

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it is the end of half term already.... It feels like we have only just said goodbye to the summer holiday! It is a very sad time, as we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Walker** and **Mrs Alexander**, two very special members of staff, who between them have over 40 years of service to Fairlands! They have both asked me to pass on their thanks to the parents and children who kindly contributed to their leaving gifts, which were presented to them in assembly today. We wish them all the best in the exciting endeavours ahead of them!

I hope you all enjoy tonight's FOFs Halloween Discos and have an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8.50am on **Monday, 1st November**.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Rosemary Biggs**, who has been instrumental in helping set up the Year 1 garden area.

This week, several members of staff were invited to the Stevenage in Bloom annual reception, as we had been shortlisted as finalists! You might remember that we won last year - unfortunately we were not able to secure the prize for a second year running, but well done to everyone in Year 1 for getting to the final!

YEAR 1 TRIP TO WAITROSE

Last week, Year 1 visited Waitrose as part of their 'Fit Foods' Topic and literacy topic. They were shown around the store by the manager and explored behind the scenes to see where deliveries are made and where fresh and frozen food are stored in big fridges and freezers. They visited the warehouse, offices and restaurant and paid for a healthy snack. The children had a wonderful time and were all very well behaved. Thank you to all our parent helpers.

CINEMA TRIPS

Over the last two weeks, the whole school have been treated to a trip to Cineworld. Last week KS2 went to see 'Ponyo', Nursery saw Toy Story 3 on Monday and KS1 went to see 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs' this morning. The visits have all gone very well and we would like to congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour and hope they all enjoyed themselves.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Fairlands raced to a 2-0 lead in their match against Shephalbury Park, with goals from Bentley Hills and Marley Heath and were in complete control. However, the game ended 2-0, went to extra time and we eventually lost 4-3 on penalties. The boys should be proud of themselves as they all performed really well and, considering they had not played together, on another day they would have won.

Last Saturday, the boys and girls teams took part in a 7-side football tournament at Barclay School. Both teams played really well, with the boys winning their first match (goals by Jay Scrivener and Marley Heath), but losing their second and the girls losing their first match and drawing their second.

CROSS COUNTRY

Year 5 & 6 sent 20 intrepid racers to Fairlands Lakes yesterday to compete with hundreds of other children from the local area. All the children performed and behaved brilliantly, notably Georgie-Lee Blackham, who came 4th and Zak Legate, who came 5th in the Year 5 races. Each race contained 120 athletes, so this was an excellent achievement. A huge thanks to all the parents who supported this event - it was fantastic to see so many of you there.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Tom Hawkins (Hazel) and Sammy Hawkins (Chestnut), who have both passed their 3rd Badge in Gymnastics.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

| | % CLASS ATTENDANCE | |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | W/C 4/10 | W/C 11/10 |
| ASH | 93.3 | 94.3 |
| BEECH | 96 | 95.7 |
| CHERRY | 92.3 | 94 |
| CHESTNUT | 88.7 | 96.3 |
| ELDER | 95.4 | 91.2 |
| ELM | 96.8 | 94 |
| HAZEL | 91.2 | 98.8 |
| HORNBEAM | 90 | 95 |
| LIME | 93.9 | 96.7 |
| LARCH | 94.7 | 94.2 |
| PINE | 90 | 97.2 |
| POPLAR | 99.4 | 95.6 |
| WILLOW | 95.8 | 92.6 |

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With Christmas fast approaching, the FOFs would like to remind you that your child has designed their own Christmas Card this year - their template card will be coming home after half term, so, **please put off buying your Christmas Cards until you have seen your child's fabulous design!**

Cards will be in packs of 10's and will be delivered to you (via bookbags) in plenty of time for posting.

Don't forget to make a note in your diary of this years **FOF's Christmas Craft Fayre**, which will be held after school on **Friday, 3rd December from 3.30pm till 6.00pm.**

100 YEARS OF GIRL GUIDING

Rainbows and Brownies from Fairlands Primary School attended the Vision Event at the Leisure Centre on Wednesday night, where they celebrated the 100 year anniversary of Girl Guiding. All girls who attended had a evening of line dancing, cup cake decorating, jewellery making and circus skills, then, at 20.10 they, as a whole country, retook their promise.

Mrs Dale-Smith, who is a Stevenage Guide Leader, was proud to say that each girl behaved in the highest order and it was noticed by the other leaders that the Rainbows and Brownies from Fairlands Primary should be thanked for their behaviour.

PARENTLINE PLUS WORKSHOP 'DEALING WITH ANGER'

Sara Hassell, our Parentlineplus support worker, is running a **FREE** 6 week course for parents/carers called **Dealing With Anger.**

The workshops will take place in the Learning Room (Upper Building) from **9.15 – 11.15am from Wednesday, 3rd November.** Please sign up at the office or contact Sara on 07805 523480. A pre-bookable crèche is available.

SPRINGMEADOWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note that Springmeadows After-School Club will be open the first two days of the Christmas holidays - Monday 20th and Tuesday 22nd December 07:50am-6:15pm and, if enough interest, Wednesday 23rd. Contact Louise Prior on 07738 570321 or email Louise@springmeadows.co.uk asap if you require a space for any of these days.

PLEASE HELP US WITH HEADLICE!

Head lice may be cleared over a two-week period by the following method:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and, while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Please check the whole family – parents / carers included!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

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| Monday, 25 th to Friday, 29 th October | HALF TERM |
| Wednesday, 3rd Nov 9.15am – 11.15am | Dealing with Anger – Start of 6 week Parentlineplus course |
| Monday, 15th Nov 7.30pm – 9.30pm | Fairlands' Fathers |
| Friday, 19th Nov | Children in Need : Spotty Day! |
| Friday, 3rd December 3.30pm – 6.00pm | FOF's Christmas Craft Fayre |
| Monday, 13th Dec 7.30pm – 9.30pm | Fairlands' Fathers |
| Friday, 17th December | Last day of term : 2.15pm finish |
| Tuesday, 4th Jan | INSET DAY |