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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had very busy end to the academic year. Well done to all the children and staff for another wonderful year at Fairlands School.

Well done to Year 6 for another set of great SATS results – see below – we are so proud of them!

Don't forget, school finishes at **2.15pm** on **Wednesday 22nd July** and the children return to school at **8.50am** on **Thursday 3rd September**.

With very best wishes for a lovely summer break

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

Another excellent set of results!

- Two levels progress in Reading: **90%**
- Two levels progress in Writing: **90%**
- Two levels progress in Maths: **90%**

- Two levels progress in Reading, Writing & Maths Combined: **75%**

- Level 4+ Reading: **81%** (Test)
- Level 5+ Reading: **40%** (Test)

- Level 4+ GPS: **73%** (Test)
- Level 5+ GPS: **62%** (Test)
- Level 6 GPS: **13%** (Test)

- Level 4+ Writing: **77%** (Teacher Assessment)
- Level 5+ Writing: **21%** (Teacher Assessment)
- Level 6 Writing: **2%** (Teacher Assessment)

- Level 4+ Maths: **85%** (Test)
- Level 5+ Maths: **37%** (Test)
- Level 6 Maths: **8%** (Test)

Please note that these results are not yet validated.

YEAR 5 CYCLING COURSE

This week, 20 Year 5 children took part in a Cycling Course, run by Mr Tweedell and Mr Brewis. The course increased their confidence and competence. They had a great time and all passed Levels 1 and 2 in Bikeability.

BEAT THE STREET

A big thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic scheme over the last 6 weeks, and especially to Mr Brewis for motivating us all! Fairlands Primary finished third across the whole of Stevenage.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to Year 6, who gave two very entertaining performances of 'Rocky Monster Show' this week. Thank you to all the Year 6 staff for working so hard on the preparation. Thanks also go to Austins for their help with our props!

Next Tuesday Year 6 have their end of school 'Leavers Dinner and Presentation'. We hope you all have a great time and wish you all **good luck as you move onto your secondary schools!**

GOOD LUCK

I sure you would like to join us in wishing Miss King and Miss Field-Stanley good luck during the summer holidays as they are both getting married! On their return to school Miss King will be known as Mrs Johnson and Miss Field-Stanley as Mrs Stephenson.

GOOD BYE & THANK YOU

Next week we say farewell to number of members of staff, all of whom were mentioned in the letter sent home last week informing you of your child's new class. We also say goodbye to Mr Jeremy Lewis, who has been with us on long term supply and would like to say thank you to him for his support.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Your child will have brought their Annual Report home today – please check their book bag!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 29/6	w/c 6/7
ASH	94.2	92.9
BEECH	92.0	93.3
BIRCH	85.0	92.1
CHERRY	92.5	92.2
CHESTNUT	89.6	92.1
CEDAR	98.7	99.1
ELDER	92.4	100
ELM	91.7	89.6
FIR	97.0	96.1
HAZEL	95.8	95.0
HORNBEAM	90.0	95.0
LIME	95.1	92.0
LARCH	96.3	94.0
PINE	90.2	95.1
POPLAR	88.1	100
WHITEBEAM	93.3	99.5
WILLOW	91.8	94.2

Congratulations to Elder and Poplar classes who achieved 100% attendance for w/c 6th July.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

Each September, school meal prices are reviewed to ensure that the price covers direct costs with providing a high quality school meal.

This year, there will be a higher increase than usual and the price of school meals will be moving from £2.15 to **£2.30 for children in Years 3-6** (£11.50 per week); and from £2.05 to **£2.20 for Nursery children.**

Nursery Lunch Club: £4.70 per day (£2.20 for home packed lunch and those eligible for FSM).

There are two main reasons for this. One is due to an increase in the cost of food from suppliers, following improvements to the quality of ingredients used. This has ensured all meals meet the Food for Life quality standard at Bronze Level, with scope to move to Silver Level in the next year. The other factor is related to increased staffing costs, following a pay review for all Herts Catering Ltd staff in April 2014.

Herts Catering appreciate that any price increase is not welcome news, but it is necessary to maintain the high standard of school meals being served.'

TEA AND TISSUES FOR NEW STARTER PARENTS

Starting school is a difficult time - not just for the children!

For a bit of moral support, all parents of children starting into our Reception or new to the school are invited to pop into the lower building Family Room for a cup of tea on **Thursday, 3rd September**, and for those parents whose child is starting in Nursery, **Tuesday, 8th (am and pm)** after they have dropped off their children for the first time!

This is a chance to meet the other new parents, and also our Family Lives worker, Sara Hassell.

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

Weds 22 nd July	End of Term : 2.15pm
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of Autumn Term 1
Thursday 3 rd September Family Room: 8.30- 12.00	Tea & Tissues & Family Lives Coffee Morning
Tuesday 8 th September Family Room 8.30 - 9.30 & 12.30-1.30	Tea & Tissue for New to Nursery Parents
Friday 11 th to Monday 14 th September	Year 6 to Liddington
Thursday 15 th October	School Photographer
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2

