

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

**'You've got such a lovely school!' 'Aren't the children well behaved?' 'The school has really improved over the last few years!' 'Isn't it lovely to see the children enjoying themselves?'**

These were just some of the compliments paid by visitors from the local community when we held our Harvest Tea this week. Thanks goes to Mrs Jeffries and Mrs Gray and the 'Let's Get Cooking' Club who had invited a group of senior citizens to come and have tea and enjoy scones made by the children in the club. Reception and Year 6 also helped out, singing songs and helping to serve as waiters and waitresses. It was a fantastic morning and made me think again about what a lovely place Fairlands is to be!

**Robert Staples  
Headteacher**

### THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Biggs and Mrs Ansell**, who worked so hard to set everything up for the Harvest Festival Assembly this week. As usual, parents and children were extremely kind and provided a stage full of goods and fresh produce which has been distributed to the local community. Thank you for all your kindness, it is much appreciated.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

|               | % CLASS ATTENDANCE |             |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
|               | W/C 20/9           | W/C 27/9    |
| ASH           | 93.7               | 90.7        |
| <b>BEECH</b>  | <b>96.7</b>        | 92.4        |
| CHERRY        | 92.4               | 88.3        |
| CHESTNUT      | 90.3               | 96.7        |
| ELDER         | 93                 | 94.2        |
| ELM           | 89.3               | 93.7        |
| HAZEL         | 88.7               | 92.9        |
| HORNBEAM      | 89.6               | 87.5        |
| LIME          | 94.4               | 88.3        |
| LARCH         | 93.7               | 88.9        |
| PINE          | 87.5               | 95.3        |
| <b>POPLAR</b> | 95.3               | <b>97.1</b> |
| WILLOW        | 89.7               | 94.2        |

### CRUCIAL CREW

Last Friday, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Bowes Lyon House, where they took part in a range of group activities related to health and safety. The children were very well behaved and responded well to the activities. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and, hopefully, learned a lot.

### BIGFOOT ARTS EDUCATION

We were lucky enough this week to have Bigfoot Arts Education Company in school as part of our celebrations for Children's Book Week. The children enjoyed a whole school assembly, where they got to hear the story of Anansi, the trickster, a cunning and intelligent spider who is one of the most important characters of West African and Caribbean folklore. Year 3&4 thoroughly enjoyed their workshops, where they got to learn some drama techniques.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent/teacher consultations are taking place next week. Appointment boards are in the Dining Hall. Please come in and sign up.

### FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next **Fairlands Fathers'** group will take place on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm - 9.30pm** in the Lower Building Staffroom. Visit [www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk](http://www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk) for more information.

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

If you haven't already done so, please complete and return your child's **Data Collection Sheet, Annual Parental Consent Form and Image Consent Form** (sign on back page).

**Annual Parental Consent** forms must be returned to school **to enable your child to take part in any school trips this year.**

### CAN YOU HELP

Does anyone have any construction toys, i.e. lego, duplo, which they could donate to school for indoor play? If so, please bring them to the office or hand them to Mrs Ansell in the upper building. Thank you.

### PHOTO PROOFS

Photo proofs were sent home with children on Wednesday. You can now place your orders on-line at [www.kittleorders.com](http://www.kittleorders.com). If, however, you prefer to send your order into school, please do so, with the money sealed in the plastic envelope, **before Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

### INFORMATION SENT OUT FROM SCHOOL

You will be aware that from time to time, the school puts leaflets and flyers in your child's book bag from third-party providers, such as businesses and community groups etc. As a rule, we will only send out information advertising extended school services, such as clubs and after-school activities. We do not send out information relating to individual religious organisations as we are a community school which serves a diverse catchment. We do make every effort to vet this information for quality and appropriateness before it is given to your child. However, we would like to make it clear that by sending this information out, we are in no way endorsing the products or services on offer. It is parents' responsibility to decide if they want to make use of these products or services.

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October** (last week of half term) will be Walk to School Week. We will be encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school or 'Park and Stride'.

### FAIRLANDS SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Our popular **Breakfast Club** runs **every morning, Monday to Friday.**

The club is open to all Fairlands' children from Nursery to Year 6 and **runs in the dining hall** from 8.00am until registration (Foundation & KS1 children are walked to their classrooms).

Cost £2.00 for first child, siblings £1.70 (Free school meals £1.50). **No need to book – just turn up at 8.00am.**

### END OF SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURES

Parents should be aware that staff in **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1** will normally only hand children over to their parents at the end of the school day. **However, if you make arrangements for someone who does not have parental responsibility to collect your child, you must inform the school in advance.** If it is just a one off arrangement, please either let the teacher know at the start of the day or contact the school office by phone or text. If this is to be an ongoing arrangement, we would ask you inform us in writing beforehand.

**In Key Stage 2, you should be aware that we do not necessarily hand children directly over to their parents.** Some parents expect children to walk home on their own and some expect them to walk to an agreed meeting point in order to develop their independence. **Therefore, you must be aware that it is your responsibility to make individual arrangements with your child as to what they should do when they are dismissed at 3.15pm.** If you feel it is necessary, then please let the class teacher know what those arrangements are in advance. If a child appears confused about what those arrangements are, we will always keep them safe at school until we are able to contact the parents for clarification.

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

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| Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>5.30pm – 8.00pm                   | Parent/Teacher<br>Consultations                       |
| Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>3.30pm – 6.00pm                  | Parent/Teacher<br>Consultations                       |
| <b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<br/>3.30pm – 6.00pm</b>             | <b>Willow Class Parent/<br/>Teacher Consultations</b> |
| <b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                                  | <b>KS2 to Cineworld</b>                               |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                     | <b>Book Fayre in School</b>                           |
| <b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday,<br/>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> | <b>Walk to School Week</b>                            |
| <b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October<br/>7.30pm – 9.30pm</b>            | <b>Fairlands Fathers'</b>                             |
| <b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October<br/>9.05am – 10.30am</b>         | <b>Parent Forum</b>                                   |
| <b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>                                | <b>Rec/KS1 to Cineworld</b>                           |
| Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday,<br>29 <sup>th</sup> October       | HALF TERM   |
| Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | Last day of term :<br>2.15pm finish                   |
| Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | INSET DAY   |
| Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Return to school                                      |