

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we say a fond farewell to the following members of staff – Mrs Bull, Mrs Holderness, Miss Toms, Miss Pearson, Mr Caunt, Ms Walsh and Mrs Flexman. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing them all the very best for the future. I would also like to thank *all* school staff for their hard work and commitment during the school year.

Best wishes also go to Year 6 – all grown up and going off to secondary school! They have set an excellent example this year and we will miss them all very much.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer break, and look forward to seeing you back at school at **8.50am on Wednesday, 3rd September.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Congratulations to Year 6 on their wonderful performance of The Wizard of Oz, which parents were invited to come in and watch last week. Thanks go to Mrs Yendell, Miss Bridge and all the staff involved in this very successful production.

Thank you to all the parents who donated to the collection for the Year 6 Leavers Do, which takes place next Tuesday evening.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS FAMILY FUN DAY

What a fabulous day was had by everyone who came along to our Family Fun Day. The sun shone and people turned up on mass to enjoy the many activities going on throughout the afternoon. Thank you very much to The Friends of Fairlands, who did a fantastic job organising the event and raised a massive **£2,000!**

OPEN EVENING

We held a very successful Open Evening this week – with about 100 parents coming along to look around the school, meet the teachers and watch the children's presentations. Thank you for your support – it is fantastic to see so many parents taking an active part in their child's education! We are looking forward to an even bigger and better open evening next year.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports were sent home with your child on Monday of this week. Please ensure you sign and return the back page to school before the end of term, letting us know that you have received the report and adding any comments you may have.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Oops! We have realised we haven't been including the Attendance Award on the newsletter this term. Attendance has been very good, with Willow winning the award 3 times with 98%, 99.9% and 100% for SATs week. Walnut, Poplar, Pine, Hawthorn, Cherry and Ash all won once each with over 98%. Hornbeam had an impressive 99.2% attendance w/c 30th June and Cherry won again last week with 99.6%.

In assembly on Monday, children were presented with certificates for 100% attendance for the Summer Term. Special Achievement certificates were awarded to those children who had 5 or less sessions absence during the whole school year.

Congratulations to Alex McPartland (Willow), who was awarded a certificate in recognition of excellent attendance (100% attendance this school year).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can now only be ordered on-line - just click on the link to YourSchoolUniform.com on our website. Please see the letter sent home today for full details.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school meals will be going up from September :

There will be a slight rise in the cost of school dinners from September. The price will be the same for ALL pupils as follows :

£1.75 per day / £8.75 per week / £66.50 for the half term.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.45 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals)

Please send dinner money into school on a Friday or Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Any change due under 10p will be credited to your child's account.

PARENTLINEPLUS 'LESS SHOUTING MORE CO-OPERATION'

Do you spend your life nagging? Do you need some ideas on how you and your child can get what you need without falling out?

Sara Hassell, **Parentlineplus**, is running a **FREE** 5 week course **called 'Less Shouting, More Co-operation'**, commencing **Wednesday, 10th September, 9.15- 11.15am**. A creche will be available. Please contact the school office by Wednesday to book your place, or during the school holiday on 01707 630100.

PARENTLINEPLUS 'DEALING WITH ANGER'

Sara is also running a 6 week course called **'Dealing with Anger'**, on **Wednesday evenings, 7.00-9.00pm**, also commencing **10th September** : Does your home sometimes feel like a battlefield? This group will help you learn how to deal positively with anger.

Again, please book through the school office before the end of term or telephone 01707 630100 to book via Parentlineplus.

Want to know more about **Parentlineplus**? Follow the links from our website : Click on **'Our Community'**, then **'Extended Schools Services'** and scroll down to click on **'Parent Support and Family Learning'**. This will take you to the Parentlineplus website.



The Wakey Wakey Club!

Our popular breakfast club will continue to run from Wednesday, 3rd September.

Your child will receive a healthy breakfast and professional childcare in a safe and friendly environment, giving them an opportunity to socialise with other children from all areas of the school.

The club is open to all Fairlands' children from Nursery to Year 6 and runs in the dining hall from 8.00am until registration (Foundation & KS1 children are walked to their classrooms)

Cost : £3.00 for first child, siblings £2.70 (Free school meals £2.50)

No need to book – just turn up at 8.00am

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Monday, 1 st Sept & Tuesday, 2 nd Sept	SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET Days
Wednesday, 3 rd September	Return to school
Monday, 8 th - Friday, 12 th September	Year 6 to Boreatton Park, Shropshire
Wednesday 10th Sept 9.15 - 11.15	Start of ParentlinePlus 5 week course : Less Shouting More Co-operation
Wednesday 10th Sept 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Start of ParentlinePlus 6 week course : Dealing with Anger
Tuesday, 16th Sept 9.00am & 12.45pm	ParentlinePlus Workshop : How to Support Your Child in Nursery
Thursday, 18th Sept 9.05am	Parent Forum

