

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to hear the news this week that the proposed expansion to three forms of entry was given the go-ahead by County Council Cabinet members.

We are really excited about the proposed developments, which will involve the building of two fantastic new blocks of classrooms, in addition to the two existing school buildings. A new car park for parents is also planned, which will relieve the congestion in Pound Avenue and make it much safer for the children coming to school. There is also some talk of the possible addition of an all-weather, multi-use games pitch - I will keep you posted!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Mr James Dickinson** for a fantastic Science Week, based around the theme of communication!

Mr Dickinson organised exciting activities for children across the school, such as devising Morse code messages and making electrical communication devices for use in the home.

It was really impressive to visit the 'Communication Cave' that the children created - and great to see parents there enjoying the work as well!

### YEAR 5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL

After the recent run of bad form, Fairlands got back to winning ways with a resounding victory at Larwood School. Hat tricks from Bentley Hills and Zak Legate secured a victory on a small 6 a side pitch with the final score being Fairlands 11 - Larwood 0.

We look forward to welcoming them back to our school for a return fixture.

### YEAR 5 ROUND THE WORLD

Last week, Year 5 went to North Herts College to take part in lots of 'round the world' activities run by the students there.

We found out about the flags, currency and languages of different countries around the world. We did some role play about Rwanda and we learnt about recycling, in a large blow up igloo!

### GARDENING WITH CHILDREN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Spring 1 Allotment Club, who entered a national competition called 'Gardening with Children'. They took photographs of 'signs of Spring around the school' and, although they didn't win, the organisers were very impressed by their entry and awarded them a prize of a selection of seeds and a certificate. You can view their photos at [www.gardeningwithchildren.co.uk](http://www.gardeningwithchildren.co.uk)

### RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all the children and staff who came to school in their pyjamas and with crazy hair. We raised an amazing £390 for Comic Relief.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 7/3	w/c 14/3
ASH	91.3	93.7
BEECH	94	96.3
CHERRY	95.4	96.1
CHESTNUT	94.3	92
ELDER	97.3	96.9
<b>ELM</b>	<b>98.7</b>	96.7
HAZEL	96.8	94.5
HORNBEAM	94	92.8
LIME	96.7	90
LARCH	97.4	95.3
<b>PINE</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>97.8</b>
POPLAR	91.8	94.7
WILLOW	95.8	93.2

## WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON WISEPAY?

Wisepay are interested in hearing your views on the online payments system so that they can find out how it is helping you as well as how it could be improved. They are also interested in hearing from parents/carers who have not yet used the system.

Whether or not you are using the system, please access the survey using the following link. This should only take a few moments of your time.

<https://www.hertsdirect.org/websurveys/surveys/R49NV8/>

If you have not used the system and cannot access the online survey, please call 01438 844978 and one of the HCC project team members will complete the survey over the phone with you. Calls will be charged at your standard rate.

## MOTHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

Friends of Fairlands will be holding the annual Mothers Day present room on **Monday 28th March**, during the school day. All children will get the opportunity to visit the present room with their SEAL buddy and will get to practise their money knowledge at the same time.

Gifts will range from 75p to £3.50 and will all be gift wrapped so they can remain a surprise until Mothers Day! Please make sure that any money sent into school is in an envelope and clearly labelled.

## EASTER DISCO

The end of term is fast approaching and so are the Easter discos!

They are being held on **Thursday 7th April. FS/KS1 : 5pm until 6pm in the Lower Hall and KS2 : 5pm until 6.15pm in the Upper Hall.**

Tickets go on sale soon and will be **£3 per child**. Each child who pre-books a ticket will be guaranteed an Easter Egg on the evening.

We will be selling hot dogs (£1) and drinks from 6pm in the dining hall so there's no need to cook that night! We look forward to seeing you there.

## WELL DONE

Congratulations to Macey Herbert (LIME), who has achieved her yellow tag in Tae kwon do, following her grading examination. Macey has worked very hard and dedicated a lot of her time to achieve this.

Well done also to Leanne and Joanne Brown (both Year 1), who have passed their Kellogg's ASA Swimming Stage 1.

## HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR CHILD'S NURSERY PLACE YET?

Just a reminder that **next Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** is the closing date to apply for your child's nursery place, if they were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008..

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions)

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come to the office and use one of our computers. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help you, if needed, but please contact her first to arrange a convenient time.

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothers Day Present Room</b>
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Closing Date for On-line Nursery Applications
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Primary School Allocation Day</b>
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>FS &amp; KS1 : 5.00–6.00pm</b> <b>KS2 : 5.00-6.15pm</b>	<b>FoF Easter Discos</b>
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term : School <b>finishes at 2.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>ROYAL WEDDING</b>
<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Nursery Allocation Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Cuffley Camp meeting for parents &amp; pupils</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 to Cuffley Camp</b>
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>