

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

The newsletter of Fairlands Primary School and Nursery

Issue 12

[www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk](http://www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## Dear Parents and Carers

I have some very sad news to share at the start of this week's newsletter. Mr Bob Dayton, our Maintenance Manager, sadly passed away last Friday. He will be greatly missed by all the staff and children. We have expressed our condolences to the family on behalf of the school community.

Many thanks to all the parents who completed our Annual Survey – it is so helpful to hear your views. We will be discussing the outcomes at our next Full Governing Body meeting and I will send out a report immediately after that to share our findings.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### WORLD MATHS DAY

Fantastic effort! 78,428 questions were answered correctly by children at Fairlands on the day. Particularly well done to Ezekiel Kalra, Clive Diaz and Natalie Redmond for scoring 1000 points each.

All children seemed to have enjoyed practising on-line and taking part in the challenge. It really is a fun way to get quicker at mental maths.

Thank you to the children for working so hard and the parents for their support.

### ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day by looking at a range of stories from across the world. During the day, the children used art, music, puppets, poetry and role play to bring their stories to life, which were then shared in a whole class assembly on Monday.

### CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As from last week, we have a new Chair of Governors. Mr Keith Smith, one of our Community Governors, has been on the school's governing body for four years. We would like to thank Mr David Gray for his valued contribution to the school as Chair of Governors for the last two years.

We also now have a vacancy for a new parent governor. If you would be interested in this role, please look out for the letter which will be sent out after Easter. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about becoming a parent governor and they will arrange for someone to contact you.

### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Next **Thursday, 21st March**, we will be supporting 'World Down Syndrome Day.' The theme this year is 'Lots of socks' and we invite **all children to come to school wearing odd socks (the brighter and crazier the better!)** They should wear school uniform but are welcome to display their socks as creatively as possible: tuck their trousers in them, wear them over tights or perhaps wear them in their hair! We would ask all children to bring in a donation that we will pass on to the local Down Syndrome support group.

### APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY

**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2010** - apply for a nursery place by **NEXT FRIDAY - 22nd March** on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions). Please contact the school office if you need help with your application.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 25/2	w/c 4/03
ASH	92.9	97.5
BEECH	90.8	90.8
BIRCH	96.4	93.9
CHERRY	98.3	94
CHESTNUT	94.7	97.3
<b>ELM</b>	93.7	<b>100</b>
ELDER	93.3	90.7
<b>HAZEL</b>	<b>99.2</b>	97.6
HORNBEAM	93.2	94.5
LIME	93.2	91.6
LARCH	91.9	95.8
PINE	92.8	95.6
POPLAR	95.8	95
WALNUT	92.5	92.5
WILLOW	93.1	99.4

Congratulations to ELM class for achieving 100% attendance last week!