

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you, along with me, can't believe that Christmas is just around the corner! We will be sending out a flyer with all of our Christmas activities next week, but please look at the dates section to see what is coming up. You know we always do Christmas 'in style' at Fairlands!

Alternatively, you can always check dates on our website. I must apologise for the fact that it hasn't been updated much this term... I have been struggling to keep on top of it recently. However, we still receive many compliments about the quality of the site - including some families who have been attracted by the site to send their children to our wonderful school. We are now looking at ways to involve more people in making contributions, including the children. Watch this space!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

CHERRY CLASS GET COOKING

Last week Cherry class went to learn about Healthy Eating at Waitrose in the Old Town!

Children were shown round various food sections of the supermarket, finding out about the different types of fish, meat, cheese, bread and vegetables on sale. They were taken to see the loading bays, offices and recycling area and experienced the temperatures of the cold room and the freezer room.

They also had the opportunity to cook their own fruit crumble, following the instructions carefully. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the children were able to take home their cooking to share with their families. Thank you to all the adults who assisted us on this local trip and thanks to Waitrose for making it possible!

THANKYOU!



Welcome to the new 'Thankyou' section in our newsletter, where we will take the opportunity each time to say a big thankyou to someone super-special!

The first special person is... **Mrs Dunthorne**, especially for all her hard work putting the newsletters together every two weeks. It takes a lot of time and effort to make these newsletters happen, so THANKYOU for this and everything else you do for the school!

MATHS ROADSHOW

Next **Tuesday, 2nd December**, sees the return of the Fairlands Maths Roadshow in the **Lower Hall 6.00 - 7.15pm** - a fun evening of mathematics problem solving and games, offering an opportunity for parents to work with and help their children, but above all have fun. There will be something for everybody - whatever the age or ability of your child. Each child will receive a certificate.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are pleased to announce that we raised £253.50 for Children in Need! Well done to everyone for taking part and to Mrs Hurren for organising the day.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night was a great success, raising £326 towards school funds. Thank you to the 'Friends' for organising a most enjoyable evening.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Well done to Hornbeam for winning the award with a very impressive 99.1% attendance w/c 10th November, and to Larch for winning with 98.7% attendance w/c 17th November.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - we raised £56.27.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY IN 2009-09?

If your child was born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 please apply now for a nursery place for the school year 2009-2010.

Information has already been sent out to parents. If you have not received your pack, 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 - **Application deadline 20th January 2009.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line will be able to come into school on **Wednesday, 14th January between 9.00am and 12.30pm** and use the school's computers in the ICT suit (KS2 building). A member of staff will be available to help! If you are unable to come in on the 14th, please telephone the office to arrange a more convenient time.

MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In September, all children brought home a medical questionnaire, to be completed and returned to school to ensure we have up-to-date information about their health. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you send the completed questionnaire back to school as soon as possible.

THE STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION 'YOUNG SAVERS CLUB'

The 'Young Savers Club' is run at Fairlands in the upper hall every Tuesday at 3.15pm. This is a fantastic way to encourage your child to start saving - anything from a few pence to a pound a week. Come along on Tuesday and find out more!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Wednesday, 3 rd Dec	Christmas Post box Out
Saturday, 6 th December 11am - 2pm	Friends of Fairlands Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 9 th December	Christmas Present Room
Wednesday, 10 th Dec : 10.30am & 6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday, 11 th Dec : 2pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday, 12 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Nativity
Friday 12 th December	No Gym Club
Tuesday, 16 th December	Christmas Party Lunch
Weds, 17 th December 9.30am : Years 5 & 6 11.30am : Years 3 & 4	Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
Thursday, 18 th Dec - pm	KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday, 19 th December	Last Day of Term 2.15 finish
Monday, 5 th January, 2009	INSET Day
Tuesday, 6 th January, 2009	Return to School



Friends of Fairlands Christmas Fayre

on

Saturday, 6th December, 2008

11am - 2pm

*Everyone is invited to
come and join us*

Visit Father Christmas

Stalls galore to buy those little gifts

Secret Present Room

Games, activities and more

*Join us for lunch and try our Turkey &
Stuffing Rolls
followed by a hot drink*

We look forward to seeing you all!