

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

We start this newsletter with a timely reminder of an age-old problem at Fairlands: PARKING! Please could I politely remind all parents that they should not be parking on the zig-zag lines, or on the pavements surrounding the school entrance. Parents should also not be driving into the school car parks to drop children off. These actions present a serious danger to all of our children – yours included! Please leave plenty of time in the morning so that you are able to park the necessary distance away and drop your children off safely.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



A big THANK YOU goes this week to the Foundation Stage Team.

They have all been working so hard together as a team since September. Whenever

I visit the Foundation Stage, there is always such a buzz of excitement about the learning that is happening – it really is wonderful to see.

I am happy to say also that all the new Nursery children have settled in very well – it is incredible how quickly they settle into their new routines. Well done, Foundation Stage!

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to Ash, who won the Attendance Award with 93.8% w/c 12th January, and to Hazel for winning it last week with 94.2%.

PARENTS' AND CARER'S VIEWS OF THE SCHOOL

Last week, we asked all our pupils to fill in a questionnaire, telling us what they think about their school.

On Monday we will be sending home a questionnaire to Parents/Carers asking for your views of the school. Please could we ask you to complete **one questionnaire for each child you have at the school** and return it to us by the end of the week. We will report back to you on our findings in a later newsletter!

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will take place on **Thursday, 5th February** in the Learning Room (Upper Building) from **9.05 – 10.30am**. Come along and meet Sara Hassell, our linked Parentline Plus worker, who works closely with parents/carers who need support with parenting.

PARENTLINEPLUS 'DEALING WITH ANGER'

Does your home sometimes feel like a battlefield? This group will help you learn how to deal positively with anger:

Sara Hassell, Parentlineplus, is running a 6 week course called **'Dealing with Anger'**, which will run in the Upper Building on **Friday mornings** from **9.15 - 11.15am**, commencing **6th February**.

There will be a free creche available, but places must be booked in advance

You can book your place on this useful course through the school office or by phoning Sara on 01707 630100.

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.

**BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE
TOY LIBRARY**

Do you have or do you look after children aged 0 – 5? Are they already bored with their Christmas toys? Are you struggling with the Credit Crunch?

Why not come along to The Bridge Road Toy Library, which is **held in the Upper Building at Fairlands School on Monday mornings between 9.15am and 12.00.**

Many of the toys for loan available are brand new!

Membership for a year is just £2.50 per family - toys can then be taken home for a weekly fee ranging from 20p to £1.00 – much cheaper than buying something new!

**SKILL 7 FOOTBALL
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

You will be pleased to hear that **you can now pay weekly** for the **Tuesday After-School Football Club** which runs from 3.20 – 5.00pm at a cost of £4.00 per session. Chris would love to see some new members – why not give it a try!

Skill 7 are also running a one-day football course at Fairlands during half term. This will be on **Tuesday, 17th February, from 9am – 4pm** at a cost of £20.00. However, anyone who returns their application form and money to the office by **Tuesday, 10th February** will receive **£5.00 off!** Booking forms are available from the office.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB

SBFC are offering **FREE** tickets to all pupils of Fairlands School to attend their match against Forest Green Rovers on **Saturday, 7th February**. Children must be accompanied by an adult, who can purchase a ticket for £15.00. To claim your FREE ticket(s) please send your money and the slip on the bottom of the letter sent home on Monday (spare copies available from the office or download from our website) by **Wednesday, 4th February**.

BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The latest newsletter updating parents/carers on Building Schools for the Future is now available from the leaflet stand in the upper building.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Thursday, 5th Feb 9.05 – 10.30am	Parent Forum
Monday, 16 th to Friday, 20 th February	Half Term
Friday, 27 th February	Friends of Fairlands' Quiz Night
Monday, 2 nd March	Secondary School Allocation Day
Wednesday, 4 th March	World Maths Day
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday, 9 th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Wednesday, 11 th March 5.30pm – 8.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 2 nd April	Friends of Fairlands' Easter Disco
Friday, 3 rd April	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 6 th April to Friday, 17 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday, 20 th April	INSET
Tuesday, 21 st April	Return to school
Monday, 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Friday, 17 th July	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday, 2 nd Sept	INSET Day
Thursday, 3 rd September	Return to School