term we will be sending home Data Collection Sheets, which show the information we have on file for your child, in an envelope to the eldest child on roll at Fairlands.

If, due to confidentiality issues, you would prefer to collect this envelope from the relevant school office, please let us know either in person at the school office, in writing or by email to admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER 2016

There will be a small increase in the price of school meals from September.

Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.

Children in Years 3 to 6 will cost **£2.35 per day** or **£11.75 per week**.

Nursery Lunch Club will cost **£5.00 per day** (for a school meal) or **£2.75 per day** (FSM status or own packed lunch).

GOODBYE & THANK YOU

On Friday we say farewell to a number of members of staff, all of whom were mentioned in the letter sent home informing you of your child's new class. We also say goodbye to Mr Steve Brown and Miss Lucy Martin, who have been with us on long term supply and would like to say thank you to them for their support.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Good luck and congratulations go to Miss Thompson, Miss Arnold, Miss Mackenzie, who are all getting married during the summer holiday. Let's hope they have some lovely weather for the occasions.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 27/06/16	w/c 04/07/16
ACORNS AM	90.8	95
ACORNS PM	86.7	75
CONKERS AM	94.7	89.5
CONKERS PM	92.2	85.9
ASH	98.7	92.4
BEECH	99.2	92.2
BIRCH	93.1	98.3
CHERRY	91.7	88.3
CHESTNUT	90.5	90.5
CEDAR	94.6	97.1
ELDER	95.7	89.2
ELM	92.3	93.8
FIR	97.3	91.1
HAZEL	95.5	88.4
HOLLY	97.3	94.6
HORNBEAM	94.0	93.3
LIME	97.4	96.1
LARCH	95.0	94.2
PINE	88.0	95.4
POPLAR	94.8	96.4
WALNUT	98.4	97.9
WILLOW	96.9	95.8

POKÉMON GO

If your child is playing Pokémon Go over the summer, please keep them safe by:

- Telling them to be aware of roads and other hazards;
- Monitoring their use;
- Reminding them not to go anywhere without telling you first.
- Make sure the app's set up without payment options to prevent in-app purchases.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

CLEANING JOBS

DAB Cleaning, our cleaners, are looking for cleaners to work at the school. They have 12 or 15 hour positions available. Please contact Caroline on 07805 881860 for further information.