

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report that we had a fantastic time last week at Boreatton Park with our Year 6 children. It was great to see the children pushing themselves to overcome challenges and having a lot of fun at the same time!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

Towards the end of the last academic year, Fairlands Primary took part in National Sports Week. The children who were in Years 2 & 5 (now Year 3 & 6) competed in an Athletics Tournament and Years 1 & 4 (now Year 2 & 5) took part in a Speed Stacking Competition. Everyone had a great time and did very well.

In assembly this morning it was announced that the Year 2 group (now Year 3) won the athletics trophy within the Stevenage Sports Partnership, which is made up of 5 primary schools!

THANK YOU!



This week our thank you goes to Mrs Walker, for all her hard work on the Year 6 school journey last week.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Well done to Elm for winning the award last week with 98% attendance.

MYTHS AND MASKS

A great time was had by all the families who took part in the HAFLS workshop after school this Wednesday, where they enjoyed creating magical masks and myths. Herts Adult & Family Learning Service will be running more after-school events at Fairlands in the near future – more details to follow.

ALLOTMENT DIGGING

Thank you to those parents and children who came along after school on Wednesday to help dig the allotment over, ready for our next round of planting.

MACMILLIAN CANCER SUPPORT WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to Sue Hurren for organising today's 'coffee morning', which took place all day today in the Learning Room, to raise funds for Macmillian Cancer Support.

Don't forget, Parentline Plus parents hold a coffee morning **every Friday** in the **Learning Room**. Doors are open from **8.50am to 10.30am** and you are most welcome to pop along at any time. See the parents on the playground with Parentline Plus T-Shirts for more info!

CRUCIAL CREW

Today, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Bowes Lyon House, where they took part in a range of group activities related to health and safety. The children were very well behaved and responded well to the activities. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and, hopefully, learned a lot.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of children have returned to school this term wearing black jumpers/sweatshirts. Please can we remind parents that our **school uniform colour is navy blue**. You can purchase sweatshirts, with the school logo, online at www.yourschooluniform.com, or buy a plain sweatshirt (available from the indoor market) and sew the logo on yourself. Badges are on sale from the office at £3.80 each.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will take place on **Thursday, 8th October** in the **Learning Room** at **9.05am**. Please join Mr Staples and other parents / carers from the school for coffee and a chat. This is a great opportunity to discuss your views of the school – good or bad!

**BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE
INFORMATION SESSION**

Staff from Bridge Road Children's Centre, which is based at Woolenwick School, will be in the **Lower Hall** between **11.30am and 1.00pm** on **Monday, 28th September**. The Children's Centre is aimed at parents of children aged 0-5 and can offer information about events, activities and groups in your area for you and your child; parent support tailored to your individual needs; access to training opportunities and support in seeking employment; information on local health services, and much more!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school next Thursday, 1st October. All children will be photographed both individually and with their siblings. The appointment board for anyone wishing to have family groups with pre-school children can be found in the upper building entrance hall.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Data collection sheets will be sent home with the eldest child during the next week. Please check all details carefully, make any amendments, and return them to the office asap to ensure that our records are completely up-to-date.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent/teacher consultations will be taking place on **Monday, 12th (3.30pm - 6.00pm)** and **Tuesday, 13th October (5.30pm - 8.00pm)**. Appointment boards will be in the Upper Building entrance hall from **Monday, 5th October**.

WELL DONE

Well done to Isabelle Paul, Hazel class, who did a solo dance at Stevenage Day back in June, danced in the Dance Festival and took part in a display at Stanborough Lakes with Premiere School of Dance. She also took her Grade 1 ballet exam and passed with Distinction! Hasn't she been busy!

NESTLE BOX TOPS

Please send in any Box Tops you have at home by **Friday, 2nd October**, as there is a special bonus banking period where we get extra points.

FLORA COOKING FOR SCHOOLS

This weekend is your last opportunity to register **Flora tokens**, found on the underside of foil Flora lids. With these tokens we can order lots of free cooking equipment for the school. Visit www.cookingwithschools.co.uk to redeem your tokens.

**STEVENAGE BOROUGH FC
UNDER 11'S GO FREE**

This Saturday, 26th September, Borough are offering under 11's FREE admission to the terraces for their match against Altrincham FC. A great opportunity to go along and watch your local team, who sit in 2nd place in the Blues Square Premier. Simply turn up and gain free admission on the day. Adult and concession tickets also available on the gate. Phone 223223 for more information.

**DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010
NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD**

Monday, 28th Sept 11.30am - 1.00pm	Bridge Road Children's Centre in Lower Hall
Thursday, 1st Oct	School Photographer
Monday, 5 th to Friday, 9 th October	Money Week & Walk to School Week
Thursday, 8 th October 9.05am	Parent Forum
Monday, 12th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Monday, 12 th October 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday, 13th October	Year 3/4 Roman Activity Day
Tuesday, 13 th October 5.30pm - 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Monday, 26 th to Friday, 30 th October	Half Term
Friday, 18 th December	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday, 5 th January	Return to school
Monday, 15 th February to Friday, 19 th February	Half Term
Thursday, 1 st April	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 19 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday, 20 th April	Return to school
Monday, 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	Half Term