



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been thinking about the Value of Happiness throughout June and it has been lovely to hear about the children spreading smiles around the school and writing thank you letters!

We have based our work on a fantastic website called 'Action for Happiness' – why not take a look at the 10 steps to happiness we have been talking about and try them out at home? ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

<http://www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys-to-happier-living>

Robert Staples
Headteacher

SPORTS DAY

Thank you to Mr Brewis for organising last Friday's successful Sport Day, and to all the parents/carers who came along to support the children and join us for our family picnic. We would welcome your feedback about how the day was run.

Thank you also to the Fairlands Faces, who worked hard all day selling refreshments and raised £152.74 for school funds.

Did you lose your picnic blanket? We've had one handed into the upper office after sports day – please contact us if you think it might be yours.

BEAT THE STREET

Very well done to Mr Staples, Mr Brewis and Mrs Yendell who spent 7 hours cycling a complicated 50 miles to touch in at 104 Beat the Street boxes on Sunday. Now it's your turn if you pledged to complete extra miles! Let us know how you get on.

NURSERY TRIP TO STANDALONE FARM

The children had a fantastic day at the farm, they had the opportunity to ride a tractor, feed the lambs and they all got to see a cow being milked! The children were all so well behaved and were a credit to the school.

A special thanks to all our helpers who without our trip would not have been possible! Look out for some farm pictures on our class blog.

PARENT FORUM

Please be aware that we have **cancelled** next week's Parent Forum. We will start afresh in the new academic year and let you know dates in September. If, in the meantime, there was something you would have liked to have discussed at next week's meeting, please do come to the office or email in to let us know and we will ask one of the Deputy Heads to contact you.

HOT WEATHER PRECAUTIONS

Just a reminder to ensure you send your child to school with a sun hat, apply a good layer of sun cream and, where necessary, give hayfever medicine before school. If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler (with their name on) in school at all times.

'NEW TO' PARENTS' MEETINGS

Just a reminder that parents/carers are invited to come along with your child to the 'New to' meetings **w/c 13th July**, where you will be given information about your child's education, procedures and expectations for the coming year and meet the year group team.

Present Yr 4	New to Yr 5	Mon 13 th 5.00pm
Present Yr 3	New to Yr 4	Tues 14 th 5.00pm
Present Yr 2	New to Yr 3	Tues 14 th 5.30pm
Present Rec	New to Yr 1	Wed 15 th 5.00pm
Present Yr 1	New to Yr 2	Wed 15 th 5.30pm
Present Yr 5	New to Yr 6 & Liddington	Thurs 16 th 5.00pm

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 15/6	w/c 22/6
ASH	93.3	93.0
BEECH	87.6	97.9
BIRCH	90.7	91.7
CHERRY	91.0	91.3
CHESTNUT	90.7	92.7
CEDAR	90.3	95.2
ELDER	89.3	88.9
ELM	84.7	93.0
FIR	89.7	91.0
HAZEL	95.7	98.3
HORNBEAM	95.3	92.7
LIME	94.3	94.6
LARCH	95.4	93.3
PINE	94.3	95.7
POPLAR	94.1	86.8
WHITEBEAM	93.8	95.4
WILLOW	97.7	92.7

FAIRLANDS FACES

Thank you to Friends of Fairlands raised £196.70 for school funds running this year's Fathers' Day Present Room.

Thank you to the 'FoF' for all their work this academic year. They do a great job fund-raising to support the school and are always looking for new parents/carers to help them. If you would be interested please give your name to the school office and we will ask them to contact you.

GET LIVE UPDATES

Are you missing out on some of the updates to our website? Missing the latest blogs from your child's class? Help is at hand – just click on the LIVE! Menu item on the school website and you can sign up for email updates in a few simple steps. Stay in touch!

Don't forget to regularly check the website under **Recent Downloads** – we always try to upload letters on the day they are sent out to parents. Please check every Friday to ensure you do not miss anything important!

STEVENAGE SWIMMING CENTRE

Stevenage Swimming Centre are running a number of 5-day crash courses for beginners throughout the summer holidays for only £25 per course.

Details of courses are advertised on the school noticeboard or you can contact the pool on 01438 218770. You can also book

on-line at www.sll.co.uk and click on the aquaed link.

'RECORD BREAKERS' SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2015

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'Record Breakers' – which brings together fact and fiction and challenges children to explore real-life achievements and world records.

Hertfordshire libraries are challenging children to read six books over the summer and tell them about what they've been reading. If they complete the challenge they receive a medal and certificate and entry into a prize draw to win a range of prizes, including a ticket to an exclusive author event.

The challenge will be taking place in all Hertfordshire public libraries, including mobile libraries, from 11th July to 5th September.

Visit www.recordbreakers.org.uk for further information.

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

Friday 3 rd July	INSET Day
Monday 6 th July	Occasional Days Holiday
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 1 to Gulliver's Land
Thursday 9 th July	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 9 th July	Class Changeover Day
w/c 13 th July	'New to' Parents Meetings – see dates on front page
Tuesday 14 th July	Reception to Church Farm
Weds 15 th July 2.00pm	Year 6 Performance
Thurs 16 th July 7.00pm	Year 6 Performance
Friday 17 th July	Year 3 to British Museum
Friday 17 th July	Children's Report Out
Weds 22 nd July	End of Term : 2.15pm
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 rd Sept	Return to School

REMINDER

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON
FRIDAY 3rd AND MONDAY
6th JULY.**