



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Last week's Parent/Teacher Consultations were very well supported. It was great to see so many parents/carers coming into school to find out how their children are progressing this academic year.

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed our annual NFER Parent Survey. We have decided to keep this open until the end of term so, if you haven't already done so, please click on the link [www.nfer.ac.uk/npps/prpa](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/npps/prpa) (School Number 202021, Password XSZM) and take **5 minutes** to complete the survey in relation to your eldest child at Fairlands. Your views are really important to us.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week with the theme 'We are Scientists!'

We have been becoming scientists ourselves with lots of fun investigations and even got to meet some real scientists. The week started with a bang for KS2 with an explosive assembly by Mr Lund of Barnwell School and Years 1 and 2 attended workshops with Glaxo Smith Kline. We have been lucky enough to meet some real scientists who have showed us x-rays, flown owls over our heads, told us how to find aliens and shared how they use science in their jobs. We would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed to such a fantastic week and well done to all parents and carers who helped perform experiments at home!

### E-SAFETY WEEK AT FAIRLANDS

Last week was e-Safety week at Fairlands. The theme this year was 'Click or Trick?'

The children have enjoyed finding out about in-app purchases and the importance of thinking before they click when they are online. They have learned how sometimes these pop ups can be an exciting part of the game and other times they may be an expensive trick!

This year's theme was chosen by our e-Safety group. We continue to teach children how to be safe online all the time at Fairlands and hope that you will join us in raising their awareness.

### MOTHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising last week's Mothers' Day Present Room. They raised a fantastic £332.55 towards school funds.

### RED NOSE DAY

The school council would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Red Nose Day fundraising efforts. We had a fun day of dance and raised £444.18 in total! You can find videos of our dances on our year group blogs

### YEAR 4 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Thursday, 10 children from Year 4 took part in the 'High 5' netball tournament at Marriotts School. They learnt new skills including passing, pivoting and targeting. Fairlands were very successful, gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> places. The children had great fun, behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school for their sportsmanship during each match.

Thank you parents for transporting the children to and from Marriotts School, it was lovely to seem some able to stay and cheer on both teams.

### NETBALL MATCH

Fairlands had their first netball match on Tuesday, against Round Diamond School. All children were very enthusiastic and Jenny Jeffries scored our first goal. The end result was 1-1. The children played really well and gave it their all. Look out for our score for next week's match!

## SPEED STACKING

Hornbeam Class took part in a Primary School Speed Stacking Competition yesterday. They all had a go at stacking three different stacks, followed by a relay between the 4 fastest boys and 4 fastest girls. The overall times were compared and Fairlands came 3rd – well done.

## EASTER JOURNEY

Year 5 visited Holy Trinity Church this week, where they took part in some Easter workshops.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Next week, we will start a new language focus which will be all about food. This is something that many children suggested they would like to learn more about, when Miss Flanagan spoke to them earlier in the year.

If your child would like to get a head start, take a look at this website:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/food\\_and\\_drink/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/food_and_drink/)

During this food topic we will be learning how to express our likes and dislikes relating to food and some key phrases relating to meal times!

## YEAR 2 SHARED READING

**Year 2 would like to invite Parents/Carers in for a shared reading session.** During the session you will be able to look through your child's topic book and help them to evaluate their learning. It is also an opportunity for you to comment on your child's work from this term. This shared reading session will take place on **Thursday 26th March at 2.50**. We look forward to seeing you!

## CHANGE TO SCHOOL MEAL MENU

On **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL (last day of term)** we will be having the Friday Meal Choice:

**Red:** Fish Fingers  
**Green:** Pizza  
**Blue:** Sausages  
**Yellow:** Egg Roll

## FAMILY LIVES NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, has informed us that the government are cutting funding for the charity by 60%, putting their Call Centre at risk. She is asking for parents to write to their MP to raise awareness. A letter to your MP can be downloaded at [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 2/3	w/c 9/3
ASH	83.7	95
BEECH	93.3	96.7
BIRCH	86.3	96.3
CHERRY	90	96.6
CHESTNUT	90.3	91.7
CEDAR	96	93.3
ELDER	98.7	94.7
ELM	88.7	96.7
FIR	96	96
HAZEL	98.3	97.3
HORNBEAM	98.3	95.7
<b>LIME</b>	96.8	<b>98.9</b>
LARCH	86.8	93.2
PINE	98.3	94.8
POPLAR	95.2	97
<b>WHITEBEAM</b>	<b>99.2</b>	97.7
WILLOW	94.1	87.4

## HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR CHILD'S NURSERY PLACE?

If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012** you can now apply for a nursery place for the school year 2015-16. Apply on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **application deadline TODAY!**

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

<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March 1.00 &amp; 2.00pm</b>	<b>Reception Parents' Writing Workshops</b>
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.00am, 2pm and 5pm</b>	<b>Reception Parents' Writing Workshops</b>
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1.30pm	Parents of children with Additional Needs Support Group
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	End of Spring Term: <b>2.15pm finish</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – School Closed