



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an excellent start to the term and all the children are settling very well to their new classes.

At Fairlands, we place a high priority on having strong partnership with parents and carers of the children in the school. An important part of this is our termly parent & carer consultations, which are an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, and other staff who might be working with them, such as our Special Needs Coordinator, Emma Verlander, or the Pupil Premium Champions in each year group.

So please put the following dates in your diary and make it a priority to attend on either **Tuesday 13th (between 5.30 and 8.00pm) or Wednesday 14th October (between 3.30 and 6.00pm).**

This year, we will also be asking parents and carers to complete a short survey whilst you are waiting for your appointment. This is a critical piece of evidence for our next Ofsted inspection, so please make sure you complete the form!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 6 LIDDINGTON

Year 6 had a wonderful adventure at PGL in Liddington. We took part in a wide range of activities and challenges, some of the highlights being: the giant swing (really high and really scary), raft building (especially Mr T being a pirate), and the zip wire. We came home having challenged ourselves mentally and physically having had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

YEAR 1 OUTINGS

Year 1 have enjoyed some great outings in the past couple of weeks. We have visited two local parks and Stevenage Fair. These trips have helped the children explore their local environment and find out about different materials and their uses. A huge thank you goes to all the adults who came and helped out on these local trips. We couldn't do it without you! These trips really help to bring the children's topic 'Places to Play' alive. We really appreciate it!

THE FIRST NEW TOWN

A huge thank you to **Year 3 parents/carers** for supporting their children with the homework project for our topic: 'The First New Town.'

Children have brought in some fantastic models of buildings which are located in Stevenage. A huge effort has been made and the children have really enjoyed sharing their models with their friends. We have received a variety of churches, clock towers, hospitals, blocks of flats and many more!

GOURMET HOT DOG DAY

Thursday 1st October is School Census Day. This is when we send a report to HCC which is linked to school funding. **We would like to encourage as many children as possible in Reception to Year 2 to take advantage of their Free School Meal entitlement on that day**, as this figure will have an effect on the amount of funding we receive to support your child in school.

As an incentive, we are having a **Gourmet Hot Dog Day**, where children can enjoy either a Mega Pork Hot Dog Sausage or a Vegetarian Quorn Frankfurter Sausage – yum! The Packed Lunch option on that day will be cheese.

It is also important that we have as many parents as possible registered for the **Free School Meal Status** before next Thursday. Please see the school website or ask in the office to see if you are eligible to apply. Thank you (and your child) for your support.

DEALING WITH ANGER

Does your home sometimes seem more like a battlefield? Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, is running a 6 week course, every Tuesday, 9.00 – 11.15am in the Family Room, which will help you learn how to deal positively with anger, commencing Tuesday 6th October. Booking essential. Creche provided. Contact Sara on 07805 523480.

McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you very much to everyone who supported this morning's Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research.

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO

There are still **11 weeks** to go before the whole school goes to the pantomime. Why not spread the cost and pay **£1 per week** per child, especially if you have more than one child going. Please can we also request that you use Wisepay if at all possible.

Wisepay is used not only for you to pay for dinner money and school trips, but also to communicate with parents via email and text.

If you change your email address or mobile number, don't forget to inform the school office **and** change your details on Wisepay.

Please contact the office if you have any problems with Wisepay or have mislaid your Username and Password, so that we can re-issue this to you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival Assembly is fast approaching (Monday 5th October). Next week we'll be sending home a letter asking for donations for our food boxes, which are distributed within the local community. Don't forget to add an extra tin of something nourishing to your shopping trolley this week.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Letters will be sent home next week inviting you to book a parent/teacher consultation appointment. **Please ensure you complete and return the slip to school by Friday 3rd October.**

SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN SCHOOL

Children are welcome to bring their scooters/bikes to school. **Please ensure they do not ride them in the school grounds**, that they are clearly marked with their name and that they are, preferably, padlocked to the scooter/bike racks provided. The school cannot be responsible for them whilst they are on the school premises. If your child arrives at school after the gates are closed, you will need to take their scooter/bike home with you. Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 07/09	w/c 14/09
ASH	95.2	97.6
BEECH	100	94.3
BIRCH	96.6	99.3
CHERRY	94.1	93.9
CHESTNUT	96.0	93.3
CEDAR	93.7	96.0
ELDER	90.7	96.1
ELM	96.8	96.0
FIR	91.7	92.1
HAZEL	88.3	94.3
HOLLY	90.4	92.4
HORNBEAM	98.0	98.0
LIME	97.6	92.4
LARCH	99.3	97.0
PINE	96.9	99.6
POPLAR	94.2	95.0
WALNUT	93.5	91.7
WILLOW	100	91.8

Very well done to **Beech** and **Willow** classes for **100%** attendance w/c 7th September.

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 **Thursday, 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.

If you would like to take your child to visit a secondary school during the school day, please don't forget to let us know beforehand and we will issue you a permission slip. If you have a morning visit, please let us know your child's meal choice for that day in advance.