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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

A huge well done goes to all the children who took part in our Sports Day last week – we had a marvellous time and it was lovely to see the children trying their very best in each of the races. Thank you to Miss Morgan for organising the event and to all the parents who came and supported the children and joined us for the family picnic afterwards.

Our next big event for parents and families is the FoF **Summer Fayre**, which is taking place **this Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July from 11.00am to 2.00pm**. I look forward to seeing you all there!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### MINI WORLD CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Whilst England were preparing for their match against Slovenia on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a team of our Year 4 children were taking part in their own World Cup 7-a-Side Tournament, which Camps Hill School had organised as part of their Arts Week. Well done to our team, who were 'France' for the afternoon – they all played really well.

### MISSION TO MARS

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in a Mission to Mars Challenge Day at the Thomas Alleyne's School. The workshops, which were led by SETPOINT, involved the children working independently and in groups to build and program Lego Robots to complete a range of tasks. They started off by watching an instruction DVD and then used a computer to download movements. Our Fairlands Teams came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and each pupil will be awarded with a certificate and prize in assembly on Monday. Well done!

### DIVERSITY WEEK

Thank you to Mrs Trafford for organising our first Diversity Week 'Celebrating Difference,' during which pupils enjoyed a variety of workshops – dance, drumming, Gamelan, steel pans, dressing up, cooking, tasting and football! Each class also explored the art and culture of another country in their own class and worked with their SEAL buddies. Many thanks to the parent helpers and groups who came into school to share their expertise to make this week a success.

### THANK YOU!



Thank to Miss Bridge for organising Money Week. Each class took part in a competition to put forward the most resourceful idea for using £500 for the school's benefit and created a presentation which was displayed in the Upper Hall on Sports Day.

A total of 329 people cast their votes during Sports Day. The winning idea came from Hornbeam class – a nature area and maze and The Friends of Fairlands have offered to finance the second place idea – Hawthorn's Stage.

We look forward to bringing you more information about these projects once we start putting them into action.

### PARENT FORUM

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** will be your last opportunity this academic year to join me for coffee and a chat with other parents/carers from school. Parent Forum starts at **9.00am** and usually lasts about an hour. I look forward to seeing you.

### BASKETBALL & GYM CLUBS

Our KS2 after-school Basketball Club has now finished until September and next week will be the very last Gym Club. There will only be an early session on Monday, which KS2 Gym Club members are invited to attend.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 12/6	w/c 21/6
ASH	91.7	93
BEECH	95.2	93
CHERRY	95.8	93.5
CHESTNUT	95.2	93.8
ELDER	88.3	85.8
ELM	93.9	90.9
HAZEL	97	91.7
<b>HAWTHORN</b>	95	<b>98.3</b>
<b>HORNBEAM</b>	<b>99.2</b>	92.1
LARCH	94.2	89.6
LIME	95	97.5
LABURNUM	97.3	92.7

### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

This week we sent off our Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers - we had collected 16,147, which has enabled us to replace some of our worn out PE equipment. Once again, our thanks go to Ailsa Forsyth for counting them all for us.

### SURVIVING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR UNDER 5s

With the summer holiday looming, parents/carers will be pleased to hear that Sara Hassell, Parenlineplus, will be running a 2 hour workshop on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 9.15 - 11.15am**, to give you ideas on how to survive the summer holidays with your under 5s! Please contact the school office to book your place on this **FREE workshop**. A creche will be provided.

### 'SPACE HOP' SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Not sure what to do with the children over the Summer Break? Then why not take them down to your local Library, where they can, **for Free**, take part in the "Space Hop" Hertfordshire 2010 Reading Challenge.

This is a great way to get the kids reading and involved in the wonder of books. Across the UK the biggest reading challenge is about to take place and we want Fairlands children to join in too!

In the Autumn term, **The Friends of Fairlands will award a prize for every child who joins, takes part and completes the challenge**. Visit [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) for more information. Happy reading!

### SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING

There are a number of Bikeability Cycle Training Courses being held throughout the County at different venues during the summer holidays. The courses are designed for children who will be 10 years old or over by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. To obtain further information or to book go to [www.hertsdirect.org/cycletraining](http://www.hertsdirect.org/cycletraining) or call the Road Safety Unit on 01992 556800.

### FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE UNDER 5'S

Bridge Road Children's Centre will be running some **FREE** activity sessions for families with children under 5 during the school summer holidays. This includes a **picnic event at Fairlands Primary School & Nursery on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 11.00am-1.00pm**. If you have a child under 5 please do pop along (older siblings are welcome provided they are accompanied by a parent/carer and an under 5). For more details please contact Bridge Road Children's Centre on 01438 202692.

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

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 11.am - 2.00pm	Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Fairlands AGM</b>
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 - 10.30am</b>	<b>Parent Forum</b>
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's Reports Out
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 3/4 to London Zoo
<b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.15 - 11.15am</b>	<b>Parentlineplus Workshop : Surviving the Summer Holiday with Your Under 5s</b>
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term : <b>2.15pm finish</b>
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August At Fairlands School</b>	<b>Bridge Road Childrens Centre Picnic Event for the Under 5s</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET DAYS
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Start of Autumn Term