



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been talking about our Five School Rules this week:

We try our best.

We treat each other with respect.

We care for all resources.

We listen when others are speaking.

We walk calmly and quietly.

I have set the children a task for next week's half term break! We desperately need to update our school rules poster so I have asked the children to **choose one rule** and **create a small design on A4 or A5** which could be used in a poster. The design should have the rule written out and a small picture showing how the rule could be demonstrated. The best design for each rule will be chosen when we come back after half term and we have a special prize for the winners: they will be treated like VIPs for a day! This will include a special dinner with the headteacher and other VIP privileges!!

We look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Monday, 23rd February.**

Robert Staples

Headteacher

YEAR 5 SEALIFE AQUARIUM TRIP

Year 5 went on an underwater adventure on Tuesday! We were lucky enough to visit the SeaLife Aquarium in Southend where we spent the day spotting the weird and wonderful creatures of the sea. We even managed to share some lunch with the turtles and seahorses, hold some starfish and crabs and play hide and seek with some not so shy sting rays.

It was a brilliant day out, take a peek at Year 5's blog to see some of the pictures from the day. A huge thank you to Mr Ansell for driving us there and all of the adults who joined us.

HAZEL CLASS MINI OLYMPICS

Hazel class had a great time at the KS1 Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre on Wednesday. They had the opportunity to try lots of different sports and represented Fairlands School with lots of enthusiasm.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This week's phrase has been 'il neige which means 'it's snowing'. After half term we will be learning 'il y a du vent' which means 'it's windy'. Let's hope it's not too long before we can say il y a du soleil (it's sunny) for real!

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

After half term, letters will be going out to parents of Reception to Year 6 children asking you to request an appointment for the Parent Consultation Evenings in March. Please ensure you complete and return one slip per child by Friday 27th February.

CAN YOU HELP?

Reception will be learning about 'People Who Help Us' after half-term. They are keen to have visits from people in the following professions: police, fire service, nurses, doctors, vets, postal workers. If you are able to help by either donating resources or popping in to talk about your job they would love to hear from you!

LOST COAT

We are currently looking for a boy's coat. Lots of boys are currently wearing a similar coat and it would appear two children have accidentally swapped coats. It is a green parker coat with an orange lining aged 5-6. The coat has the child's name on the label and a pair of gloves in the pocket. If your child has the same coat please could you check the label to ensure that it has not been picked up by mistake. If found please see Mrs Yendell who will be able to swap it for the original coat. Thank you.

NFER PARENT SURVEY

We really value our parents/carers views about the school. After half term we will be carrying out our annual parent survey, when we ask you to complete a survey in relation to your **eldest child** attending Fairlands Primary.

This year we will be asking you to complete the survey on-line. You will be sent a wisepay email after half term, which will contain a link to the survey. Parents/carers who do not use wisepay will receive a paper copy.

Parents/Carers who do not have access to a computer are invited to use one in school – please ask our office staff. The survey will also be available to complete during the parent/teacher consultations in March.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 26/1	w/c 2/2
ASH	83.3	95
BEECH	84	92.7
BIRCH	93.7	89.7
CHERRY	97	89.7
CHESTNUT	98	95.3
CEDAR	94.3	83
ELDER	96	88.3
ELM	95.3	94.3
FIR	92.3	92
HAZEL	94.3	92.7
HORNBEAM	92.7	91.7
LIME	97.3	91.3
LARCH	95.7	89.3
PINE	98.7	95
POPLAR	98	95.7
WHITEBEAM	99.3	94.7
WILLOW	96.7	94

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN 2015/16?

If your child was born between **1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012** you can now apply for a nursery place for the school year 2015-16.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **application deadline 20th March 2015**. Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line or would like help with their application are welcome to use a school computer. Please contact Mrs Wilson in the lower building office first to arrange a convenient time.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS

Primary School children are invited to try tennis for £1.00 at Stevenage & N Herts Tennis Centre at Lister Tennis Club on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd February. To find out more / book your session email Listertennis@gmail.com or phone 01438 525321 or visit www.listertc.co.uk

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15 (New dates in bold)

Mon 16 th – Friday 20 th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 26 th Feb 2.30pm	Year 3 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th March 2.30pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Tues 10 th March 5.30- 8.00pm	Rec to Yr 6 Parent Consultations
Weds 11 th March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Rec to Yr 6 Parent Consultations
Thurs 12 th March 9am	Parent/Carer Forum Miss Bridge & Miss Thompson
Thursday 12 th March 2.30pm	Year 5 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th March 2.30pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Weds 1 st April 2pm	Parent/Carer Forum Miss Thompson & Mrs Yendell
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	INSET Day – School Closed