

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an excellent start back to the new term – the school is filled with fresh energy and enthusiasm and it is lovely to be part of such a strong, thriving team at Fairlands!

Hopefully, you have all had a chance to visit our new-look website www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk – if not, log on as soon as possible: it is wonderful! I have had very positive feedback so far – and a few great ideas to make it even better. It seems very popular already – the site has had an amazing 5410 hits since it went live on 7th January, including visitors from America, Canada and South Africa! Please feel free to email me your feedback, or pop along to the Parent Forum next week (Thursday) to share your thought and ideas.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

FAREWELLS & HELLOS!

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Denis and Miss Asby, who are both going on Maternity Leave. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing them all the best!

We also say welcome to three new members of staff :

Miss Pearson joins us as a Senior Teacher and will be taking Pine class. She will be part of the Senior Leadership Team and will have responsibility for Science, PSHE and SEAL.

Ms Sheppard joins us in the Foundation Stage, as we move to two Reception classes, Ash & Beech following our January intake.

And finally, Mrs Lord joins us to take Chestnut class.

We are also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Yendell, who will be taking Willow class, full time.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Many congratulations to Hornbeam, who won the award for the last two weeks of Autumn term with 97.2% & 96.4% - well done!

CHEWING GUM!

Chewing gum is not allowed in school - please ensure your child does not bring it with them from home, or purchase it on their way here. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' FUN CASH BINGO NIGHT

Come along and join us for an evening of fun on **Friday, 25th Jan in the KS2 hall**. We will be selling books from **7.00 until 7.15pm**. **Bingo will start at 7.30** until about 9.30pm.

Tell your friends, bring your relatives and help raise money for school! Further details will be sent home next week.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Very well done to Ben Muggleton (Cherry) who recently gained his 100 mtr swimming badge and to Isabelle Paul (Cherry), who gained a Distinction in her Primary Ballet Exam.

Don't forget to let us know if your child has an achievement they would like to share with us!

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY IN 2008-09?

If your child was born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005 please apply by **Friday, 25th January** for a nursery place for the school year 2008-2009.

If you have not received your pack, please telephone 01438 737500 (01923 471500 for 01923 callers) between 8am & 8pm from Mon – Fri & 9am – 4pm on Saturday.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions. If you do not have a computer at home, please come to the school office, where Mrs Dunthorne can help you apply on-line.

SORTING OUT ARGUMENTS IN THE FAMILY

Parentline Plus is running a **FREE** 7 week workshop on **Sorting out Arguments in the Family** at Fairlands School on **Wednesday, 23rd & 30th January, 6th & 20th Feb and 5th, 12th & 19th March from 9.15 – 11.15am.**

Please contact the school office to book a place or, for more info contact Sara Hassell on 01707 630100

STICKY MITTS

Sticky Mitts, a local Art & Craft Class for babies & children 6 months to 5 years, invite you to attend a FREE introductory class at St Nicholas' Pavilion, Pilgrims Way, Stevenage. Classes are run on Wednesday mornings : Pre-School Class (18 mths – 5 yrs) 9.45 – 10.45am, Baby Class (6-18 mths) 11.00 – 11.45. Booking essential – contact Helen or Lisa 01642-453579 or email sticky-mitts@tesco.net

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Thursday, 17 th Jan 9.10am	Parent Forum
Friday, 25th January	Friends of Fairlands' Fun Cash Bingo Night
Monday, 11 th to Friday, 15 th February	Half Term
Monday, 3rd March : 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Wednesday, 5th March : 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 20 th March	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Friday, 21 st March	Good Friday
Monday, 24 th March to Friday, 4 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday, 7 th April	INSET
Monday, 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday, 12 th to Friday, 16 th May	YEAR 6 SATS
Monday, 26th to Friday, 30th May	Half Term
Monday, 2 nd June	INSET
Friday, 20 th June	Occasional Day's Holiday
Wednesday, 23 rd July	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 1st September	INSET Day
Monday, 27th – Friday, 31st October	Half Term
Friday, 19th December	Last Day of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday, 5th January 2009	INSET Day