

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Time for a quick update on the refurbishment programme in the Lower Building – I am very pleased to tell you that both Cedar and Chestnut classes have been repainted and the decorators are now moving on to Cherry class. So that we do not have to move furniture too far, we will be leaving Chestnut where they are for the moment, and moving Cherry temporarily into Chestnut classroom! It sounds complicated but I have to say the children and teachers are managing it extremely well and are all seeing it as quite a little adventure! Thank you to everyone for working together in such a positive way.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### ARRIVA 'COOL BUS'

On Wednesday we were visited by the Arriva 'Cool Bus'. Year 6 took part in activities on the bus where they learnt how to use a bus safely and about environmental issues and customer services, followed by a short quiz. Everyone received a "goodie bag" and a certificate.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for all the tins and packets donated to school for the children's Harvest Festival Assembly, which will take place on Monday. **Don't forget to send in fresh produce on Monday morning.**

### PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent / Teacher Consultations will be taking place on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 6.00pm) and Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October (5.30 – 8.00pm)**. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss with them how your child is progressing so far this year. Appointment boards are in the Upper Building entrance area - **please come in and sign up.**

There will be a drop-in centre available in the dining hall, where your child/children can wait whilst you meet with their teacher. The Friends of Fairlands will be selling tea/coffee in both halls.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph proofs were sent home on Tuesday of this week. Any orders **must** be returned to school, including payment, by **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Data Collection Sheets are being sent home over the next week with the eldest child in each family. Please thoroughly check all the details we have on record for your child/children, clearly make any amendments, and return the sheet(s) to school by **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

### STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION CHILDREN'S SAVING SCHEME

The launch of the Stevenage Credit Union Children's Savings Scheme was very successful. Children and adults can save as little or as much as they wish on a weekly basis, **every Tuesday after school in the main KS2 hall.**

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Congratulations to Hawthorn for winning the award for the second week in a row with, 98.7% w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> September and to Cedar, who won last week with 94.5%.

### POPPY APPEAL

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and we will be bringing Poppies around to the classes the week before half term, for children who would like to make a donation.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Very well done to Alice Hannaford (Hornbeam) who has passed the following dancing exams:  
Ballet - Highly Commended, Jazz - Highly Commended and Tap Juvenile Award - Honours.

Congratulations also go to Phoebe Swallow (Laburnum) who has achieved her Gold Badge in swimming.

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2009-10?

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 please apply now for a primary reception place for the school year 2009-2010. Information has already been sent out to parents. If you have not received this please telephone 01438 737500 (01923 471500 for 01923 callers) between 8am & 8pm from Mon - Fri & 9am - 4pm on Saturday. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **Application deadline 16th October 2008.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line will be able to come into school on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October between 9.00am and 1.30pm** and use the school's computers in the ICT suit (KS2 building). A member of staff will be available to help! If you cannot make this date, please contact Mrs Dunthorne in the office, who will be happy to make an alternate appointment with you.

## SPRING MEADOWS AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires were sent home to all parents / carers this week. Please complete and return the questionnaire to school by **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October - whether or not you are interested in using the club facilities**, as there is a prize for the school who returns the most questionnaires!

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

ParentlinePlus is running this **FREE** workshop at Trots Hill Primary School, Wisden Road, Stevenage, on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1-3pm**. To book a place contact Adrienne Arthurs on 07769 974834 or at [arthursa@barclay.herts.sch.uk](mailto:arthursa@barclay.herts.sch.uk)



## The Wakey Wakey Club!

Our popular Breakfast Club is held in the dining hall and runs every day, Monday to Friday.

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 2008/2009

Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00am - 1.30pm	Primary On-line Application Session
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October 9.05am	Parent Forum
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October KS1 &amp; FS : 5-6pm KS2 : 6.45-8pm</b>	<b>Halloween Disco/Party</b>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
<b>Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 start</b>	<b>Friends of Fairlands Quiz Night</b>
<b>Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am - 2pm</b>	<b>Friends of Fairlands Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2.15 finish</b>
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2.15 finish</b>
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to School</b>