

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that the summer term is over and holiday time is here! It has been such a busy, active year with many happy memories. Thank you so much to all the staff at Fairlands, who work so hard all year to provide the best possible opportunities for the children. They deserve their well-earned break!

I hope you too have an enjoyable Summer Holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Monday, 6th September** for another exciting year at Fairlands.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Our last thank you of the year goes to Mr Van Wyck and Mrs Carter, who are leaving us today.

They have made a valuable contribution to Fairlands this year and we wish them all the best for the future!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Mrs Lyn Taylor, Mrs Penny Smith and Mrs Pauline Alexander, three of our Teaching Assistants, who have all passed their NVQ Level 3 in Childcare and Development.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' SUMMER FAYRE

The Friends of Fairlands' Summer Fayre was another success, raising £873.11 for school funds. The soaring temperatures saw the crowds come for what was a great day. Thanks go to the Friends for all the hard work put into organising this event.

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS

On Monday, Year 1 took part in a Gymnastics Festival at Marriotts Gym Centre, where they all tried different types of gymnastics, i.e. rhythmic, acrobatics, trampoline, aerobics and other activities.

BUGSY MALONE

This week we enjoyed a most entertaining performance of Busby Malone by our Year 6 pupils. Well done to all of you and thank you and well done to Mr Dickinson and Mr Van Wyke for working so hard with Year 6 in preparation over the last few weeks.

FOUNDATION STAGE BEACH PARTY

The Foundation Stage enjoyed a fabulous beach party to celebrate the end of a wonderful year. They started with a flight and then enjoyed a range of fun activities when they reached their destination: hook a duck, limbo dancing and paddling to name a few! They then had the opportunity to feast on fish and chips and ice-cream.

Parents and carers then joined them for the end of the day and it was great to see so many families celebrating their children's learning.

YEAR 3/4 TRIP TO LONDON ZOO

Our Year 3/4 children enjoyed a visit to London Zoo on Wednesday.

They had a lesson on the Rainforest and visited the free roaming Rainforest animals. There was also time to visit Africa, the Aquarium, the Gorilla Kingdom and many other fascinating areas.

It was a hot, busy, wonderful day. Thanks to all the children, parents and staff for their efforts.

CHEERLEADING CLUB

Letters regarding Cheerleading Club will be sent out in the Autumn term, with further details of which days/year groups will be included.

GATE TO UPPER BUILDING CAR PARK

Please be aware that the gate to Upper Building car park will be locked from **8.30-9.30 and 2.45-3.45pm each day** when we return to school in September.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	W/C 5/7	W/C 12/7
ASH	92.4	93.4
BEECH	95.5	93.1
CHERRY	96.9	96.5
CHESTNUT	14.8	88.8
ELDER	95.8	90.4
ELM	91.3	97.4
HAZEL	89.6	92.2
HAWTHORN	91.7	95
HORNBEAM	94.2	89.6
LARCH	90.4	90.4
LIME	96.7	94.2
LABURNUM	96.4	98.2

WELL DONE

Congratulations to **Zak Legate (Hornbeam Class)**, who has been signed up to play for the new Stevenage Borough Football Club Centre of Excellence Squad.

Congratulations also to this week to **Natalia Seville-Niven (Elder Class)**, who took part in this year's Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research. Well done to everyone who took part in this event.

And finally, congratulations to **Alissa Crew (Ash Class)**, who was awarded her level 8 in gymnastics.

SCHOOL DINNERS

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

£1.90 per day / £9.50 per week

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.80 per day (£2.00 for packed lunch and those entitled to FSM)

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.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

The competition has now been judged and I am sorry to say that our pictures were not selected for a prize. They had over 100 entries and all the pictures were terrific. They are hoping to organise an exhibition of all the pictures received next term and will let us know details when they have them.

TEA AND TISSUES FOR NEW STARTER PARENTS

Starting school is a difficult time - not just for the children! For a bit of moral support, all parents of children starting into our Reception or new to the school are invited to pop into the lower building staff room for a cup of tea on **Monday, 6th September**, and for those parents whose child is starting in Nursery, **Tuesday, 14th (am and pm) and Thursday, 16th (am and pm)** after they have dropped off their children for the first time! This is a chance to meet the other new parents, and also our Parentline Plus worker, Sara Hassell and Helen Longstaff from the local Children's Centre.

GYM CLUB

Please note that Gym Club will no longer be running at Fairlands School from September.

COME AND JOIN US FOR MESSY CHURCH

Christ the King Church, Filey Close, Symonds Green are holding a 'Messy Church' fun event on Saturday, 7th August 2-4pm. For fun, food and fellowship phone 239638 or email anneprice18@ntlworld.com to book.

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

Monday, 23rd August At Fairlands School	Bridge Road Childrens Centre Under 5s Picnic Event
Thursday 2 nd and Friday, 3 rd September	INSET DAYS
Monday, 6 th Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Monday, 6th Sept Lower Staffroom	Tea and Tissues for parents of new starters : 9.00am
Tuesday, 7th Sept	Year 6 Boreatton Park Meeting
Friday, 10th to Monday, 13th Sept	Year 6 to Boreatton Park
Tuesday, 14 th Sept	Tea and Tissues for parents of new nursery starters : 8.30am & 12.30pm
Tuesday, 14th Sept 3.30-4.30pm	KS2 Basketball Club Starts
Thursday, 16th Sept	Tea and Tissues for parents of new nursery starters : 8.30am & 12.30pm