



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

This month, we are thinking about the value of Cooperation! In assemblies, we have agreed that cooperation is:

*Working together to get something done; talking and agreeing how to do something; being helpful and doing your bit to sort something out.*

I have noticed recently that there is an awful lot of litter around the school site. With the windy weather we are having, it seems to blow in from the public footpath and from the bin on the corner of Pound Avenue. We have asked the council to come and empty that bin more regularly and to do a litter pick along the footpath, but please could you encourage the children to do their bit by not dropping any litter and taking rubbish home if the bins are full. We are going to be purchasing some more large bins for the school site and also asking the School Council to think of some ways to encourage us all to cooperate to fix this problem. I am sure they will come up with some creative ideas!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### MODERN LANGUAGES

This half term we are learning phrases to help us talk about the weather. Last week we all learned the phrase 'Quel temps fait-il?', which means 'What is the weather like?' This week we started with the phrase 'il pleut', which was apt for the rain we had on Monday!

Miss Flanagan would like to say a big well done to Imogen, William and Kuba, from Year 3, for the great written work that they completed about the weather this week.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT ROOM

A big thank you to the Fairlands Faces, who raised £275.50 for school funds by running the Christmas Present Room back in December. Thank you also to the children and, of course, parents who supported this event.

### SORTING OUT ARGUMENTS IN THE FAMILY

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, will be running a FREE 7 week course which looks at different strategies for sorting out arguments in the family. If you would like to attend the course, which will be run in the lower building Family Room from 9.15–11.30am, please phone Sara **07805 523480** to book your place or email [sarah@familylives.org.uk](mailto:sarah@familylives.org.uk). A crèche will be provided.

### PARENT/CARER FORUM

Dates have been set for all '**Parent/Carer Forum**' meetings for the rest of the academic year (see Diary Dates overleaf). All meetings will take place in the **Family Room** in the lower building, unless otherwise informed nearer the time.

We now have a parent/carer forum blog on the school website, so that you will be aware of discussions that took place at the meetings if you are unable to attend.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 8/12	w/c 15/12	w/c 5/01
ASH	92.7	91.3	91.7
BEECH	89.7	94.3	93.7
BIRCH	94	92	92.9
<b>CHERRY</b>	<b>97.2</b>	89.6	94.6
CHESTNUT	83	89.7	87.1
CEDAR	91	89.7	93.5
ELDER	89	83.8	97
ELM	93.7	93.1	95.7
FIR	91.3	90.3	96.5
HAZEL	94	86.6	99.2
HORNBEAM	93.8	83.4	94.4
LIME	85.2	90.7	99.1
LARCH	89	84.8	91.1
PINE	94.1	90	96
<b>POPLAR</b>	95.4	<b>95.4</b>	97.8
<b>WHITEBEAM</b>	96.9	94.6	<b>100</b>
WILLOW	92.6	86.3	94.9

Congratulations to Whitebeam Class, who achieved 100% attendance for the first week of term.

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

In the event of extreme weather, please be reassured that **we will do everything in our power to stay open**. We will only close if:

- risk assessments indicate that it is unsafe for children & parents to access the site,
- not enough staff are able to attend their workplace, again leading to unsafe levels of supervision for the children.

It is always a difficult decision to make to close school and we do appreciate the impact it has, particularly on working parents. **Where possible**, in order to help you plan childcare, a decision will be made **between noon and 3pm the day before closure** and a **wisepay notification** will be issued.

If you are unsure about whether the school is open, you should:

- Check our website
  - Check **wisepay** emails
  - Check [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)
  - Listen to 106 Jack FM – if we are not mentioned, then the school is open.
  - Check the **notice** on front of the **school gate**
- Only if we close early once the school day has started will parents be contacted individually and asked to collect their child. We will always try to avoid this situation happening.

## POCKET MONEY PIG

A Year 5 class at The Wroxham School recently followed an App development course from 'Apps for Good' as part of their ICT lessons and entered their ideas into a national competition. One of their teams won in their category. Part of the prize was to have their idea developed into an App and have it released to market. Their App is called **Pocket Money Pig**.

Pocket Money Pig is a virtual pigg bank.

- No longer do parents have to find cash for pocket money from week to week.
- No longer do children have to nag their parents for pocket money.
- No longer do parents have to keep scraps of paper to remember who owes who what from that last trip to the shops.
- No longer do children have to keep breaking into their piggy banks to count up how much they have to spend.

Pocket Money Pig will do all this for you – and more!

The App will be available on Google Play, free to download for Android devices sometime in January and the official launch will be in London on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Follow us on Twitter to make sure you have the latest information on this exciting venture (@pocketmoneypig).

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15

Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 9am	Parent/Carer Forum Mr Brewis & Miss Thompson
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 5-6pm	What goes on in Foundation Stage? (New to Nursery parents)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2-3pm	Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2.30pm	Rec Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm	Year 1 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm	Parent/Carer Forum Mr Brewis & Miss Bridge
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm	Year 2 Parents/Carers Class Assembly
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm	Year 3 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March 5.30- 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Parent/Carer Forum Miss Bridge & Miss Thompson
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm	Year 5 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2pm	Parent/Carer Forum Miss Thompson & Mrs Yendell
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May 9am	Parent/Carer Forum Mrs Yendell & Miss Verlander
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Governor Day
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm	Parent/Carer Forum Miss Verlander & Mr Brewis
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional Day - School Closed
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Parent/Carer Forum Mr Brewis & Miss Bridge
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Term: 2.15pm finish
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET Day – School Closed
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Start of Autumn Term