

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

The newsletter this week starts with some very sad news – as I am sure many of you have heard, Reverend Geoff Tickner passed away earlier this month after a brave battle against cancer. Geoff was a highly valued member of our school community, both as our local vicar and as a school governor. We have many fond memories of him leading school assemblies, including our Harvest Assembly. The children loved hearing his stories and he always had such a kind, smiling presence. We will really miss him.

I was able to represent the school at his funeral on Monday this week, with Mrs Biggs, and we have sent a donation from the school to his favourite charity, Christian Aid. If anyone would like to make any further donations, please contact the school office for details.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to our maths specialist teacher **Mr Jamie Brewis**, who has introduced a new maths initiative to the school!

It is called 'Big Maths' and is an exciting, child-friendly way of making sure we all know our basic mental maths facts. You may have heard your child talking about their daily 'CLICK lessons', which run every day from 9.00am.

We will be telling you more about this later this term but for now please just make sure that your child is on time every day in the morning, or they will miss some of this important maths learning!

YEAR 6 SCHOOL TRIP

At the start of term, Year 6 travelled to Liddington, Swindon, for their PGL adventure holiday. The children had a fun filled 4 days, packed with adventure and challenge. They learnt new skills such as abseiling, raft-building and quad biking. They also tested their courage by experiencing the giant swing zip wire and trapeze.

The children behaved beautifully and were a joy to be with. We hope the Year 5 children will be keen to book a place for the PGL visit next year.

CRUCIAL CREW

Today, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Bowes Lyon House, where they took part in a range of group activities related to health and safety. The children were very well behaved and responded well to the activities. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and, hopefully, learned a lot.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Our Year 5/6 boys and girls football teams had their first match of the season at home to Ashtree School last Friday. The girls drew 0-0 and the boys lost 3-1. Both teams played very well.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKEN SCHEME

The school will be included in Waitrose's (Old Town) Green Token Scheme during the whole of October. Customers are given a green token to donate to their chosen charity. Funding donated from this will go towards the development and relocation of the school allotment.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents can now apply for their child's secondary school place on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. **Closing date Wednesday, 31st October.** If you do not have internet access at home, you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help, if needed.

FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning from 8.00 to 8.50am in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book – just turn up on the morning.

You can now pay for Breakfast Club on Wisepay. If you haven't yet got your log-in details for Wisepay, please contact the school office.

NEED INFORMATION, ADVICE OR SUPPORT?

HertsHelp is a free and confidential information service, to help people find solutions to everyday issues quickly and simply.

The experienced advisers at **HertsHelp** can provide information on a variety of subjects, in different formats if required.

HertsHelp can provide you with useful support and advice on subjects such as:

- where to get help applying for a school place
- how to find out about activities taking place in the school holidays
- how to get advice on lowering your energy bills or benefit entitlement
- where to find out about home adaptations, services or activities for a disabled child
- how to find out about volunteering opportunities
- where to get advice on further education options for your child

HertsHelp provides a single route into the support and resources offered by a network of nearly 300 organisations across the county. So if HertsHelp doesn't know the answer right away, they will know someone who does.

Whatever the question, **HertsHelp** can help. To get in touch, call 0300 123 4044 or email: info@hertshelp.net

HertsHelp is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and until 7pm on Thursdays. For more information please visit:

www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp

20% DISCOUNT OFF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Buy official school uniform with 20% discount (and free delivery for embroidered uniform orders) from Tesco.

Hurry! Offer ends this Saturday 29th September 2012 at midnight.

- Visit tesco.com/ues and find your school
- Select the products you want to buy
- Enter **WRAPUP** at checkout

5% of sales will also be donated to the school.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)

Thursday 4 th Oct 2.45pm	Year 4 Parents' Assembly
Wednesday 10 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Thursday 11 th Oct	School Photographer
Friday 12 th to Weds 17 th Oct	Book Fair in school
Monday 15 th Oct 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 17th Oct 9.00-10.00am	Parent Forum
Wednesday 17 th Oct 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 19th October	Year 4 Portals to the Past (in school)
Thurs 25 th Oct 2.45pm	Reception Parents' Class Assembly
Friday 26 th Oct N-Yr 4: 4.30-5.30pm Yr 5&6: 6.15-7.30pm	Halloween Discos
Mon 29 th Oct to Friday 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Thursday 15th Nov	Year 3 Parents' Assembly
Thursday 22nd Nov	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
Friday 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 7 th Jan 2013	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 th Jan	Return to School
Mon 18 th – Friday 22 nd Feb	Half Term