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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 have had a great time at Cuffley Camp this week – even with the cold nights! Thank you Miss Franklin, Miss Pearson and Mrs Smith for running the week, and also to those members of staff who have been out to visit the children around the camp fire!

Have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### HOLY TRINITY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Last Saturday, 16 children from Cedar class took part in the Holy Trinity Flower Festival. They gave a short performance of songs, poems, dances and jokes on the theme of laughter.

The children did very well, especially considering the short space of time they had to learn all items. The church committee have written to say how very pleased they were with the performance.

Thank you to Ms Glenister, who came with Cedar class to operate the technical equipment. Also, special thanks must go to those parents who had to make complicated arrangements to get their children to the church on a Saturday morning. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

### YEAR 6 CYCLING COURSE

This week a group of Year 6 children took part in a cycling course, which included Highway Code theory and skills exercises on the playground, followed by basic manoeuvres on the road outside of school for those who reached the required standard of cycle control. Thanks go to Mr Horner for running the course.

### DRAGON BOAT RACING

Yesterday, a group of Year 6 children spent the day at Fairlands Valley Lake, where they took part in the Dragon Boat Racing. Our team did very well but didn't quite make it through to the final races. They all had a very enjoyable day and were also able to try rock climbing, sailing and kayaking.

### NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION AT START AND END OF DAY!

We have reviewed our **start and end of day procedures for Reception children** and will be introducing the following from after half term.

From **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Reception children** will now be lining up with the KS1 children in the **lower playground** first thing in the morning. They will be collected by their teacher and will walk in through the lower hall to their classroom. Reception staff will be out on the playground from 8.45am to meet with parents briefly if you need to; just like the KS1 staff have been doing for the past year. You will also have the opportunity to catch Mr Staples, as he rings the bell there every morning!

At the **end of the day**, please now collect your children from the entrance to the **lower hall**.

We think these procedures will help to make the mornings more orderly, simpler for parents with children in KS1 and Reception, and will help to solve the slight problem we have had with some of the outside play equipment being tampered with first thing in the morning.

The children have had a practice today and I am sure they will be excited to show you on Tuesday how well they have done!

### SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We notice that a number of children have started riding their foot scooters to school.

For safety reasons, all children should dismount from their scooters along the public footpath that runs between the two school buildings, and must not ride them in the school grounds.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Well done to Alfie James (ACORNS), who collected the most sponsorship money for the Easter Egg Obstacle Course Race - £81! His prize is a game and book based on 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

We have raised £460 towards the science garden project and have applied for some expert advice in helping us plan it. We have also applied for a small grant to assist us with the project and we are waiting for the result of these two applications before we can move on with it.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Please can I remind parents that children should come to school wearing appropriate school uniform, in the correct school colours, as follows :

**Plain blue, black or grey trousers (infants may wear plain jogging bottoms),**

**Plain navy blue/black or grey skirt or tunic**

**Plain navy blue jumper / cardigan or school sweatshirt or fleece**

**Plain white shirt/blouse/polo shirt**

**Blue and white checked school dress**

**Flat shoes (no open-toed or backless sandals)**

**Indoor shoes**

**PE Kit (blue/black shorts & white t-shirt)**

For safety reasons, we ask that you **do not allow your children to wear jewellery to school**. Children may wear a watch, and stud earrings if they have their ears pierced.

#### SAFETY IN THE SUN

Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child **before** school and that they have a **sun hat** with them every day. **Sun glasses** are not allowed in school unless required for medical reasons, in which case please write a letter of explanation your child's class teacher.

#### DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for the next half term will be **£1.65 per day / £8.25 per week / £59.40 for the half term**.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.40 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals)

#### GOOD LUCK

Good luck to **Rosie Storton (Ash)**, who is performing in the show 'One Night Only' with North Herts School of Dance on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, at the Gordon Craig Theatre.

#### FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS BINGO NIGHT

The Friends of Fairlands are holding a Bingo Night at the school on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Book sales from 7.00pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm (finish approx 9.30pm). Entrance fee £4.00 per person (**no under 18s**)

Entrance fee includes a chip supper - bring your own refreshments, including alcohol (please bring your own glasses). Tea and coffee will be on sale.

Booking slips available from the office or on the website at [www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk](http://www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk). Please book by office by **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

#### TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

The Tesco Scheme has now come to an end, so please ask all your friends and relatives to look in their purses / wallets, glove compartments, kitchen drawers, etc for any vouchers and send them into school after half term - thank you!

#### NATURE WALK AND TREE COLLAGE

On **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**, join Groundwork Hertfordshire for a nature hunt and activities at Ridlins Wood Athletic Track in Stevenage. Come along and search surrounding woodland for leaves and wildlife, then have some fun making a collage from what you have found. This event is part of Stevenage in Bloom.

To book your place (at half hourly intervals from 2-3.30pm) contact Ellie Turner on 01707 255182 or [Eleanor.turner@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Eleanor.turner@groundwork.org.uk)

#### UK FOOTBALL COACHING NETWORK

Enjoy playing football, but would like to have a fun game, without pressure? The UKFCN are holding a **FREE Fun Day** for boys and girls aged 5-11 at King George Playing Fields, **Welwyn Garden City** on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** 11am - 1.00pm. You are invited to go along and play football - no subs, no refs, no attitudes - plenty of smiling faces, and lots of laughter.