



# FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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11<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Dear Parents / Carers,

This year we will be taking part in World Maths Day, which is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**. All children at Fairlands, from Reception to Year 6, will have the opportunity to participate.

The official World Maths Day challenge involves students from all over the world, playing against each other in real time battles of mental arithmetic, using the World Math Day game engine. The level of difficulty of the questions varies according to age.

In order to give pupils the opportunity to practise for this event, we have registered each class and set up individual accounts. With this letter, pupils will bring home a card which gives details of their user name and password. The website address is [www.worldmathsday.com](http://www.worldmathsday.com). Just go to the site, and click on "click here to sign in", enter username and password and this will move you through to the games.

I realise that not all pupils will have access to the Internet in their homes and with this in mind I have arranged for the ICT suite in the Upper Building to be open at the following times:

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.20 – 4.00**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.20 – 4.00**
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February (Half term week) 9.15 – 11.00 (half hour sessions)**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 8.15 – 8.45**
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 3.20 – 4.00**
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.20 – 4.00**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (World Maths Day) 8.15- 8.45**

You should book your child's times in advance. If they just turn up then they might be disappointed. Please book their times by contacting the school office. You do not *have* to accompany your child, but you are very welcome to stay.

You could also use the Internet at your local library. Make sure your child remembers to take his/ her log on details.

As well as the official challenge, we plan to celebrate World Maths Day at Fairlands with a number of other Mathematical activities, investigations and competitions. We will include our popular **Maths Road Show** for parents and children on the **evening of 4<sup>th</sup> March**. More details about this will follow in another letter.

If there are any parents who would be willing to come into school to help support some of the activities we have arranged on the 4<sup>th</sup>, then please complete the form below and return it immediately so that we can organise best use of your time. **You do not have to be "good at maths" to do this!** You do not have to volunteer to be here for the whole day, but you could sign up for just one of the sessions. We hope that those parents that do come will be given an insight into opportunities for supporting your child with mathematics at home. Please be aware that you may not be working with your own child's class. If you have any questions about this then please either contact the school office or go to the contact section on the Fairlands website and email Mrs. Bradley.

Robert Staples  
**HEADTEACHER**

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**Please complete this form and return it to school, indicating when you are available to help on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March**

Name :					
	9.00 – 10.30	10.45 – 12.00	12.00-1.00	1.30-2.20	2.20 – 3.00
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>					

**Please tick to show when you would be able to help – Thank you**