

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to inform you that **Mrs Hayley Yendell**, who is currently our Foundation Stage Leader, has been successfully appointed to become a third Assistant Headteacher in the school from September. This appointment has been made with a view to the future expansion of the school in 2012, when Mrs Yendell will assume responsibility for leading Early Years and Year 1 in the Lower Building. I am thrilled that Mrs Yendell has accepted the post and I am sure she will be a dynamic addition to the existing Headship Team!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Miss Bridge and Mr Tweeddell** for organising the Maths Calculations Evening on Wednesday night.

The event was well attended by around 15 families, who had a great time playing maths games, solving problems using written methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 20/6	w/c 27/6
ASH	92.7	89.7
BEECH	92	96.3
CHERRY	93.9	95.7
CHESTNUT	99.7	95.9
ELDER	93.8	90
ELM	90.4	88.4
HAZEL	95.2	94
HORNBEAM	98.5	98.5
LIME	92.1	91.6
LARCH	93.3	90.6
PINE	95.6	93.3
POPLAR	90.8	88.5
WILLOW	96.8	96.2

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Next week, parents/carers will have an opportunity to come in and have a look around the school to see displays of the wonderful work all the children have been doing this year.

These will take place from **3.30-4.30pm** on two afternoons, as follows :

Tuesday 12th : Lower Building
Thursday 14th July : Upper Building

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Friends of Fairlands would like to say a **big thank you to you all for your support at the Family Fun Day** last Sunday. We managed to raise a whopping **£976**, which is our biggest amount to date!!

We're sure that you'll all agree that it was a very successful event and everyone who attended had a fantastic time. Well done to the children who entertained us with their performances in the arena and for bringing along their families to support us. It was also lovely to see a high amount of parent helpers manning the stalls this year, thank you so much for helping to make the event a success. The most popular stall on the day was the Bottle Tombola so congratulations to Cherry and Chestnut classes - enjoy spending your winnings!

SELECT SPORTS FUN DAY

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in a Fun Day and Fundraiser organised by **Select Sports**. The children paid to wear their favourite sports clothing to school and took part in sports activities throughout the day. Prizes and certificates will be handed out next week. An amazing **£834.50** was raised, which will be donated to the **Grove House Hospice**. Thank you very much for your support.

BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE STORY AND CRAFT SESSION

Parents/Carers of families with children aged 0-4 are invited to bring their children along to a Story & Craft Session on **Wednesday, 13th July**, from **9.00 - 10.30am**. This popular event, which is run by the Bridge Road Children's Centre, will take place in the **Lower Hall** here at Fairlands.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The children will be bringing home their School Reports on **Thursday, 14th July**. If they don't hand it to you on their way out of school, don't forget to look in their book bags!

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held in the **Community Room** on **Monday 18th July** from **3.30pm until approx 4.30pm**. There will be an area in the room for children to play alongside the meeting. We will have a brief recap on the year's events and a financial overview of the year. We will also be voting for the committee roles so please feel free to join us and see how you can help. If anyone is interested in joining FOFs or nominating themselves for one of the named Officer roles (Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary), and would like some advice beforehand, please feel free to ask at the office and a current committee member will call you. We look forward to seeing you there!

WELL DONE

Congratulations to **Sammy Hawkins (Chestnut Class)** who has passed her KS1&R Badge 4 and **Tom Hawkins (Hazel Class)** who has passed his KS2 Badge 4 in gymnastics.

Good Luck to **Tyler Circuit (Pine Class)** who is taking part in a new TV Drama called 'Call the Midwife!' He also recently appeared in a major role in a play held at Campus West Theatre Welwyn, after which his stage school, Top Hat, awarded him a trophy for most improved actor! We will be watching Tyler's acting career develop with interest!

Don't forget to let us know if your child has achieved something they would like to share with the school. Please either send a written note to the school office or email us their news at admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

This year, parents/carers do not need to contact the Customer Service Centre to renew their free school meals. Education Benefits will attempt to renew all applications on the 8th June.

HCC will not be sending letters to all parents/carers about free school meals, just to those who are no longer eligible. These letters will be sent from 8th June.

Year 6 parents/carers no longer need to call to advise of a change of school.

GAMES LIBRARY

Don't forget our new **Games Library** in the Upper Building - **Tuesdays, from 3.15pm - 3.45pm**. This is a great opportunity to borrow games for your children to play at home and, in exactly the same way as you would borrow books from a library, you can change them as often as you like.

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

Tuesday, 12th July	Year 1 Gymnastics Morning at Marriotts
Tuesday 12th July 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Lower Building Open Evening
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 1 to Woburn
Wednesday 13 th July 9.00 – 10.30am	Bridge Road Story & Craft Session : Lower Hall
Thursday 14 th July	Year 2 to Whipsnade
Thursday 14th July 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Upper Building Open Evening
Thursday 14 th July	School Reports being sent home
Friday, 15th July 2.45 – 3.15pm	Reception Parents Information Session
Monday 18 th July 3.30 – 4.30pm	Friends of Fairlands AGM
Tuesday 19 th July 1.45 – 2.45pm	Year 6 Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 20 th July 6.30 – 8.00 pm	Year 6 Evening Performance
Thursday 21 st July 6.30 – 8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Do
Friday, 22 nd July	End of Summer Term : 2.15 finish
Friday, 2 nd September	INSET Day
Monday, 5 th September	Return to School