

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

You have probably already heard that we have a slight problem with some unwelcome visitors in the school and have discovered evidence that mice have been trespassing onto the site! With such a large site it is always difficult to control such things and there have been traces found in a few areas, including the stage, stock cupboards and of course the school kitchen. We are now doing everything we can to send our little friends on their way!

I would like to reassure parents that our decision to close the school kitchen is entirely a precautionary measure. The staff all work very hard to keep the kitchen spotless every day, and we obviously take a very strong 'belt & braces' approach where food hygiene is concerned. Following a detailed inspection by a surveyor, I am hoping that the works to block up any small holes where mice could gain access will be finished after half term. I, for one, am then looking forward to once again having the healthy school meals that Mrs Fish works so hard to prepare!

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you back at school at **8.50am on Monday, 23rd February.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



A BIG THANK YOU goes this week to **Mrs Tina Fish**, our wonderful school cook!

She works very hard to make our lovely school lunches everyday and always serves them up with a friendly smile.

She is obviously very upset at the moment that her kitchen has had to close through no fault of her own, so when you see her next, please give her a big smile back!

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Well done to Laburnum for winning the award for w/c 26th January with 96% attendance.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING WEEK w/c 9TH MARCH

For one of our activities during Science Week we need your old newspapers! Please place them in the boxes which will be on the Upper and Lower School playgrounds when we return after half term. **No magazines or staples please!** Thank you.

WORLD MATHS DAY CHALLENGE

We are taking part in the World Maths Day challenge, which involves students from all over the world playing against each other in real time battles of mental arithmetic, using the World Maths Day game engine.

All children from Reception to Year 6 have been issued with a user name and password to enable them to practise on-line at www.worldmathsday.com. For those children who cannot access a computer at home, there are practise sessions available in our ICT suite. Please contact the school office to book your child's place.

If any parents would like to help out with our activities on World Maths Day (March 4th) please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter sent home this week and return it to the school office.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners for next half term is :

£1.75 per day / £8.75 per week / £52.50 for the half term.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.50 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals)

**FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS'
FREE FAMILY FUN QUIZ NIGHT**

As a way of saying thank you to all our parents /carers for their support, the Friends of Fairlands are holding a **FREE family Quiz Night** on **Friday, 27th February**. Maximum of 8 in a team and children **must** be accompanied by an adult. This event is for children in **Years 1 – 6 only**. We will be providing a light buffet and refreshments. We hope you can join us – please fill in a reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible. Spare letters are available from the office.

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

The Stevenage Credit Union is a savings club which collects from a number of schools in Stevenage. The Credit Union enables the children to learn about cash handling at an early age. They can plan what they do with their pocket money - perhaps save for a holiday, christmas or family birthdays.

The Credit Union is run at Fairlands School in the Upper Hall every **Tuesday at 3.15pm**.

On joining, children receive a drawstring bag and a savings chart.. After 12 weeks they receive another gift and, if they save regularly, this continues every 12 weeks.

We also encourage parents and teachers to join as adult members. We have a Christmas Savings Club, which you can join to ease the Christmas cash flow! There is no limit to the amount you can save and you can withdraw the money whenever you want it.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB

As Borough's football match against Forest Green Rovers was cancelled, due to the weather, they are now offering **FREE** tickets to all pupils of Fairlands School to attend their match against Oxford United on **Saturday, 28th March** (3pm kick off). Children must be accompanied by an adult, who can purchase a ticket for £15.00.

Please contact the school office if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

**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!

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

This year's Sainsbury's scheme is already up and running, with vouchers being issued in store until 3rd June. Last year we collected 12660 vouchers, which enabled us to choose some fantastic new PE equipment for the school.

TESCO VOUCHERS

Tesco are launching their new voucher scheme for computer and sports equipment on 2nd March.

NESTLE BOX TOPS

We are still collecting Box Tops for Books. This year's scheme runs until the beginning of March – please cut out any tokens you have at home and send them in to school.

Please help us by collecting all the above vouchers and asking your family and friends to do the same and send them into school.

Any volunteers to help count vouchers would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the school office.