

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to our 60th Anniversary next week – a real opportunity to celebrate our school and the friendships past and present that have been formed here! It is incredible how many people have connections or ties to Fairlands, and I often meet people who share very fond memories of our school.

Please don't forget that the children are coming in dressed up on Monday – I am hoping there will be some lovely photos to publish on the website of Fairlands through the decades!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you goes to Mr Dickinson, Mrs Biggs & Mrs Denis – who gave up their weekend to take Year 6 to PGL in Liddington last weekend. As you will see from the report below, the children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to hear about some of their adventures in their class assembly.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL TRIP

Last Friday, Year 6 travelled to Liddington, Swindon, for their PGL adventure holiday. The children had a fun filled 4 days, packed with adventure and challenge. They learnt new skills such as abseiling, raft-building and quad biking. They also tested their courage by experiencing the giant swing zip wire and trapeze.

The children behaved beautifully and were a joy to be with. We hope the Year 5 children will be keen to book a place for the PGL visit next year.

A COUPLE OF REQUESTS

As a 'Healthy School', please could I ask parents to avoid smoking in the entrance gate area of the public footpath.

We would also request parents not to tie dogs to the school boundaries, as some children can find this intimidating.

And finally, please could I ask you to park considerately in Pound Avenue and avoid blocking local residents' driveways. Thank you for your co-operation with these matters.

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING

Last year we were fortunate enough to receive funding for Extended Opportunities and many parents benefited from this. Please be aware that this funding has now come to an end, meaning that all after school clubs will now have to be paid for by parents/carers.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/carers are invited to the first Parent Forum this term on **Thursday, 13th October, 9.00 – 10.30am**. Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to come to the Community Room (Upper Building) every **Friday morning** 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!**

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION YOUNG SAVERS COMPETITION

The Credit Union is run at Fairlands School in the **Upper Building entrance** every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** – come along and find out more.

The Stevenage Credit Union is a **savings club** which collects from a number of schools in Stevenage and enables the children to learn about cash handling at an early age. They can plan what they do with their pocket money - perhaps save for a holiday, christmas or family birthdays. The club is open for parents to save too.

This term, they are running a **competition** (open to savers and non-savers) to **design a christmas card exclusively for the Credit Union.**

Hand your entries into the school office by **Tuesday, 13th December** - there will be a prize for the **top 3 designs chosen** (1st, 2nd and 3rd). The outstanding winner's entry will be used for the Credit Union 2012 Christmas Card.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

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- Monitor and report on pupil progress;
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