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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Thank you to Rev. Dave Morris, Mrs Rosemary Biggs & Mrs Dorothy Ansell for making it such a special occasion on Monday. Thank you too to all the children for bringing in a wonderful selection of Harvest Gifts! We have distributed them, as usual, to the needy in our local community.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Appointments for next week's Parent/Teacher Consultations were sent home with children yesterday. If you have not received your appointment time, please check your child's book bag or contact the school office.

If you need to bring your child with you, please take them to the 'drop-in' centre in the Nursery before your appointment. Children in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend with parents.

FATHERS NEED TO CHAT TOO

All Fairlands fathers are invited to come and join other dads for coffee and a chat – **Friday mornings from 9.00am in the Family Room (lower building)**. All babies and toddlers are welcome.

DINNER MONEY

Please remember to send dinner money in, in advance of your child having a school meal. It is the school's policy to only allow the cost of one meal to be outstanding before we contact you for payment.

We are spending a lot of time chasing small dinner debts, which could be avoided by a bit of forward planning.

Remember; the best way to pay for lunches is on Wisepay. You have the facility to choose your own amount to pay, and it reduces the amount of cash coming into school.

NO TURNING PLEASE

We had a near miss reported this week, when a parent turned their car round using the upper building staff car park entrance, and almost drove into children on the pavement. Please could I ask parents not to use the car park entrances for this purpose – thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 23/9	w/c 30/9
ASH	92.2	92.3
BEECH	97.9	93.7
BIRCH	90.7	95.4
CEDAR	87.2	96.9
CHERRY	95.4	96.7
CHESTNUT	95	93.5
ELDER	99.3	96.6
ELM	96.9	96.6
HAZEL	98.1	97
HORNBEAM	91.1	99.3
LARCH	98.1	95
LIME	92.4	95.6
PINE	90.8	91.2
POPLAR	94.8	97.4
WALNUT	96.7	100
WHITEBEAM	93.1	93.1
WILLOW	91.8	92.9

Congratulations to Walnut class for achieving 100% attendance last week.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents – don't forget to apply on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions for your 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.

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

The Fairlands Faces are holding Halloween Discos for the whole school Tuesday, 22nd October – fancy dress is optional. Tickets will be sent home on Monday 14th October.

Although you can pay on the door, it's not too late to send your child's ticket request into school (in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and 'Halloween Disco').

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

The Stevenage Credit Union is a savings club which collects from a number of schools in Stevenage and enables the children to learn about cash handling at an early age. They can plan what they do with their pocket money - perhaps save for a holiday, christmas or family birthdays.

We also encourage parents to join as adult members. There is no limit to the amount you can save and you can withdraw the money whenever you want it.

The Credit Union is run in the **Dining Hall** in the **Upper Building** every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** - come along and find out more.

FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning from 8.00 to 8.50am in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book - just turn up on the morning.

You can now pay for Breakfast Club on Wisepay. If you haven't yet got your log-in details for Wisepay, please contact the school office.

'THE TREEHOUSE' AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The Treehouse After School Club offers care for children aged 5 - 11 from 3.15 - 6.15, Monday to Friday and is run in the upper building (music room) within the school.

Cost: £2.00 registration fee, per family, 3.15-4.15pm: £6.50, 3.15 - 5.15pm: £7.50 and 3.15 - 6.15pm: £8.50. 50p sibling discount per session. Please call in at the school office for an application pack or contact Lyn Taylor at the club from 3.15pm.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWS

Bridge Road and Bedwell Children's Centres will be running a half-term drop in activity session for children aged 0-4, and their parents/carers, here at Fairlands School on **Wednesday 30th October, from 10am until 12.** Lots of fun activities, some are messy, so old clothes are best - £1 per family. No need to book - just drop in!

Older siblings are of course welcome to attend, but there must be at least one child aged 4 or under in the family also attending the event.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD	
w/c 14th Oct	Black History Week
Monday 14 th Oct 5.30-8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 16 th Oct 3.30-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday 17 th October 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents' Class Assembly
Monday 21st Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book Fair Year 5/6 Block
Tuesday 22 nd Oct FS & Yr1 : 4.30-5.30 (Lower Hall) Yr 2,3&4: 4.30 -5.30 (Upper Hall) Yrs 5 & 6 : 6.00-7.15 (Upper Hall)	Halloween Discos
Weds 23rd Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book Fair Year 5/6 Block
Thursday 24 th October 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents' Class Assembly
Thurs 24th Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm	Book Fair Year 5/6 Block
Mon 28 th Oct to Friday 1 st Nov	Half Term
Weds 30 th Oct 10.00am - 12.00pm	Bridge Road Children's Centre Activity Session
Thursday 31 st Oct	Closing date for Secondary School Apps
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 6 th Jan 2014	INSET DAY