

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 return to school today, having had a fantastic week at Cuffley Camp. The children have enjoyed a huge variety of activities including mountain biking, crate stacking, photography, circus skills, art, a Harry Potter trail, problem solving and pond dipping, ending each evening around the campfire. Thank you to Miss Franklin and Mrs Foster for looking after them all and to the staff who have been out to visit them in the evenings.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Monday, 1st June.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

FOUNDATION STAGE TRIP TO STANDALONE FARM

The Foundation Stage had a fantastic day at Standalone Farm yesterday! The short thunderstorm at lunchtime did not dampen their spirits. They explored the farm and discovered a hide and a display of birds. They played in 'Fort Standalone' and had a go on the pedal tractors. They then had the opportunity to feed some lambs. Later in the day all 94 children sat down and watched a cow being milked. The farmer said that they were the best group of children he had ever had listening to him. Well done Fairlands!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to our **Foundation Stage Children** for being excellent representatives of Fairlands Primary School when they visited Standalone Farm yesterday.

Thank you also to all the staff and governors who helped to make it such an enjoyable day for them.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Well done to **Hawthorn**, who won the award w/c 4th May with **98.3%** attendance and to **Laburnum** and **Cedar**, who shared the award for last week's attendance with a very impressive **99%**.

PARENT FORUM

Please note that the date of the next Parent Forum has been changed and will now take place on **Thursday, 11th June at 9.05am** in the Learning Room.

All parents/carers are invited to come along to the Parent Forum to meet Mr Staples and other parents/carers and discuss their views of the school.

REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAY

As we near the holiday season, please can I remind parents that I do not recommend children take time off during the normal school term as, during the time your child is absent, there will be aspects of the curriculum which they will inevitably miss.

The conditions under which leave of absence for term-time holidays may be granted are contained in Reg. 8 of The Education (Pupils Registration) Regulations 1995 and Section 38-42 of School Attendance.

Parents/Carers should not expect such leave to be granted as of right. If, **due to unavoidable circumstances**, you need to apply for holiday during term-time, you should write to the headteacher *beforehand*, asking permission (permission will not be given if it is applied for after the holiday has taken place).

Normally, a pupil shall not be granted more than 2 weeks leave of absence in any academic year. You may be invited to meet with the headteacher to discuss your request.

KEEP ON SKIPPING!

You might have noticed a vast improvement in your child's skipping skills recently. Since our workshop earlier in the year, some of the children have gone skipping crazy and regularly use the ropes at playtime and lunchtimes, improving their fitness and their social skills (not just their skipping).

Fairlands is now in sixth place in the "Keep the Pot Boiling" section of the Skipping Workshops Challenge (with a score of 64). Can we improve even further?

Well done also to Phoebe Swallow, who is in sixth place for "Double Dutch" with a massive score of 216, and Josie Aldridge and Paige Spraggs, who are in tenth place for "Face to Face" with a score of 53. Don't forget to keep updating your scores, which you can do by going to the website :

www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/SkippingChallenge.aspx

Keep on skipping!

FLORA COOKING WITH SCHOOLS

We are nearing the end of this year's Flora scheme, where we can collect tokens for cooking equipment. You will find tokens on Flora packs, which you can donate to school either by visiting the website at www.cookingwithschools.com, or by **washing the foil lid at home** and sending it into school.

If you're looking for something to do with the kids during half term, click on the 'Recipes' link on the website and have a go at some yummy cooking!



The Wakey Wakey Club!

Our popular Breakfast Club is held in the dining hall and runs every day, Monday to Friday.

The club is open to all Fairlands' children from Nursery to Year 6 and runs from **8.00am** until registration
(Foundation & KS1 children are walked to their classrooms)

Cost : £2.00 for first child, siblings £1.70
(Free school meals £1.50)

No need to book – just turn up at 8.00am

What a great way to start the day!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Monday, 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Thursday, 11 th June 9.05am	Parent Forum
Friday, 12 th June 7.30pm – 11.00pm	Ladies' Pamper Evening
Tuesday, 16 th June	Fathers Day Present Room
Wednesday, 17 th June	Sports Day
Sunday, 5 th July	Friends of Fairlands Family Fun Day
Thursday, 9 th July	Year 6 Secondary School Visit
Tuesday, 14 th July	Children's Reports being sent home
Wednesday, 15 th July 4.00pm – 6.00pm	Open Evening
Friday, 17 th July	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday, 2 nd Sept	INSET Day
Thursday, 3 rd September	Return to School