

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Lots of celebrations over the last two weeks – last week, we were celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - with many visitors coming to see the 'Fairlands through the Decades' exhibition that the children had produced. It was lovely to hear some of the stories and memories that people had to share about Fairlands over the years.

This week, we have also celebrated our Harvest Festival. Thank you to all the parents & carers who sent in Harvest gifts – these will be carefully distributed to the needy in the local community.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Dorothy Ansell** and **Mrs Rosemary Biggs**, who worked so hard to help prepare for our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

They worked hard to get in touch with former pupils, staff and friends and we were able to welcome many familiar faces to our tea party.

### SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

Please **do not allow children to ride their scooters in the school grounds**, as this is very dangerous when there are so many people about and is likely to cause an accident.

### YEAR 2 TRIP TO STEVENAGE LIBRARY

Year 2 visited Stevenage Library this week and had a fantastic time learning how to borrow books for FREE! Year 1 and Reception will be visiting next week and we hope this will encourage parents to join up and use this fantastic FREE service.

### CRUCIAL CREW

Year 6 recently went to Crucial Crew at Bowes Lyon House, where they took part in a range of group activities related to health and safety. The children were very well behaved and responded well to the activities. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and, hopefully, learned a lot.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Appointments for next week's Parent/Teacher Consultations were sent home with children yesterday. If you have not received your appointment time, please check your child's book bag or contact the school office.

### GYMNASTICS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Just a reminder that Gym Club is cancelled next week due to Parent Teacher Consultations. It will be back on again on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE CRAFT AND STORY SESSION

Parents and their under 5s are invited to come along to a **FREE** Craft and Story Session at Fairlands School called '**The Bad Tempered Ladybird**'. **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October** between **9.00am – 11.00am** in the **lower hall**. No need to book – just turn up.

### PARENT FORUM

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

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** (last week of half term) will be Walk to School Week. We will be encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school or 'Park and Stride'.

### FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of **Fairlands Fathers** will take place on **Monday 17th October** from **7.30pm - 9.30pm** in the **lower building staff room** at Fairlands Primary School and Nursery. Why not pop in and join us for a coffee and a chat?

It would be great to get a few more Dads at our meetings. We chat about a whole range of 'Dads' subjects and there is no agenda.

Don't worry if you can't be there at 7.30pm or, if you can't stay for the whole time - it would just be good to see you. Visit [www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk](http://www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk) for more information.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ON **MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER.**

### STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

The Credit Union have moved to the **dining hall** in the **upper building**. This popular savings club is run every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** - come along this week 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.

We also encourage parents to join as adult members. There is no limit to the amount you can save and you can withdraw the money whenever you want it.

### GAMES LIBRARY

Don't forget, our popular Friday morning **Games Library** is now **also** run in the dining hall **after school** on **Fridays** from **3.15pm - 3.40pm**. 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.

### FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning from 8.00 to 8.50am in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book - just turn up on the morning.

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

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30 - 8.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.00 - 11.00am</b>	<b>Under 5s Craft &amp; Story Session : Lower Hall</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30 - 6.00pm	Larch Class Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.00 - 10.30am</b>	<b>Parent Forum</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Book Fair in School
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walk to School Week
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Year 4 Roman Activity Day</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct FS/Yr 1: 4.00-5.00pm Lower Building Hall</b>	<b>Halloween Disco</b>
<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October Yrs 2 &amp; 3: 4.00-5.00pm Lower Building Hall Yrs 4,5&amp;6: 4.00-5.15pm Upper Building Hall</b>	<b>Halloween Disco</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Reception &amp; Year 1 to Pantomime</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012	INSET Day
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School