

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another busy term!

I would like to start this half term by saying well done to everybody who went to the cinema on the last day of term. The children walked so sensibly to and from the cinema, with the older children looking after their younger SEAL buddies. The children were an absolute credit to the school – so well done! Thank you too to all the parents that came along to support.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Friends of Fairlands' Halloween Disco on Wednesday was a great success and raised an impressive £305 towards school funds. Thank you to the Friends for organising the event and to everyone who helped out on the evening.

### YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday we took two Year 5/6 teams to the annual Tag Rugby Festival at Stevenage Rugby Club. Both teams gave a sterling performance and did the school proud. One team made the final play-offs and narrowly missed bringing home the trophy.

The children behaved brilliantly and had a wonderful time. A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport - we could not have taken part in the event without them.

### STEVENAGE CRUCIAL CREW AWARDS EVENT

Congratulations to Taylor Smith (LIME), who attended a special morning at Barclay School, where she was presented with an award for attaining Special Merit Status when Year 6 attended Stevenage Crucial Crew back in September. The award was given to Taylor by Cllr Michael Downing, who was representing the Mayor of Stevenage.

### THANK YOU!



Thank you today goes to the **Breakfast Club** for our lovely bacon rolls this morning! By Friday, staff and children are all definitely ready for the weekend and what better way to get through Fridays than starting it with a nice bacon buttie!

### FRIDAY IS 'BACON BUTTIES DAY'

From today, children attending the Wakey Wakey Breakfast Club on **Fridays** will be offered **bacon or sausage butties for breakfast!** Breakfast Club prices are as follows : 1<sup>st</sup> child in family £2.00, further siblings in same family £1.70 (children entitled to free school meals £1.50). No need to book – just turn up at the door at 8.00am. No child will be admitted without payment.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct
ASH	79
BEECH	79.3
CHERRY	71.3
CHESTNUT	63.3
ELDER	90.4
ELM	91.2
HAZEL	74.8
HAWTHORN	90.8
HORNBEAM	89.6
LARCH	85.5
LIME	94.8
<b>LABURNUM</b>	<b>96.1</b>

### NSPCC ASSEMBLY

The NSPCC will be doing an assembly on Monday morning. Information will be sent home that day about the sponsored activities children will be invited to take part in during the week.

### BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school from 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November. Children will have an opportunity to look at the books with their class during the day. They will then be available to visit with their parent/carer and purchase books after school each day. A letter will be sent home with more details nearer the time.

**THE FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS  
NEED YOUR HELP**

The Friends of Fairlands' Christmas Fayre is fast approaching (**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11.00am until 2.00pm**). The Friends are always grateful for any help with the events they organise. If you would like to be involved with The Friends of Fairlands' Committee, or would just be willing to help out at events, please put your name down in the office, and a member of the Friends will contact you.

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY  
IN 2010-11?**

**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007** please apply now for a nursery place for the school year 2010-2011. Information has already been sent out to parents. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) - **Application deadline 11th December 2009.**

**Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line can come into school and use a school computer.** Please contact Mrs Dunthorne, in the office, who will arrange a time for you to come in and, if needed, help you with your application.

**COULD YOU  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?**

*Sam is eight years old and has had a difficult start in life. Thanks to his **foster carers** Sam is thriving - he enjoys science and art at school and loves to ride his bike with his friends.*

If you could give a child like Sam the care and support he needs, you could make a real difference. Hertfordshire County Council is looking for people who are enthusiastic about working with children and young people, with a spare room in their home. As a foster carer you will receive full training, ongoing support, plus a fee and allowance of up to £392 per child per week.

To find out more about fostering or our shared care service which provides short breaks to children with disabilities please call **0800 917 0925** or visit [www.hertsdirect.org/fostering](http://www.hertsdirect.org/fostering)

**NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK  
(9TH - 15TH NOVEMBER)**

During this year's National Adoption Week, Hertfordshire's Family Finding Team is encouraging people to consider whether they could offer a loving and permanent home to children who have had a difficult start in life.

We especially need people from a range of cultural backgrounds to come forward and offer a permanent home for children who badly need stability. We carefully match children to families that reflect their ethnic identity as closely as possible.

If you would like to find out more about adoption, please come along to our information evening on **Thursday 3rd December**. To book a place or find out more about adoption, please call **01438 844 388** or **01438 844 503** between 9 am and 1 pm (Mon-Fri).

**MORRISONS - LET'S GROW VOUCHERS**

Thank you to everyone who has helped us save Morrisons vouchers this year. We have to post them off by the end of next week, so please have a look in your purses/wallets, glove compartments, kitchen drawers, etc and send in any you can find.

<b>DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD</b>	
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 - 10.00am</b>	<b>Parent Forum</b>
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<b>Thurs, 19<sup>th</sup> - Weds 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Book Fair in School</b>
<b>Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Friends of Fairlands' Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closing date for Nursery Applications</b>
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school