



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many children wearing yellow today to help raise awareness of Global Development Delay. The charity we have chosen to give our donations to is called 'Contact a family' (www.cafamily.org.uk) Thank you for your support.

Year 6 have been working very hard towards their SATS assessments in Reading, Writing, and Maths, which take place w/c 11th May. I am sure that they will all do very well and show the good progress they have made whilst they have been at Fairlands. We wish them all the best!

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday, 5th May.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL FESTIVAL

This Tuesday, a team of 8 Year 5 girls took part in a Primary Netball Festival at Marriotts School. Their first game was a battle, but they soon found their feet and got better and better each match they played. By the end of the tournament we found out that ours was the only all-Year 5 team and we came 10th out of 11 schools. Well done girls – we're very proud of you.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Well done to everyone in KS2 who took part in the recent colouring competition run by **Specialist Cars of Stevenage**. Ellie Ash (Whitebeam), Malwina Kaczerska (Pine) and Summer Young (Lime) were all shortlisted and attended an event yesterday where the winning design had actually been made up as a real vinyl roof for one of their minis and was unveiled. Unfortunately, none of our girls' wonderful designs were chosen as the overall winner, but all schools who took part received a £100 donation for their Art Department.

FAMILY LIVES PARENTING COURSE

Sara Hassell, Family Lives Worker, is running a **6 week** course called **Raising Confident Children** starting next **Tuesday, 5th May**. The course, which will give you the tools to help your family have more confidence, will take place in the **Family Room** (Lower Building). A crèche will be provided. If you would like to attend please contact Sara on 07805 523480 or contact the school office.

PARENT FORUM

The next **Parent Forum** will be taking place in the **Family Room** next **Thursday, 7th May**, from **9.00-10.00am**. The forum will be run by **Mrs Yendell and Miss Verlander**. One subject we will be discussing is this year's Sports Day - we would welcome your views. We look forward to seeing you.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French Focus		
w/c 5/5	J'aime	I like
w/c 11/5	Je n'aime pas	I don't like

MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD

Has your child recently been diagnosed with a medical condition or has there been a change to a condition they already have? If so, have you informed the school? Please ensure you keep school up to date so that we can provide the best care for your child. You can check with the school office if you are unsure whether we have the correct information on record.

NURSERY ALLOCATIONS

Parents will have received their Nursery school allocations this Tuesday. Please log back into your account to accept or decline your offer by **Wednesday 6th May**.

www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

With the holiday season approaching, please can I remind you that the school does not authorise any absence for holiday during term time, except in very exceptional circumstances. If you unavoidably need to take your child out, please write to the Headteacher **beforehand** to request permission, giving details of the dates and the reason for your request.

It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child is in school. Ongoing unauthorised absence could lead to a Penalty Notice being issued, which is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days and £120 if paid within 28 days. If the fine is not paid within 28 days parents could be prosecuted for their child's poor attendance.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 30/3	w/c 20/4
ASH	97	96.1
BEECH	90.3	97.5
BIRCH	94	97.5
CHERRY	94.5	96.3
CHESTNUT	96	95.8
CEDAR	94	96.7
ELDER	91	100
ELM	95.2	90.8
FIR	93.7	100
HAZEL	91	94.6
HORNBEAM	94.6	97.3
LIME	93.1	97.2
LARCH	95.4	95.5
PINE	93.5	96.7
POPLAR	98.3	96.2
WHITEBEAM	96.5	96.2
WILLOW	95.8	98.1

Congratulations to Elder and Fir Classes who both achieved 100% attendance last week.

NFER PARENT SURVEY

We will be closing our NFER parent survey on Tuesday so, if you haven't already done so, please click on the link 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.

PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Fairlands School is in the very unusual position of having two large car parks for parents to use. Please could we ask parents of Nursery and Pre-School parents to make use of this facility during the school day, rather than parking on the road, to ensure that local residents are able to park outside their homes / have deliveries made.

SCHOOL CROSSING – SISH LANE

Please would parents/carers who use the Sish Lane pedestrian crossing ensure that your children do not start crossing until Mrs Poole-Taberner indicates that it is safe to do so and the green man is flashing.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you for sending in your Active Kids Vouchers – so far we have collected 7000. Please keep collecting for us so that we can claim lots of free equipment for the school.

TESCO SCHOOL UNIFORM

As well as earning Clubcard points and free delivery for orders over £15, the school receives a 5% cash donation on every school uniform purchase you make on-line at Tesco. They are presently offering £5 off your first on-line shop when you spend £25 or more. Visit www.tesco.com/ues and simply enter the eCoupon code UES5OFF25 at the online checkout.

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

Weds 6 th May 1.30pm Family Room	Parents of children with Additional Needs Support Group
Weds 6 th May 6.00pm	Yr 4 Cuffley Parents Mtg
Thursday 7 th May 9.00 – 10.00am	Parent/Carer Forum Mrs Yendell/Miss Verlander
Mon 11 th to Thurs 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 to Fairlands
Weds 20 th May	Willow Class to Cambridge
Friday 22 nd May	Whitebeam Class to Cambridge
Wednesday 20 th to Friday 22 nd May	Year 4 Cuffley Camp
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	Half Term