

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that the summer term is over and holiday time is here! It has been such a busy, active year with many happy memories. Good luck to all the Year 6 children as they move on to their new secondary schools!

Thank you so much to all the staff at Fairlands, who work so hard all year to provide the best possible opportunities for the children. They deserve their well-earned break!

I hope you all have an enjoyable Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school at **8.50am on Monday, 5th September.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

BEST WISHES

Good luck and best wishes go to Miss Morgan, who will be getting married during the summer holiday and returns to school in September as Mrs Day.

GOOD LUCK

We say thank you and farewell to Mr Hoskins today as he leaves us to start his teacher training in September.

THANK YOU



A special thank you this week goes to the current **FOFs leadership**, who are sadly moving on from their roles this term.

Sue Hurren has made a significant contribution to the committee as Vice-Chair, having been with FOFs for 6 years.

Julie Jeffries has been with FOFs for 5 years and has made an equally significant contribution as Secretary, and recently overseeing the finances.

Finally, **Jackie Gray**, the Chair, has been with FOFs for 4 years and done an excellent job of seeing the Friends through a real period of change. Many new systems have been put in place that will mean that there is a strong base for the next leadership group to work from.

We would like to thank them all for their time and commitment.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS

Following this sad news, Friends of Fairlands needs to change! As it stands at the moment, we now do not have anybody on the leadership group, so there is a real danger that events will not take place next year.

We urgently need new faces to come forward to help keep the parent association running, and to make sure that events like the Christmas Fayre, Present Rooms and Family Fun Day can happen next year.

If you are interested in getting involved, please feel free to let the school office know. Perhaps now is the time for a new group of parents to come forward and lead us into 2012!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 4/7	11/7
ASH	88	92
BEECH	84	89.7
CHERRY	96.1	97.9
CHESTNUT	93.8	94.1
ELDER	96.5	97.3
ELM	97.6	97.6
HAZEL	90.8	96
HORNBEAM	96.9	94.6
LIME	96.8	98.4
LARCH	97.2	95.6
PINE	87.8	97.8
POPLAR	83.9	96.2
WILLOW	92.9	90

LIDDINGTON - PARENT MEETING

Just a reminder to next year's Year 6 parents that there will be meeting about the school trip at **6pm** in the Upper Hall on **Wednesday 7th Sept.**

YEAR 1 TRIP TO WOBURN

Year 1 had a beautiful day at Woburn Safari Park last week. They saw lots of animals including penguins, lemurs and wallabies and an ostrich nesting on her eggs. They were able to go into the monkey enclosure with the Spider monkeys. They played on the indoor play area and took part in a workshop called 'Skin, Scale or Fur' where they met and held a python. The children were all very well behaved and had a great day.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO WHIPSDADE

Year 2 visited Whipsnade Zoo last week as part of their topics 'Two by Two' and 'Surfs Up'. They had a fantastic day and the teachers were very proud of their immaculate behaviour - they were great ambassadors for the school. All the animals came out to see them and they thoroughly enjoyed the Seal Splash Show. The children were able to apply their factual knowledge to support their report writing back at school.

YEAR 3/4 DAY AT THE SEASIDE

Last week, as part of this term's topic, Year 3 & 4 enjoyed a Punch and Judy Show and a wonderful 'seaside day' in school. The weather was typically British, but didn't dampen our spirits. Thank you to the Friends of Fairlands for the ice creams and lollies, which finished off the day a treat.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE

This week we enjoyed a most entertaining performance of 'Joseph and his coat of many colours' by our Year 6 pupils. Well done to Mr Tweeddell and Mrs Bainbridge for working so hard with Year 6 in preparation over the last few weeks and to all the other staff who helped out.

FOUNDATION STAGE BEACH PARTY

The Foundation Stage enjoyed a fabulous beach party to celebrate the end of a wonderful year. They started with a flight and then enjoyed a range of fun activities when they reached their destination: hook a duck, limbo dancing and paddling to name a few! They then had the opportunity to feast on fish and chips and ice-cream.

Parents and carers then joined them for the end of the day and it was great to see so many families celebrating their children's learning.

TEA AND TISSUES FOR NEW STARTER PARENTS

Starting school is a difficult time - not just for the children! For a bit of moral support, all parents of children starting into our Reception or new to the school are invited to pop into the lower building staff room for a cup of tea on **Monday, 5th September**, and for those parents whose child is starting in Nursery, **Friday, 9th (am and pm) and Tuesday, 13th (am and pm)** after they have dropped off their children for the first time! This is a chance to meet the other new parents, and also our Family Lives worker, Sara Hassell and Sarah Sutton, Support Worker from the local Children's Centre.

FREE MORNING SNACKS FOR KS2

Children in FS and KS1 already benefit from a FREE daily morning snack of fruit and veg. As part of 'Healthy Schools', from September, we will be extending this to all KS2 children.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER

There will be a slight rise in the cost of school dinners from September as follows :

£1.95 per day / £9.75 per week

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.85 per day (£2.00 for packed lunch and those entitled to FSM). Please send dinner money into school on a Friday or Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Any change due under 10p will be credited to your child's account

'CIRCUS STARS' SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Not sure what to do with the children over the Summer Break? Then why not take them down to your local Library where they can, **for Free**, take part in the "Circus Start" Hertfordshire 2011 Reading Challenge.

This is a great way to get the kids reading and involved in the wonder of books. Across the UK the biggest reading challenge is about to take place and we want Fairlands children to join in too!

BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

If you are looking for something to do with your under 5's over the summer holidays, Bridge Road Children's Centre has lots of activities for families. You can ring them on 01438 202692 or visit their website www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad