# we are 'reaching high' Fairlands News

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# Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return your Parent Survey Forms. Even if you didn't manage get your survey form back to us in time for the prize draw, I would be grateful if you could still send them in, as all feedback is valued.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday**, **18<sup>th</sup> February**.

#### Robert Staples Headteacher

#### YEAR 4 TENNIS EXTRAVAGANSA

On Thursday last week, Year 4 children took part in a Tennis Extravaganza at the Lister Tennis Club. The children joined with other Stevenage primary schools to enjoy a range of activities. Some children showed that we may even have a future tennis star in our midst.

# 'WASTED'

On Thursday morning Year 6 enjoyed a Drug Education Workshop with the ADAD Theatre Company. They learnt about making the right choices and resisting peer pressure.

#### FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to the 'Friends' for organising this fun event. A good time was had by all, raising  $\pm 100$  for school funds.

# ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to Cedar, who won the award for w/e 25<sup>th</sup> January with 97.9%, and to Poplar, who won the award for best attendance last week.

#### PARENT SURVEY FORMS

Congratulations to Christopher Hill (Poplar), whose name was drawn out of the box as the winner of an MP4 player.

# PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will be held at **9.10am** in the KS2 building on **Thursday**, **21**<sup>st</sup> **February**. This is a great opportunity for parents / carers to meet and discuss their views of the school (good or bad!) with the headteacher. Please come along and join them for coffee and a chat!

#### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR 'TWITTER' YET?

We are really pleased to announce an exciting, new FREE messaging service that we will be using to keep parents up to date with what is going on at Fairlands!

Here's how to sign your mobile phone up for FREE text updates. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

# 1. Just text follow fairlands to 07624 801423

**2.** You will then be asked to text back your name, PLEASE DO THIS – it helps us keep track of who has signed up!

**3.** You may then be sent a text to ask if you want to sign up for your own twitter accout; DON'T DO THIS, you can always do this later if you want to.

The service is totally free, apart from the cost of the first couple of texts, which are just standard rate.

# BRINGING UP CHILDREN ON YOUR OWN

**Parentline Plus** are running a **FREE** 3 week course **for parents** / **carers of children aged 8**+ at **The Leys School** on **Tuesday**, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> **March**, 7 – 9pm.

The course focuses on how parents involve children during the separation process, impact on children during separatioin, use of emotive language and how couples can work together for the benefit of the child.

Contact Adrienne Arthurs on 07769 974834 or <u>arthursa@barclay.herts.sch.uk</u> to book your place.