

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have a VERY busy couple of weeks ahead with the run up to the end of term - Year 6 are working hard on their performance of **Mary Poppins** and I am looking forward to seeing the results next week. We also have our **Open Evening** on the last Wednesday of term - please put this date in your diary as I would like to see as many parents/carers as possible coming to see the school and their children's work! And of course, we have our wonderful **Family Fun Day, 12 till 3pm this Sunday**. What a lot there is going on!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 1/2 TRIP TO STEVENAGE MUSEUM

This week our Year 1/2 children had a trip to Stevenage Museum, where they enjoyed dressing up in Victorian costumes and learning about artifacts found in the home from olden times. They were all really well behaved and a credit to the school. Well done KS1! Thank you to those parents who helped out.

RECEPTION'S VISIT TO THE TRAVEL AGENT

Last week, Ash and Beech classes visited the Co-Op Travel Agent in Stevenage town. They looked around the shop, spoke to staff and found out about all the different destinations they could travel to and how to book a holiday (but not in term time!). We would like to thank the staff at Co-op Travel for their time and generous donation of Travel Agent goodies, including a 2 foot long plastic cruise ship!

THANK YOU!



A big thank you goes this week to **Hurrens Butchers** who will be providing all of the meat for the Barbecue at our Family Fun Day.

I am sure FOFS have already extended their appreciation but I think this is an incredibly kind offer of support for the school & I am sure it will have a significant impact on the amount of money we raise. So THANK YOU from everyone at Fairlands!!

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to **Hawthorn**, who won the award with **98.7%** attendance for w/c 15th June and to **Hazel**, who won last week with **97.3%**.

CHANGEOVER DAY

On **Thursday**, the children will learn which class they will be in next year. During the morning they will meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom.

PARENTLINE PLUS COFFEE MORNING

On **Friday, 10th July** you are invited to come along between **9.15am and 11.15am** and join Sara Hassell, our Parentlineplus Worker in the Learning Room for a coffee and meet other parents who have used the Parentlineplus service - hear their stories and have a laugh!

SUN AWARENESS!

Please apply plenty of **sun cream** to your child **before** school and send them in with a **sun hat**.

Asthma sufferers should ensure they have their inhalers with them at all times, clearly labelled with their name and class.

Children who suffer from **hayfever** should remember to take their medicine before school and be encouraged not to play on the grass!

PARKING

Once again, I need to remind parents **not to pull into or park in the school car parks at the beginning and end of the school day** - this is for the health and safety of **your** children!

Please also ensure you and the children enter the school grounds via the footpaths and not through the car parks.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in non-uniform day last Friday - £120 was raised for the Family Fun Day.

UNIFORM REMINDER

It's lovely to see so many children in their summer uniforms. Just a reminder of the correct school uniform for Fairlands :

- Navy blue/black/grey trousers (but not denim jeans please). **No jogging bottoms.**
- Navy blue/black/grey skirt or tunic
- Blue gingham check dress for summer
- Navy blue jumper, cardigan/plain navy blue or school sweatshirt
- Plain white shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Flat shoes

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION

The Governors have decided that we will now be admitting all children into our Reception in September, rather than having two separate intakes in September and January. Many primary schools are now adopting this arrangement as it gives children greater opportunity to form relationships with their cohort peers and they will continue working towards the Early Learning Goals.

QUEST SEEKERS

The adventure starts here! Get down to your local library this summer and you'll find a magical challenge waiting for you!

As a Quest Seeker, there's a cool 'moving image' membership card, fold-out poster and stickers (including some smelly scratch and sniff ones!) to collect when you visit the library as part of your Summer Reading Challenge 2009. And it's FREE!

There are three exciting stages: Firebird Rising, Mountain Mission and Dragon's Lair. How far can you go? Join the Quest at your local library! 13th July to 4th September, 2009 - while stocks last! Visit www.questseekers.org.uk for more information.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Charlotte Higgins (Cedar), who has just had a great week - not only did she perform at the Gordon Craig Theatre with Top Hat Stage School, as part of the Stevenage Festival, and won an award for the Best Tap Dancer for the 6-8 year old group, but she also completed her ASA Level 6 swimming award.

MSA VACANCIES

We have vacancies for Mid-day Supervisory Assistants (dinner ladies) at Fairlands, starting in September - please contact the school office for more details.

PLEASE HELP US WITH HEADLICE!

The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method for headlice and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

Head lice may be cleared over a two-week period by the following method:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and, while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip - so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Please check the whole family - parents / carers included!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Sunday, 5 th July 12pm - 3pm	Friends of Fairlands Family Fun Day
Monday, 6 th July 9.15am - 11.30am	Family Learning Maths Taster Session
Wednesday, 8 th July 1.45pm & 7.00pm	Year 6 Productions
Thursday, 9 th July	Year 6 Secondary Visits
Thursday, 9 th July	Changeover morning
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