

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that we are currently running a sponsored event for the NSPCC and the children are taking part in fun things such as a sponsored spell and sponsored art activities. It is a very well organised fund-raiser and the children will be receiving certificates and badges depending on how many sponsors they get. The NSPCC does a huge amount to help children who are facing cruelty and I am really hoping that Fairlands can make a significant contribution to the charity. Can I please encourage you to help your child get as many sponsors as possible over this weekend? We have a representative coming to assembly on Monday to collect in the forms, so **this weekend is the last chance to try to get a Gold Badge for finding over 25 sponsors!**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

KS1 MINI OLYMPICS

On Thursday morning, ELM class visited Stevenage Leisure Centre for a morning of Mini Olympics. They had fun trying out a wide variety of sports through a range of fun activities including climbing, cheerleading, tennis and football. The morning was very well organised and led by excellent coaches and it was great to see that all the children tried out every activity. They represented Fairlands School superbly.

YEAR 5/6 TRIP TO STEVENAGE MUSEUM

This morning, Years 5 & 6 had a trip to Stevenage Museum for a World War 1 artefact handling session as part of their topic entitled Conflict.

BOOK FAIR 'PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES'

Please note that the Book Fair will now be in school a week later than originally advertised: **Friday, 27th November until Wednesday 2nd December.** Children and parents can visit the Book Fair in the upper hall between **3.30 and 4.30pm.** You can pay by cash, cheque or credit card or print-off a pre-paid book voucher on-line at www.travellingbooks.co.uk.

MEDICAL MATTERS

There are lots of coughs and colds going around school at the moment, however, please can I ask parents not to send children to school with nasal sticks – thank you.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week was National Anti-Bullying Week and to support this children have been taking part in many different activities at school.

Sara Hassel, our Parentlineplus Parent Support Worker, can offer support to anyone who has any issues around bullying / cyber-bullying. You can contact Sara by phoning 01707 630100. Alternatively, you could visit www.besomeonetotell.co.uk for more information.

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Sandra Bull**, who has been acting Lunchtime Manger for the past two weeks since Miss Franklin left us and has been fantastic at organising the busy lunchtime.

Moreover, I am thrilled to tell you that Mrs Bull has now been permanently appointed to the job! We are all extremely pleased for her and wish her all the best in this role. Congratulations!

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

Our new **Parents' Coffee Morning, which takes place every Friday morning** in the **Learning Room** has proved to be very popular. The outside doors to the Learning Room is open from **8.50am to 10.30am** and you are most welcome to pop along at any time. The morning is run by parents for parents, as part of the work that Parentline Plus have been doing in the school.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 2/11	w/c 9/11
ASH	95.9	89.3
BEECH	96.2	94.8
CHERRY	90.4	94.2
CHESTNUT	95	95.8
ELDER	9.6	90
ELM	94.4	81.7
HAZEL	95.7	85.2
HAWTHORN	88.8	87.1
HORNBEAM	99.6	95.8
LARCH	94.1	92.7
LIME	97.1	90.8
LABURNUM	92.2	93

NESTLÉ'S BOX TOPS

Please send in any **Box Tops** you have a home by **30th November**, as we can earn extra points by banking tokens that week.

FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service (HAFLS) are running a **FREE Christmas Crafts Workshop** for parents and their children in the **Learning Room at Fairlands** from **3.30 – 5.00pm on Friday, 15th December**.

If you and your family would like to come and have fun making some Christmas Crafts (take home some fun decorations and cards) please contact the school office to book your place.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY IN 2010-11?

If your child was born between **1st September 2006 and 31st 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 - **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.

DEVELOPING SPECIAL PROVISION LOCALLY

Herts County Council are planning a project to develop and enhance the special educational provision for all of our special needs children and young people. The focus is on creating high quality, cost effective services in special and mainstream schools that enable children to have their needs met as locally as possible.

To do this they need to know what would make a difference to parents. They are, therefore, carrying out a pre-consultation, so that parents can give them their views and tell them what they think should be included in the formal consultation next year.

Parents can take part by visiting their website www.hertsdirect.org/specialneeds to complete an online questionnaire or attending one of the workshops taking place in late November and early December.

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

Fri 27th Nov – Weds 1st Dec	Book Fair in School
Monday, 30th Nov	Year 5&6 to RAF Museum (Hendon)
Monday, 30th Nov	Christmas Post Box Out
Saturday, 5 th Dec	Friends of Fairlands' Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 8th Dec : 9.30am & 1.00pm	Early Years Christmas Performance
Weds 9th Dec 9.30am & 6.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thurs 10th Dec 9.05 – 10.30	Parent Forum
Thurs 10th Dec 1.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday, 11 th December	Closing date for Nursery Applications
Tuesday, 15th Dec 9.30am : Years 5&6 11am : Years 3&4	Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday, 16 th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Tuesday, 15th Dec 3.30 – 5.00pm	Christmas Crafts Workshop
Friday, 18 th December	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday, 5 th January	Return to school