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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We really value our parents/carers views about the school. Please take 5 minutes to complete the on-line annual parent survey, in relation to your **eldest child** attending Fairlands Primary, by following the link www.nfer.ac.uk/npps/prpa (School Number 202021, Password XSZM). We have the survey set up in school for parents who do not have access to a computer – please come to the upper building office or, alternatively, there will be an opportunity for you to access the survey during next week's Parent Consultation evenings. Thank you for your support.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY

This week at Fairlands we have been delving into the pages of some of our all-time favourite books and giving them a little makeover. Year groups have had the opportunity to release their inner illustrators to paint, draw and collage some of their own interpretations of stories such as "The Pirates Next Door".

Teachers have also had the chance to dust off some of their favourite childhood books and share them with classes, re-enacting their most memorable scenes.

Make sure you are keeping an eye on the website blogs, where year groups will be able to update you with what's gone on this week.

Don't forget to use your £1.00 book token to purchase one of the ten titles listed on the letter sent out last week (see school website). The voucher can be used at any participating store until Sunday 29th March.

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday a team of Year 5/6 pupils took part in a High Five Netball Festival at Marriotts School.

The team came 4th out of 7 in the first round and 8th out of 12 overall. Well done to everyone who took part.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parents/Carers should by now have received their appointments for next week's Parent Consultation Evenings. Please contact the relevant school office if you have not yet received your appointment.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

We are almost at the end of our French weather focus. It has been lovely to hear many children confidently answering the question 'Quel temps fait-il?'. Unfortunately, the answer to this question is usually 'il fait froid' however we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to use our next phrase; 'il y a du soleil' (it's sunny) for real next week.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will take place in the Family Room, **9.00 – 10.00am on Thursday 12th March**, where you can meet with Miss Bridge (Year 5/6 Assistant Head) and one other Assistant Head (tbc). Amongst other things, they will be discussing the '5 School Rules' and the school's Behaviour Policy, so they look forward to hearing your views

RED NOSE DAY

This year we are celebrating Red Nose Day by turning ourselves red!!

For a suggested donation of £1.00, children can come into school dressed in red or having turned themselves red in a creative way.

During the day we will also be taking part in a part in a Danceathon in classes and performing to the whole school in a special assembly.

YEAR 2 NEED YOUR HELP

Year two are collecting **plastic screw-on milk bottle lids**. We need enough for each child to have four and these days that works out to a whopping **360!!** Any help you give us would be much appreciated. Thank you.

SCARLET FEVER

There have been a few cases of Scarlet Fever reported in school.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. It may start in one area, but soon spreads to many parts of the body, such as the ears, neck and chest. The rash may be itchy. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

See your GP if your child has these symptoms and, if diagnosed, he/she will prescribe antibiotics and advise 24-48 hours absence from school.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/pages/introduction.aspx>

SECONDARY SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS

Year 6 parents have now been notified which secondary school their child has been offered. Please ensure you log back into the admissions website by following the link on the email you were sent, to accept/decline your offer by **16th March 2015**. Please contact Admissions on 0300 123 4043 if you have a problem doing this. www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please keep sending your vouchers into school and ask all your family and friends to collect them for us too.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 9/2	w/c 23/2
ASH	98	95.7
BEECH	95	97
BIRCH	91.7	95.7
CHERRY	94.3	88.6
CHESTNUT	94.3	98
CEDAR	95	93.3
ELDER	94.7	97
ELM	96	93.3
FIR	95.3	96
HAZEL	89.3	96.7
HORNBEAM	83.3	94.7
LIME	75	97.5
LARCH	84.6	92.1
PINE	93.9	96.5
POPLAR	95.2	97
WHITEBEAM	94.2	91.5
WILLOW	87.4	96.5

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.

BeeZee Bodies!

Have you got a fussy eater or are you worried about your child's weight? Why not try BeeZee Bodies!

BeeZee Bodies are running programmes in Stevenage at The Nobel School for 5-9 year olds and 10-15 year olds. We are also running a programme in Letchworth for 5-10 year olds. Places are going quickly as we are starting the first week back after the Easter Holidays, so give us a call or send us an email to sign up today!

In a nutshell, we exist to help families like you to make small changes to live healthy lives. For more information contact Helen Mayhew on at helenmayhew@beezeebodies.co.uk or phone 01707 248 648.

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

Tuesday 10th March	Safer Internet Day
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
Thursday 12th March	Mothers' Day Present Room
Thursday 12 th March 2.30pm	Year 5 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Friday 13th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 19 th March 2.30pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers' Class Assembly
Weds 1st April 1.30pm	Parents of children with Additional Needs Support Group