

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone – I trust you have all had a good break and that the new term finds you well. We have had a good start to the term already – many thanks go to the teachers and teaching assistants, who have been working very hard to get their classrooms and their planning organised for when the children returned on Wednesday.

We send our best wishes to Mrs Yendell, who leaves us for a short while on Friday to have her second child. I will let you know as soon as we hear any news!

Next week, Year 6 go off to Overstrand in Norfolk – I am sure they will have a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return on Friday.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

NEW LOGO!



The children may have already told you that we are introducing a new, refreshed version of our tree logo this term. The picture above is the black and white version, which we use for photocopied materials, but there is also a fantastic colour version which you will see around the school as we roll it out over the coming months.

I am sure you will agree that it looks very smart indeed and presents a strong image that reflects our commitment to providing the best quality of education for all our children.

In the future, we will be making sure the logo is on all school materials, including school uniform, but don't worry – we will phase this in over a couple of years so please don't think that I am about to ask you all to buy new uniform!

PAINTERS & DECORATORS!

The main entrance foyer in the Upper Building has been repainted over the summer holidays and is looking very bright and fresh. Many thanks go to Mrs Smith, Miss Franklin and Taylor Smith, who all gave up a significant amount of time over the holiday to help Mr Horner with the painting. Miss Bridge also came in with her dad to paint her own classroom, so thank you to them too!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Horner for all the work he has done over the holiday to get the rest of the school looking so clean and tidy. Please remind the children to help keep it this way!

DINNER MONEY REMINDER

There was a slight rise in the cost of school dinners from September. The price is the same for ALL pupils as follows :

£1.65 per day / £8.25 per week / £54.45 for the half term.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.40 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals)

Please send dinner money into school on a Friday or Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Any change due under 10p will be credited to your child's account.

FAIRLANDS' GAMES LIBRARY

The Games Library is presently being refurbished and will shortly be open to the whole school. Watch this space!

YEAR 6 CAR WASH

Year 6 are raising funds to buy their CPG Revision Books this year (to help them prepare for their SATs in May). They will be running a **Car Wash** on **Tuesday, 18th September**, after school in the KS2 car park, **3.30 – 5.30pm** at a cost of **£4.00 per car**.

PARENT FORUM

I would like to invite parents / carers to join me for the first Parent Forum of the school year at **9.10am** on **Thursday, 20th September**, in my office.

This is a great opportunity for you to bring your ideas about the school to my attention and discuss them with other parents/carers.

Don't forget – if you would like to come along, but have a pre-school child to look after, we can arrange a creche for them, however, we need to know in advance, so please contact the office asap.

TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

Please send in any Tesco Computer vouchers you may have found during the holiday. Although we have sent our order off for this year, we can send all remaining vouchers off to be banked towards next year's collection.

CAR BOOT SALE

The Friends of Fairlands will be holding an outdoor Car Boot Sale at the school on **Sunday, 30th September** from **12.00am to 2.00pm** (pitchholders from 11.00am). If the weather is bad, we will hold the sale in the KS2 hall.

Cost **£5.00 per pitch**. Contact Miss Franklin to book on 01438 351053.



The Wakey Wakey Club!

Children who attend our breakfast club receive a healthy breakfast and professional childcare in a safe and friendly environment, giving them an opportunity to socialise with other children from all areas of the school.

The club is open to all Fairlands' children from Nursery to Year 6 and runs in the dining hall from 8.00am until registration (Foundation & KS1 children are walked to their classrooms)

Cost : £3.00 for first child, siblings £2.70
(Free school meals £2.50)

No need to book - just turn up on the morning

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Monday, 10 th to Friday, 14 th September	Year 6 to Overstrand
Tuesday, 18th Sept	KS1 Day Trip to Clacton
Tuesday, 18th Sept 3.30 – 5.50pm	Year 6 Car Wash – KS2 Car Park
Thursday, 20th Sept	Parent Forum
Thursday, 20th Sept	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
Friday, 28th September	School Photographer
Sunday, 30 th September	Car Boot Sale
Tuesday 4th – Tuesday, 11th October	Book Fair in School
Monday, 22 nd to Friday, 26 th October	Half Term
Friday, 21 st December	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 7 th Jan, 2008	INSET Day
Tuesday, 8 th Jan, 2008	Return to school
Monday, 11 th to Friday, 15 th February 2008	Half Term
Thursday, 20 th March 2008	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 7 th April	INSET Day