

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There are lots of activities going on over the next few weeks, leading up to the end of term. Year 6 are rehearsing hard for their performance of The Wizard of Oz and the Friends of Fairlands are busy arranging a fun packed day for **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July**, when they will be holding the Family Fun Day.

On **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** parents / carers will have an opportunity to come in and have a look around the whole school **at the new time of 5-7pm**, to see displays of the wonderful work all the children have been doing this year and admire our newly decorated Year 3/4 corridor!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## SEPTEMBER INSET DAYS

Please be aware that the **children will return to school after the summer holiday on WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER** as Monday and Tuesday are INSET days.

## KS1 TRIP TO WOBURN SAFARI PARK

Last Wednesday, KS1 visited Woburn Safari Park. We had a drive round the safari park where we saw tigers, lions, bears, wolves, elephant, giraffes and monkeys. One monkey climbed onto our coach and we could see it through the sky light! We watched a display by the sea lions, saw snakes, penguins and many other animals. We also had great fun in the adventure playground.

We had a lovely day. Thank you to all the parents who helped, and to Miss Morgan who organised the trip.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

On Sports Day, 114 people gave us their views by voting for their preferred addition to the playground. The amphitheatre was the most popular with parents and carers, with the gazebo in second place. The class votes were very similar with these two items being the most popular. Thank to everyone who voted. We will using the results to show that have consulted different groups in the bid for improving the outside area at Fairlands.

## STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

Thank you to those of you who returned the Student Support Centre slips. We have received a cheque from them for £150, which will go towards school funds.

## 'CHANCE TO SHINE' CRICKET TOURNAMENT

10 Year 5/6 children recently took part in the Chance to Shine Primary Schools Cricket Tournament at Stevenage Cricket Club.

Our team won 3 of their 4 matches and, having been narrowly beaten, came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 13 teams. Well done to all the children, who received a certificate for taking part in the day.

## YEAR 4 STRIKING & FIELDING FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 10 Year 4 children attended a 'Striking and Fielding Festival' at Stevenage Cricket Club, where they took part in a range of activities to improve their cricket skills.

Towards the end of the afternoon they played a friendly game with Bedwell School – a close match, but our team triumphed, winning by 9 runs.

Everyone had a great time and the small amount of drizzle did nothing to dampen spirits!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are entitled to Free Meals, you should by now have received your renewal notification to reapply for next academic year.

If you have yet reapplied, please telephone 01438 737370 or apply on line at [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

### GRAND RAFFLE

Last week, the eldest child in each family was issued with 3 books of raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle, which will be drawn at the Family Fun Day on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Please return any sold and unsold books to school by **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**, along with any money, in a sealed envelope with your eldest child's name written on it. Thank you for your support.

### WELL DONE

Congratulations to Ryan Fish (Walnut) and Brandon Dowsett (Willow) who have both been graded Blue Belts in Karate.

### NESTLE BOX TOPS

We have received a cheque for £44 in return for Box Tops collected this year. This is a really easy scheme to take part in – please keep collecting tokens for us and send them into school.

### BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The latest newsletter, updating you on Hertfordshire's Building Schools for the Future programme, is now available from the leaflet stand in reception.

### ADULTS BACK TO NETBALL 2008

Not played netball since school? Why Not? The Priors School, Hitchin are holding a 5 week 'Back to Netball' course for adults, starting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September until Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008, 7-8pm. Cost £20.00 for the 5 week course, payable in advance. Contact Sally Baines for more information 01462 622300 Ext 207

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July 1.45pm & 7.30pm	Year 6 Production – The Wizard of Oz
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools.
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports home to parents
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting for Yr 5 Parents & Children re Boreatton Park
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm	Open Evening
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term : <b>2.15pm finish</b>
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept & Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET Days</b>
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Return to school

*Come along to*

*The Friends of Fairlands*  
**FAMILY FUN DAY  
& CAR BOOT SALE**



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**12 – 3pm**

**Stalls, rides and activities for all  
ages**

**Shepreth Wildlife Park  
Reptiles & Bugs**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Display Arena – Gymnastics,  
dancing & music, dog agility**

**BBQ, Ice Cream, Refreshments**

**Grand Raffle**