

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children who have contributed to this year's **Poppy Appeal** – we have had a lovely assembly this morning thinking about and remembering all those people who are helped each year by the Royal British Legion. Thank you as well to Mr Poole-Taberner, who treated us all to a special demonstration of her role as Standard Bearer for the Women's Division of the Legion. She looked very smart in her uniform!

It is really great to know that the Fairlands community does so much to support local charities and give to those who are in difficulty. Our next big event will be taking place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November for **Children in Need**, so please watch out for more information.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### PUPPET MADNESS

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, "Puppet Madness" came to our school.

The children were introduced to scenarios about bullying through the puppet shows and given important messages – STOP1 and STOP 2, and use your "Helping Hand". Stop1 means 'Several Times On Purpose' and Stop 2 means 'Start Telling Other People'. The "Helping Hand" is the list of people you could tell who might help (5 people, one for each digit).

The children came away with important messages about what bullying is and how they could stop it.

Our work on anti bullying is to continue and will have a particular prominence in this year's national Anti Bullying Week which is 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The School Council takes a lead in this work. As always, we welcome your feedback on events and activities that are held in school.

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

Once again, the Friends of Fairlands' Halloween Disco was a great success, raising £214 towards school funds. Thank you to the 'Friends' and staff for making it such an enjoyable evening.

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Congratulations to Hornbeam, who were presented with the award for the last week of term with 98.4% attendance, and to Chestnut, who won it last week with 97.9% attendance.

### GAMES LIBRARY

Finally our new Games Library is in use! Mr Staples opened the refurbished Games library on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The **Games Library** is open in the **KS1 hall** on **Tuesdays from 3.15 – 4.00**. You may stay and try out games before you borrow, or just return and borrow games. On **Fridays** it is open from **8.45 – 9.10**, just for returning and borrowing games.

**We would really like to involve more parents** in the running of the library. If anyone could spare some time on a **Tuesday from 3.00 until 4.00**, or on a **Friday morning from 8.40 until 9.15** to help set up and help manage the checking out of games, we would really appreciate their help. **Please either contact the school office or Mrs. Bradley if you are able to help.**

Mrs. Bradley would also welcome feedback from those parents who have used the Games Library, so that we can continue to improve it. If you haven't been along yet, come and try it. It is free to join! We have some fantastic new games to capture the children's imagination which will help you to support your child's learning. *Special thanks go to Mrs. Alexander, Mrs Storton and Ms Forsyth, who have been very busy behind the scenes, cataloguing and preparing the games for the library.*

### WELL DONE BRENDAN BYGRAVE!

A special well done goes to Brendan Bygrave, in Year 3, who has been working brilliantly with Mrs Holderness on making some very complicated sentences!

★ ★ FANTASTIC WORK, BRENDAN! ★ ★

### QUIZ NIGHT

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Friends of Fairlands' Quiz Night on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November – 7.00 for 7.30pm start.**

Teams of up to 6 people are invited to take part. Tickets are £6.00 per person, which includes a Fish, Chicken or Sausage & Chip Supper (or vegetarian option) and are available from Miss Franklin or the school office – please book your tickets by Monday, so that we can place our food order.

### TESCO SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

This year's scheme has now come to an end in store, so please send in any vouchers you and your friends / family can find. So far we have collected 6,900. Thank you very much to Mrs Fish for counting them for us.

### DEALING WITH TANTRUMS

**Parentlineplus** is running a **FREE** workshop (with crèche) at Fairlands School on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November** from **9.15am – 11.15am.**

This workshop offers ideas and skills to help when you are caught in that whirlwind of a child having a tantrum and is **aimed at parents of under 5's.**

To book a place please contact Bridge Road Children's Centre c/o Woolenwick Infant & Nursery School 01438 202692

### AN INVITATION TO PARENTS / CARERS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES

Geraldine Collins from Leonard Cheshire will be speaking about Direct Payments at a Parent / Carer Forum, which will be held at The Business & Technology Centre, Bessemer Drive, Stevenage from 9.15am – 11.00am on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. Contact Louisa Cannon at [louise.cannon@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:louise.cannon@hertscc.gov.uk) or on 01992 556984 – places are limited.

### HERTS JUNIOR DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS

Dance in Herts is pleased to announce auditions for new dancers to join HJDC Shift : North. Auditions are open to all 8 – 11 year olds who live or attend school in the districts of North Herts & Stevenage. Based at Knights Templar Sports Centre, Baldock, they rehearse on Tuesdays from 4.15 – 5.45pm.

Open audition : Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4.15 – 5.45pm at Knights Templar Sports Centre. Application Forms available from leaflet stand in KS2 – to be submitted by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Last date to receive uniform orders
<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Fairlands Quiz Night
<b>WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov : 9.15am – 11.15am</b>	<b>Parentlineplus Workshop : Dealing with Tantrums</b>
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rec to Cinderella Panto
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 visit to Verulamium
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2008	INSET Day
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2008	Return to school
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Half Term
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2008	Last Day of Term : 2.15pm finish
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day