

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new year and a fresh start to the term. A special welcome also goes to the new members of staff that are joining us – I am sure they will be part of the Fairlands family in no time!

You will no doubt have noticed the developments to the main entrance, which is already reducing the congestion on the public footpath. I am hoping that these works will all be finished in the next couple of weeks, so please excuse the temporary fencing until then!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Special thanks go to **Mr Alan Horner**, for all his hard work over the summer break.

There was an awful lot going on, both in and outside the school building, and Mr Horner did a brilliant job making sure everything was ready for the children to come back safely!

WHO'S NEW AT FAIRLANDS?

We would like to say a special welcome to all our new staff:

New Teachers :

Mrs Karen Herron – LIME (Year 4)

Mrs Louise Dubicki – HAZEL (Year 3)

New Teaching Assistants :

Mr George Pendred – Year 3 / 4

Miss Monika Nadjowska – Year 5 / 6

Mrs Denise Hammond -Year 1 / 2

Mr David Hoskins – Reception

PARK & STRIDE!

Are you experiencing difficulties parking in Pound Avenue? Why not **PARK & STRIDE** - there is often plenty of space in Sish Lane or on Haycroft Road, so please consider parking a little way from the school and having a short stroll in for a stress-free start & end to the school day! **Better still, let Mr Staples know this is what you are doing and he will give your child a special 'Park & Stride' Certificate in assembly!**

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Just a reminder that school dinners have gone up slightly and now cost **£1.90 per day / £9.50 per week.**

BIKES

If children come to school on a bike, please make sure that they are wearing a **helmet** and that they have a **lock** to secure the bike whilst it is at school. We are currently trying to secure funding to provide a proper cycle storage facility. In the meantime, bikes can be padlocked to the fencing to the right of both of the new entrance gates. Of course, any bike is left at your own risk whilst on school premises.

PARKING IN SCHOOL CAR PARK

We still have a small number of parents attempting to park in the school car parks to drop off or pick up their children. This is very unsafe and I would ask you again not to do it. The gates will be closed at the beginning and end of the day to attempt to prevent this. Please do not ask staff, or taxi drivers to unlock the gates for you.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

These sessions are held every week on **Tuesday mornings** from **9 – 11am**, in the Learning Room (upper building). **We will advise you of the start date asap.**

The classes are for all adult speakers of languages other than English, who wish to improve their English skills. They cater for all – from complete beginners to advanced learners.

Mrs Kate Trafford (SENCo) and Mrs Manjula Niven (ESOL tutor from N. Herts College) will run these relaxed and friendly classes together.

They can lead to an appropriate ESOL qualification if required. All are welcome! Please see Mrs Trafford or ask at the office for further details.

PARENTLINE PLUS

Peter Woods, the new Local Services Director for Parentlineplus is coming to Fairlands on **Thursday, 16th September**. **Sara Hassell would like him to meet any parents who have used the service.** Please let the office know if you are available **between 9.00 and 10.00am** and could come along.

Please could any parents who still have white Parentlineplus T-Shirts at home (possibly following on from the Fof Summer Fayre), return them to school asap.

SUMMER LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

The library will be handing out their certificates over the next few weeks to all those who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge** this year. Make sure you collect yours and bring it into the class teacher as there will be an assembly in October when all children who took part will receive their box of chocolates donated by Friends of Fairlands.

PAMPER AND SHOPPING EVENING

Friend of Fairlands will be holding their 2nd Pamper and Shopping Evening on **Friday September 24th from 7pm until 10.30pm**. Admission will be £2 and booking information will go out via the book bags next week.

We have many therapists attending offering treatments including manicures, pedicures, psychic readings, massages, Indian Head massages, waxing, reflexology, hot stone and reiki treatments. There will be plenty of stalls selling a variety of things including jewellery, gifts, bags and books.

We will also be having a bar selling wine, beer and Pimms all at £1.50 a drink.

It's an ideal opportunity to catch up with other mums after the 6 week summer break, treat yourself and do some early Christmas shopping at the same time.

IS ANYONE A DJ OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Friends of Fairlands are looking for a DJ to run the school discos. If anyone would be kind enough to offer their services to us once or twice a year then please step forward! A school disco is enjoyed by all children and it's a great way of raising money for the school funds, so if you would like to help us out that would be fantastic. We would pay for a CRB check.

PLIMSOLLS FOR SALE!

We have a box full of plimsolls ranging from small size 8 to 12, for sale at £2.00 per pair. Available to purchase from the office.

CULTURES COUNT ON MIGRANTS

Stevenage World Forum, MENTER, Stevenage Polish Association and many other partners are holding a Multicultural event in Stevenage Town Centre on **Sunday 12th September**. It is going to be a magnificent opportunity to celebrate diversity, get to know each other and build strong links with various communities from Stevenage.

The day kicks off at midday in the town square and there will be dance, music and performance from different community groups right through until 4pm, as well as stalls providing information about the NHS, Fire Service, Library and CAB.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2011

Friday 10 th to Monday, 13 th September	Year 6 School Journey
Tuesday, 14 th Sept : 8.30- 9.30am and 12.30 - 1.30pm	'Tea & Tissues' for new Nursery Parents
Tuesday, 14 th Sept : 3.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Parent Information Meeting
Thursday, 16 th Sept : 8.30- 9.30am and 12.30 - 1.30pm	'Tea & Tissues' for new Nursery Parents
Thursday, 16 th Sept : 3.30pm	Year 1 & 2 Parent Information Meeting
Friday, 17 th Sept : 3.30pm	Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Meetings
Tuesday, 21 st September 5.00 - 6.00pm	Foundation Stage Parents Information Meeting
Thursday, 23rd Sept	School Photographer
Friday, 24 th Sept 7.00pm - 10.30pm	FoF Pimms and Pamper Evening
Monday, 27 th Sept 12.30 - 2.30pm Lower Hall	Children's Centre Play & Communication Event
Monday, 11 th October 5.30pm - 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday, 12 th October 3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Monday, 25 th to Friday, 29 th October	HALF TERM