

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see parents at our recent Parent Consultations – I trust you have found them useful as we continue to work together to support our children in their learning.

Please find enclosed a copy of our brand new school prospectus, which has been sent out with the eldest child in each family. Please take the time to read it carefully, as there is a lot of important information contained in it.

See you back at school on **Monday, 29th October!**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Yendell has had a baby boy – Maxwell arrived in the world on 11th October, weighing in at a very healthy 10lb 6oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.

REMINDER – KITCHEN CLOSURE

Just a reminder that **the school kitchen will be closed for one week from Monday, 29th October.** Please ensure that you send your child to school with a packed lunch each day that week or, for the price of a school meal, we can provide one for you. Those entitled to free meals will be given a packed lunch.

This also means that there will be **no Breakfast Club** during that week.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We sold £525 worth of books, giving us £255 to spend on news books for the school.

YEAR 6 CROSS COUNTRY FESTIVAL

Last week, six Year 6 children took part in a Cross Country Festival at Fairlands Valley Lakes. There were 150 Year 6 children from across Stevenage taking part. Our first girl back was Paris Lane, who finished 11th and our first boy back was Connor Malins, who finished 32nd. Well done to all the children who took part.

YEAR 5 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

Yesterday, we sent a team of Year 5 children to Stevenage Rugby Club, where they took part in a Tag Rugby Festival. The team played very well and had a great time enjoying this new sport.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children had their Harvest Festival Assembly last week, during which the Rev. Geoff Tickner gave a Harvest Message. We were also delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Stevenage, Councillor Graham Clark and his wife, Dylis Clark, who thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

Thank you for all the food donations, which have been packaged up and delivered to people within the local community, from whom we have received many letters and cards of thanks.

One card said – *'We had a pleasant surprise on Wednesday, when a group of your pupils called with a Harvest Gift. They were smartly dressed and well behaved – it was a joy to talk to them, a credit to themselves and to you.'*

Well done to all the Year 6 prefects for representing us so well!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Congratulations to Hornbeam, who won the award with 98.4% attendance w/c 1st October, and Ash with 96.1% for w/c 8th October.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO CINEWORLD

On Monday morning, Year 5 were treated to a trip to the Cinema to see 'The Road to Terabithia'. It was a very enjoyable experience watching such a moving film. Thanks to 'Cineworld' for their kindness in giving free tickets. The staff at the cinema commented, quote "What smashing children!"

PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Please be aware, now that the road lines outside the school have been re-painted there will be regular parking patrols at the beginning and end of the school day, when parking restrictions will be enforced.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

Data Collection Forms will be sent home with the eldest child in each family after half term. It is very important that you carefully check the information we have on file for your child/children, make any necessary changes and return the forms in the brown envelope provided. There will be a date by which to return the forms (to be confirmed) - all slips returned by that date will be entered into a draw for an **MP4 Player!**

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2008-09?

If your child was born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004 please apply now for a primary reception place for the school year 2008-2009.

Information has already been sent out to parents. If you have not received your pack, please telephone 01438 737500 (01923 471500 for 01923 callers) between 8am & 8pm from Mon - Fri & 9am - 4pm on Saturday. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 2nd November 2007.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line can come into school and use a school computer. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help!

TESCO SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

4,500

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY

Marriotts Gymnastics Centre is celebrating it's 5th birthday on Saturday, 27th October with a FREE Centre Family Open Day from 12 until 4pm.

There will be lots of performances on the day and an opportunity to try Gymnastics between 1.30 - 2.30 (age 4-8, £1 entry). Refreshments will be available. Contact Jamie on 07962 266079 for more information.

GETTING ON WITH OUR TEENAGER

Are you a parent or carer? Feeling stressed? **Parentline Plus (Herts)** is running a **free** 5 week course at Barnwell School. This course creates an opportunity for parents to meet and share thoughts & feelings about some of the pressures of being a parent and to explore new ways of coping.

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, Nov & 6th, 11th Dec - 7 - 9pm. Contact Shelagh Mackey for more information on 01438 222500.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Monday, 29 th Oct - Friday 2 nd November	School Kitchen Closed
Wednesday, 31 st Oct KS1/Rec 5.00 - 6.30pm KS2 7.30 - 9.00pm	Halloween Party / Disco
Tuesdays from 6th Nov - 4th Dec : 7 - 9pm	Dealing With Anger - five week course
Monday 19 th November	Last date to receive uniform orders
Friday, 16th November	Friends of Fairlands Quiz Night
Thursday, 6 th Dec	Rec & Year 5 to Cinderella Panto
Tuesday, 11th December	Year 3/4 visit to Verulamium
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