

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

It is with a great deal of sadness that we bid Mr Horner farewell this week. He has been premises manager at the school for 35 years, joining way back in 1978 when Fairlands consisted of separate infant and junior schools under the leadership of Mr Handy and Mrs McNabb! Over the years, he has helped around 14 different headteachers, hundreds of staff and thousands of children – all of whom, I am sure, have extremely fond memories of his friendly, amiable manner. *We will really miss him and wish him every future happiness and a long, fruitful retirement.*

Thank you to all those parents who sent in donations towards Mr Horner's leaving gift – we were able to present him with a lovely watch in assembly yesterday afternoon.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## BOOKMAKING WORKSHOPS

It has been an exciting week in Reception. The children arrived on Monday to find a crime scene in the hall and the outline of a two-headed creature! They spent the week discussing what had happened, exploring the crime scene and creating stories. Many parents and carers came to the bookmaking workshops and supported their child in making their own book and writing their own story about the event. A big thank you to all parents who came along to support their child. We never did get to the bottom of the mystery but rumour has it that Mrs Yendell had something to do with it.....

## WELCOME!!

We give a big welcome this week to our two new site managers, Mr Darren Downes and Mr Geoff Horton. They are both really looking forward to getting to know everyone at Fairlands and becoming part of our school community, so please give them a smile and a wave if you see them passing!

## 'THE TREEHOUSE' AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

We can now offer after-school care from 3.15 – 6.15, Monday to Friday at 'The Treehouse' After-School Club, which is run in the upper building (music room) within the school.

Cost: £2.00 registration fee, per family, 3.15-4.15pm: £6.50, 3.15 – 5.15pm: £7.50 and 3.15 – 6.15pm: £8.50. 50p sibling discount per session. Please call in at the school office for an application pack or contact Lyn Taylor at the club from 3.15pm.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 25/3	w/c 15/4
ASH	96	87.5
BEECH	88.5	96.1
BIRCH	90.6	96.9
CHERRY	98.3	92.9
CHESTNUT	91.7	96.7
ELDER	93.5	92.1
ELM	91.7	97.2
HAZEL	95.5	92
HORNBEAM	87.5	93.2
LIME	96	96
<b>LARCH</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>
PINE	98	90
POPLAR	93.2	84.4
WALNUT	89.8	86.7
WILLOW	93	96.1

## ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS

Don't forget to accept your offer of a Primary School place by **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, by logging in at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) to view your application.

## LESS SHOUTING MORE CO-OPERATION

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives worker, is running a **5 week workshop** in the **Family Room** at Fairlands Primary, **9.00 – 11.15am** starting next **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**.

Explore how to get what you need from you're child without nagging, discover tools to challenge your child's behaviour and how to set boundaries and gain co-operation.

Booking is essential – contact Sara on 07805 523480 or email [sarah@familylives.org.uk](mailto:sarah@familylives.org.uk)

**TRACKS 'BRING AND BUY'  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**Please note change of date!** Ella Houghton and Amy Teer, Year 5, are raising money for a charity called TRACKS, which supports autistic children and their families.

Next **Thursday** from **3.15 – 4.00pm** they will be running a 'bring and buy' stall in the **upper building**.

They need lots more **donations** of **toys, games and books** to sell on the stall – please have a look at home this weekend and see if you have any unwanted items you would be happy to donate.

***PLEASE HELP THE GIRLS TO RAISE LOSTS OF MONEY BY SUPPORTING THIS EVENT – THANK YOU.***

**CLASS PHOTOS**

It's still not too late to send your orders into school – if you haven't done so yet, Tuesday is the last date for collection.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Well done to Ellie Newell and her Zoro Street Dance troop, 'Kidz Crew', who recently came 1<sup>st</sup> at the Essex Championships.

**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS**

So far we have collected 3,800 vouchers. The scheme closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, so please keep collecting and sending them in so that we can claim lots of FREE PE equipment for the school.

New this year; you could receive bonus tokens when you shop in store – they have the voucher value printed on them and work just the same as the '1' and '5' vouchers – so please look out for these and hand them in.

**DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013  
(NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)**

Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Allocation Day
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May 3.15 – 4.00pm Upper building</b>	<b>TRACKS Fund Raising Event</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday School Closed
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 6-7pm Upper Hall</b>	<b>Yr 4 Parents' &amp; Pupils' Cuffley Camp Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm Upper Hall</b>	<b>Year 4 Parents' Class Assembly</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> –Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 to Cambridge</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 3&amp;4 to Birds of Prey Centre</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term School Closed
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY School Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	OCCASIONAL DAY School Closed
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 5 Parents' Meeting</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 6 &amp; PGL Parents' Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-8.00pm</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; 2 Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-6.00pm</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; 2 Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 2 Parents' Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm 7.00pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Performances</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm</b>	<b>New to Reception Parents' Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 1 Parent's Meeting</b>
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July 5.00-6.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 3 Parent's Meeting</b>
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July 6.00-7.00pm</b>	<b>New to Year 4 Parent's Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Do</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2.15pm Finish
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Return to school