

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everybody to what is going to be a very important and exciting year for Fairlands!

In a few weeks, we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the school in 1951, with a celebration event 'Fairlands through the Decades'. More details about what is happening will be coming out next week.

In addition, we are looking forward to the proposed expansion of the school to 3 forms of entry, with new lunchtime arrangements and most classrooms moving around in preparation for next September. Subject to planning permission, the building works are likely to commence in April of next year – a truly exciting next chapter in the history of Fairlands!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week has to go to **Mr Horner and the cleaning staff!** Over the summer, the Upper Building was covered in brick dust and building debris as we knocked out the old toilets and installed lovely new ones!

The builders did work hard to make sure the toilets were ready in time, but this left very little time for the cleaners to clean up the mess! It all worked out in the end, thanks to some hard scrubbing and late nights on the part of Mr Horner the cleaning staff, so THANK YOU!

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Please remember that there has been a slight rise in the cost of school dinners 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).

DATA COLLECTION

On Monday, Data Collection sheets were sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please ensure you check these carefully, complete the Annual Parental Consent Form(s) and Medical Information Form(s) and return them to school asap. Children will not be able to take part in any school trips/local visits until we have received this information back.

TEA AND TISSUES FOR NEW STARTER PARENTS

Starting school is a difficult time - not just for the children! For a bit of moral support, those parents whose child is starting in Nursery are invited to pop into the Community Room (Upper Building) for a cup of tea/coffee on **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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

These sessions are held every week on **Tuesday mornings** from **9.00 – 10.30am**, in the Community Room (Upper Building) from Tuesday 13th September.

The classes are for all adult speakers of languages other than English, who wish to improve their English skills. They cater for all – from complete beginners to advanced learners.

Mrs Kate Trafford (Inclusion Co-ordinator) and Miss Monika Najdowska (Teaching Assistant) will run these relaxed and friendly classes together. All are welcome!

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to come to the Community Room (upper building) on **Friday mornings** from **9.00am** for coffee and a chat. This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and will also be attended by Sara Hassell, our Family Lives worker.

LOWER BUILDING GAMES LIBRARY

Toys and games are available to borrow from the **Games Library**, which is run on **Friday mornings** in the **Lower Hall** from **8.50 to 9.00am**.

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 – AND IT'S FREE!

ADULT LEARNING CLASSES

Bridge Road Children's Centre, based in the grounds of Woolenwick Infant and Nursery School, have a few spaces left on the two adult learning classes they are running. There is the opportunity to gain a qualification upon completion of the course.

Adult Numeracy – Monday afternoons 1-3pm from 12th September. [Please note the crèche is already full for this course]

Adult Literacy – Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm from 21st September. [There are a few places left in crèche for children aged 0-4]

Please ring Lucy on 01438 202692 or call in at the centre to see us to book your place!

FREE MORNING SNACKS FOR KS2

As part of 'Healthy Schools', all KS2 children now benefit from a FREE daily morning snack of fruit and veg.

SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We are happy for children to ride their scooters to and from school, however, **please ensure that they are not ridden within the school grounds** and that they are either **padlocked to the fence** or **taken home for the day**. (Upper Building scooters should be left on the grass side of the lower playground fence, Lower Building; please padlock to the fence, far enough away from the entrance gate to avoid congestion). **School cannot accept responsibility for bikes and scooters if they are left on the premises.**

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM

Don't forget to ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name (with a sew/stick-on label or written on the clothing label). This way we can ensure any lost items are returned to their owner.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

Monday 12th Sept 3.00 – 4.00pm	Year 1 Parents Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 13 th Sept 8.30 – 9.30	Tea & Tissues for new to Nursery parents
Tuesday 13th September 3.00 – 4.00pm	Year 5/6 Parents Welcome Meeting
Wednesday 14th Sept 3.00 – 4.00pm	Year 4 Parents Welcome Meeting
Thursday 15th Sept 3.00 – 4.00pm	Year 3 Parents Welcome Meeting
Friday 16 th to Monday, 19 th Sept	Year 6 School Journey
Wednesday 21st Sept 2.45pm	Year 6 Parents Assembly
Friday 23 rd Sept	Year 6 Crucial Crew
w/c 26th Sept	60th Celebrations
Wednesday 28th Sept	Year 5 Parents Assembly
Wednesday 5th Oct	Harvest Festival
Thursday 13th Oct	School Photographer
Thursday 13th to Tuesday 18th Oct	Book Fair in School
w/c 17th Oct	Walk to School Week
Monday 24 th to Friday, 28 th October	Half Term
Friday 16 th December	End of Term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday 3 rd January 2012	INSET Day
Wednesday, 4 th Jan	Return to School