

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you probably know, the children take part in SEAL lessons (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning) and we always start the new term with a new SEAL theme. This term we will be thinking about **RELATIONSHIPS**. This will include asking the children to think about the following Weekly Themes:

Next Week: Changing an unfair situation

Week 2: Being pleased for someone's achievement

Week 3: Telling the truth, making amends

Week 4: Helping someone who is feeling sad or lonely

It really helps the children if parents support the SEAL programme by talking about these things at home. Perhaps you could find a story book at home to share together that fits in with the Weekly Focus? Or you could give your child a little treat if they show you they can 'do' the Weekly Focus. Let us know if you have any other ideas!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THE GUINEA PIGS ARE HERE!

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our two Guinea Pigs in the Foundation Stage. Having raised £510 from our Sponsored Pirate Day, we have been able to provide them with luxury living quarters and they will receive lots of love and care. The whole-school competition to name our new arrivals has been launched - the winning names will be announced in assembly on Monday.

We would like to thank **Pets at Home** for donating a small, indoor hutch and **Jollyes** for donating an outdoor run.

THANK YOU!



Our big thank you this week goes to the **Friends of Fairlands** who came in during the Easter Holiday to help renovate the Foundation Stage outdoor area.

With their help, the Foundation Stage staff were able to tidy up the growing patches, create an outdoor lounge area and, of course, set up the enormous guinea pig hutch!

Thank you so much for giving your time up voluntarily and **thank you to all Friends of Fairlands for all the work you do!**

SKIPPING WORKSHOP

Report by Pheobe Swallow and Paige Spraggs, Laburnum :

"We had a visit from Skipping Workshops where we had an afternoon of learning how to skip different steps and tricks. Harold Galley showed us how to skip pretzels, crossovers and continuous crossovers. Then we learnt the double-dutch, figure of eight game and knock-out. At the end of the afternoon we demonstrated our new skills to the whole school".

Paige said, *"I loved the figure of eight, because everyone was playing together. It was sometimes hard, but fun, especially when you got good at it".*

Pheobe said, *"Doing the pretzels was easier than I thought, and I have been practising at home. I have got really good now, because I bought my own skipping rope and I've beaten my score".*

Our Year 6 scores can now be seen on the Skipping Workshop website; www/skipping-workshops.co.uk - The Skipping Challenge. If anybody wants to send in their own scores, please email Harold Galley at info@skipping-workshops.co.uk and he will update the table.

Skipping Ropes are available for purchase from the school office at a cost of £4.00.

MINI OLYMPICS

On Thursday, Cedar class took part in a 'Mini-Olympics Sports Festival' at the Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, run by the Sports Partnership. The children enjoyed having a go at trampolining, tennis, cricket, athletics and football.

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS DEVELOPMENT DAY

Today, our Year 1 children took part in a Gymnastics Development Day at Marriotts Gym Centre, where they tried different types of gymnastics, i.e. rhythmic, arobatics, trampoline, aerobics and other activities.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to Laburnum, who won the award *yet again*, this time with 95.6% attendance for the last week of term.

Very well done also to those children who were presented with certificates in assembly this morning, for '100% Attendance in the Spring Term'.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' QUIZ NIGHT & CHIP SUPPER

Fancy a fun night out? The Friends of Fairlands are holding a **Quiz Night** at the school on **Friday, 1st May**. Teams of up to 8 people (adults only). Tickets cost £6.50 per person and include a chip supper. Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Please complete an entry form (available from the office), giving the name of your team and your food order, and return it to school by **Tuesday, 28th April**. You can either send payment with your order slip, send it in during next week or pay on the night, but **please ensure all order forms are sent in by Tuesday**.

CALLING ALL MEN !!

Would you like to have a better understanding of the behaviour going on in your house? If so, why not come along to an evening run by Sara Hassell, our Parentlineplus support worker, on **Monday, 11th May**, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Lower Building.

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office, or phone or email Sara on 01707 630100 / sarah@parentlineplus.org.uk.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Amy Gabbitus (LIME) for completing the Marie Curie 2009 Swimathon and raising £80 for the charity.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2009

So far we have collected **3,700** vouchers. Vouchers are being issued in store until 3rd June, so please ask all your family and friends to to help us and send their vouchers into Fairlands! Don't forget, there's also a chance to win £50 worth of shopping every 5 minutes when you register a voucher on-line! Visit www.sainsburys.co.uk/ActiveKids for more information.

TESCO VOUCHERS

We have collected **2,400** vouchers so far. Vouchers are being issued in store until Sunday, 7th June, so please ask all your family and friends to to help us and send their vouchers into Fairlands, to help us collect enough vouchers for new digital cameras for the school.

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 9th - 15th MAY

Adult Learners week starts on Saturday 9th May and runs through to Friday 15th May. Look out for this year's brochure which has been sent home this week, offering a wide and varied choice of sessions from How to Write a CV to Meals for a Fiver; put together by the Stevenage and North Herts Learning Partnerships (including Stevenage Extended Schools). There are locally available sessions (mainly free); they just need to be booked through the contacts shown.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Friday, 1 st May 7.30 - approx 10.00pm	Friends of Fairlands' Quiz Night
Monday, 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday, 11 th - Friday, 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 11 th May 7.30 - 9.30pm	Parentlineplus Fathers' Group
Monday, 18 th - Friday, 22 nd May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday, 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Half Term