

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, Ofsted inspectors visited us last Thursday and Friday and I am pleased to report that the inspection went very smoothly and successfully. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who worked so hard to make it such a success – you were as brilliant as you always are!

We will be able to give you more precise details when the full report is published on 18th November and we will be sending out a copy to all parents/carers in the school. Next month's Parent Forum on 9<sup>th</sup> December will also be an opportunity to discuss the report, so do come along.



In the meantime, thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaires, and also to the large number of parents who came to meet the inspectors during the Friday coffee morning. They were **very** impressed at the turn-out, and thank you for the lovely things you said about us!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank my **WONDERFUL** assistant headteachers – **Emma Verlander and Michelle Bridge** – for their fantastic support & work during our

Ofsted inspection.

Thinking back to when I was a deputy head, I will never forget how difficult it is to balance the demands of the role of the deputy/assistant head during an inspection. They both did brilliantly and made a significant contribution to the positive outcome of the inspection. So... **THANK YOU!!!**

## YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to our Year 5/6 girls' football team, who won last week's away match against Ashtree Primary School 0-1, with a Golden Goal scored by Brooke Logan. This was a really great achievement, considering it was the first time the girls had played a match together.

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Last week we celebrated Anti Bullying Week. The children made wrist bands for their SEAL buddies and decorated a t-shirt with anti-bullying slogans.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	W/C 18/10	W/C 1/11
ASH	81	90.3
BEECH	91	88
CHERRY	90	94.7
CHESTNUT	93.7	92.2
ELDER	92.4	94
ELM	91.2	95.6
HAZEL	96.2	91.2
HORNBEAM	94.2	97.5
<b>LIME</b>	92.8	<b>97.8</b>
LARCH	82.6	92.6
<b>PINE</b>	<b>100</b>	96.7
POPLAR	95	96.2
WILLOW	91.6	95.2

The children are very excited about our new Attendance Award incentive, which was launched last week. The class with the **best attendance** each week will be awarded a **£15**, to be spent on classroom resources of their choice. Very well done to **PINE** class, who achieved **100% attendance** for the last week of half term – earning themselves a special **£25** voucher.

## AUTHOR VISIT

KS2 children were treated to a visit from Jasper Cooper, Author/Illustrator of The Kingdom of Gems Trilogy, this morning. He talked to the children about his books and what it's like to be an author. Find out more about Jasper's books at [www.TheKingdomOfGems.com](http://www.TheKingdomOfGems.com)

### THE GAMES LIBRARY IS BACK!

We are delighted to announce that the Games Library is now up and running again in the Lower hall on **Friday mornings from 8.45 – 9.10**. You may stay and try out games before you borrow, or just return and borrow games.

### WISEPAY – ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We are pleased to inform you that, from today, we can take on-line payments for school meals using your debit / credit cards. Further areas will be added in due course. Letters will be sent home shortly detailing how to log on and use the Wisepay system.

Anyone who does not have access to a computer is welcome to come into school – but please try to avoid the morning and afternoon rush!

We do hope that all parents will use the new system, therefore, reducing the need to send cash/cheques into school.

### IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2011-12?

If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2011-12.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **Application deadline 15th January 2011.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come into the office and use a computer. If you would like help with your application, please contact the office first to arrange a convenient time to come in.

### WELL DONE

Well done to Natavan Wilson (Elder), who took part in the E.S.K.A. regional Karate Competition on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October and came second overall in her yellow belt group against over 30 other contestants. She is very proud of her trophy.

### FAIRLANDS' BROWNIES

Just a reminder to all Fairlands Brownies to attend the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November – please meet at the rear of Waitrose car park at 8.30am!

### BE SEEN, BE SAFE!

Wearing bright clothes and putting reflectors on your bike also can help you stay safe. It helps other people on the road to see you. And if they see you, that means they're less likely to run into you. Daytime riding is the safest so try to avoid riding your bike at dusk and later.

If you are riding as it is becoming dark then please ensure that your bikes are equipped with lights that work and are regularly checked.

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Fairlands' Fathers
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need : Spotty or Crazy Socks Day!
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Post Box Out
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10.00 - 11.00am 1.30pm – 2.30pm</b>	<b>Foundation Stage Christmas Productions</b>
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 3.30pm – 6.00pm	FOF's Christmas Craft Fayre
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December : 9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Year 5&amp;6 Carol Concert Year 3&amp;4 Carol Concert</b>
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30 – 2.30</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.05 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Parent Forum</b>
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Present Room</b>
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm – 7.30pm</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Performance</b>
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Fairlands' Fathers
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Celebration</b>
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Party Lunch</b>
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY

### FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT FAIRLANDS

Parents/carers are invited to come into school for **coffee and a chat** on **Friday mornings, 9.00am – 10.30am** in the upper building (please come to the office and we will point you in the right direction). This informal coffee morning is a great way to catch up with other parents/carers and relax before the weekend!