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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year at Fairlands!

We would like to welcome new staff who have joined us this term. I am sure everybody will make them feel at home right from the start!

This month, we are thinking about the Value of RESPONSIBILITY. What does it mean to take responsibility for something, or for our actions? Perhaps you could talk to your child at home about this and try to think of an example of how they could show you they are taking responsibility for something.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These were sent home with the eldest child on the first day back last week. Please ensure you check all data is correct, sign one Annual Parental Consent Form per child and **return them to the office asap.** *Children cannot participate in any school trips without a signed consent form.*

NEW TO FAIRLANDS SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome all the children who are new to Fairlands Primary School this September. We have had a number of new starters in many of the year groups, but mostly new to Reception and Nursery, all of whom seem to have settled in very well this week.

DONATIONS PLEASE

Year 2 have been junk modelling in their independent time. We would welcome any donations of yoghurt pots, boxes, straws, packaging etc that you are able to donate. Thank you. We would also like donations of old cooking equipment that could be used in our soon to be built mud kitchen. Help save the planet and donate us your old junk! Thank you.

McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Some of our parents/carers are holding a **McMillan Coffee Morning** in the **Lower Hall** on **Friday 25th September** from **8.30 – 10.00am**. Please come along and support this event. Contact Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, on 07805 523480 for more details.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Just a reminder that, if you wish, school will provide children in **Reception to Year 2** with a nutritious **school meal for FREE**. These are called Universal Free School Meals.

If, however, you are **claiming certain benefits** and are, therefore, eligible to apply for **Free School Meal status**, please contact the school office and we can help you apply. The school will receive funding for each child registered, which will be used to give them extra support in school.

For those children in Years 3 – 6 the price of school meals for this year is as follows:

£2.30 per day / £11.50 per week

Nursery Lunch Club : £4.70 per day (£2.50 for home packed lunch and those entitled to FSM).

Cheques made payable to **Herts Catering Ltd.**

In order to reduce the amount of cash coming into school, please use Wisepay. **Please contact the school office if you do not have your log in details.**

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings are taking place over the next few weeks at Stevenage secondary schools. Dates can be found on the school website.

Year 6 parents can now apply on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for applications is **Friday 31st October**. Please contact the school office if you need help with your application, or do not have a computer at home and would like to use one at school.

ADULT LEARNING CLASSES

Would you like to improve your spoken and written English? If so, you are invited to a small, friendly, FREE adult learning group, run in the Family Room every Monday morning from 9 – 10am. If you know anyone who would like to improve their English, then please tell them about this group or bring them along with you! No need to book, just turn up.

FAMILY LIVES COFFEE MORNINGS

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, runs a coffee morning for all parents/carers **every Thursday in the Family Room from 8.30am – 12.00pm**. This is a great way to meet other parents/carers and make some time for yourself! Babies/Toddlers are very welcome too – there's plenty to keep them amused.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Please be aware that, due to a very high level of orders for their embroidered uniform, Tesco School Uniform are experiencing delays. Please visit their website, via the link on the school webpage, for updates on this situation.

YourSchoolUniform.com is now offering a 'delivery to school' service. Details of cut-off dates for ordering and delivery can be found under Recent Downloads on the school website.

PARKING

Please take care when driving along and parking in Pound Avenue and in the school car parks. We have had lots of reports of dangerous drivers speeding into car parks and parking on the zig zags lines. This is an accident waiting to happen – please slow down and be considerate of others.

DOGS ON THE PREMISES

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

STEVENAGE CHARTER FAIR

The Charter Fair is in town on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September. Please allow extra time for your journey to school on these mornings, due to the road closure. We hope you enjoy the fair!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Friday 11 th to Monday 14 th Sept	Year 6 to Liddington
Tuesday 15 th , 16 th and 17 th Sept	Year 1 Park Outings
Friday 25 th September 8.30 – 10.00am Lower Hall	McMillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st October	Gourmet Hot Dog Day
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Tuesday 13 th October 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 14 th October 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
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
Thursday 5 th to Tuesday 10 th November	Book Fair in school
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5/6 to Pantomime
Friday 11 th December	Nurs to Yr 4 to Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 4 th January 2016	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term
15 th to 19 th February	Half Term
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday
Friday 1 st April	End of Spring Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 18 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 9 th to Thurs 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Weds 25 th to Fri 27 th May	Year 4 Cuffley Camp
30 th May to 3 rd June	Half Term
w/c 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Friday 1 st July	INSET Day
Monday 4 th July	Occasional Day Holiday
Thursday 14 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 22 nd July	End of Summer Term: 2.15pm finish