

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

At last – the end to what has seemed a very long term! Time also to say goodbye to our Year 6 children – I have to say that we have had an excellent group of children in Year 6 this year and they have been a real credit to Miss Bridge. Good luck in your new schools!

I do hope everybody has a very relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Thursday, 3rd September.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 5 ASDA KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Last week, 16 Year 5 children took part in the annual Asda Kwik Cricket Tournament at Knebworth Cricket Club. Our 2 teams played 3 matches each. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Mrs Jeffries for helping to transport the children.

YEAR 3/4 STRIKING AND FIELDING TOURNAMENT

10 Year 3/4 children took part in a Striking and Fielding Tournament at Stevenage Cricket Club last week. The afternoon started with a round-robin, where they did catching, wickets, batting and bowling, followed by a match where each pair bowled and batted one over. Fairlands won the tournament by over 100 points! Well done and thank you to Mr Smith (Parent Governor) for helping out.

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Valerie Bradley**, who leaves Fairlands on Friday after nine years at the school.

Mrs Bradley has made a great contribution to improving the school over the years, particularly through her work with parents and extended schools.

I am sure she will enjoy the next phase of her life; I understand she will be doing lots and travelling and relaxing!!

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to **Laburnum**, who won the award with **97.2%** w/c 29th June and to **Cedar** for winning with **97%** w/c 6th July.

Congratulations also go to the children who received certificates this week for 100% attendance for the summer term, excellent attendance for this academic year (less than 5 sessions absence) and, especially to Scarlett Morris, Kai Mitchell, Thomas Crossley, Richie Wright, Jasmine Adom, Liam McLoughlin, Alex Biddle and Nichola Adom who managed **100% attendance for the whole school year!**

FAIRLANDS IS AN ECO SCHOOL!

We are delighted to announce that Fairlands School has gained the **Eco Schools Bronze status** – which recognises our achievement in working towards a sustainable lifestyle!

The 'Action Team', which consists of the School Council, Miss Verlander, Mr Horner and Mrs Callaghan (school Governor) have met on two occasions and put together an action plan which includes raising money for outdoor bins and composting as much waste as possible. They also agreed to adopt the following Eco Policy for the school :

- W**alk to school
- O**nly use what you need
- R**ecycle and reuse
- L**ights out when not in use
- D**on't drop litter

When we return to school in September, we will start working towards Silver status, so watch this space! For more information on eco schools visit www.eco-schools.org.uk

FAMILY FUN DAY

What a fabulous day was had by everyone who came along to our Family Fun Day. The sun shone and people turned up on mass to enjoy the many activities going on throughout the afternoon. Thank you very much to The Friends of Fairlands, who did a fantastic job organising the event and raised £850.

OPEN EVENING

We held a very successful Open Evening this week – with many parents coming along to look around the school, meet the teachers and watch the children’s presentations. Thank you for your support – it is fantastic to see so many parents taking an active part in their child’s education!

PARENTLINEPLUS HOLIDAY HELPLINE!

The summer holidays can sometimes be hard to cope with! If you would like some support to get you through, please text Sara Hassell up until Thursday, 13th August on 07805 523480 and she can offer either phone support or arrange to come into school to meet with you during the holiday.

Sara will also be in school all day on **Thursday, 3rd September**, along with a team of parents, to support any **parents/carers who are anxious about their child starting or returning to school**. Please drop in to the **lower building staffroom** for a coffee & chat - especially if your child doesn't settle in well on their first day back!

SKILL 7

Skill 7 is a course that is run at Fairlands every Tuesday after school from 3.30pm – 5.15pm. I think it’s good because it’s a good place to play all sports like football, tennis and basketball. Throughout Skill 7 you are gaining points. At the end of the course there is a presentation in assembly. 1st, 2nd and 3rd get a trophy and everybody gets a certificate for taking part. Hope you enjoy!

By Landen Draper (Larch)

For more information on SKILL 7 visit www.skill7.org and watch out for registration leaflets in September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Don’t forget to order school uniform on-line in time for September - just click on the link to YourSchoolUniform.com on our website.

SCHOOL DINNERS

There will be a slight rise in the cost of school dinners from September as follows :

£1.80 per day / £9.00 per week / £66.60 for the half term.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.55 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals)

Please send dinner money into school on a Friday or Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Any change due under 10p will be credited to your child’s account.

PARENTLINEPLUS ‘LESS SHOUTING MORE CO-OPERATION’

Do you spend your life nagging? Do you need some ideas on how you and your child can get what you need without falling out?

Sara Hassell, **Parentlineplus**, is running a **FREE 5 week course called ‘Less Shouting, More Co-operation’**, commencing **Wednesday, 9th September, 9.15- 11.15am**. A creche will be available. Please either contact the school office or 01707 630100 to book your place.

REPORTING PRIVATE FOSTERING ARRANGEMENTS

A privately fostered child is one who is looked after by adults who are not close relatives e.g. a cousin, great aunt, friend of the family, the parent of a friend of the child. Grandparents, step-parents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters are not viewed as private foster carers.

The arrangement is made privately, i.e. without the involvement of a local authority, for the care of a child who is under the age of 16 for a period of 28 days or more.

It is an offence for a parent or a private foster carer to fail to inform a local authority of a private fostering arrangement, however, some parents will not be aware of the legislation. If you are planning to privately foster a child or are aware of a private fostering arrangement, please report the arrangement either to school or to social care on 01438 737500.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

Wednesday, 2 nd Sept	INSET Day
Thursday, 3 rd September	Return to School