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Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, Mr Dickinson and Miss King attended an award ceremony at the Royal Institution of Great Britain in London, to accept our Award for the Primary Science Quality Mark, which celebrates a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

Jane Turner, National Director of the PSQM programme, said: "Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The standard of the submissions has been extremely high and their content is quite breath-taking. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud." Thank you to Mr Dickinson, our science subject leader, who led on this initiative!

I wish you all a safe & relaxing October half term, and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 4th November.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

A big thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising Tuesday's discos. The children all looked great in their Halloween outfits and had a fantastic time. The disco raised a whopping £657 for the school funds. The Faces would like to thank everyone who helped out on the evening and all the children for taking part.

YEAR 5 SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Year 5's 'Shooting for the Stars' evening was a huge success on Wednesday this week. The children had a great time investigating constellations and making origami stars. The highlight was sharing hot chocolate and marshmallows under the starry skies.

YEAR 1 FAIRY TALE WOW DAY

Year 1 had a fantastic day completing challenges to help Cinderella help go to the ball. We made Cinderella a tasty treat, designed a beautiful dress and created a spectacular carriage for her to arrive at the ball. We all enjoyed our time at the ball and Cinderella finally found her Prince and they lived happily ever after.

NEW MENU

The **Autumn-Winter Pupils' Choice School Menu** was sent home with children yesterday. This menu commences from after half term.

You can find a copy of the new menu on the school notice board by the main entrance gate. Please ensure your child has chosen their meal before morning registration each day.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/carers are invited to the first Parent Forum this term on **Wednesday, 6th November, 9.00 – 10.00am.** Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photograph proofs were sent home with children on Wednesday. The easiest way to order is on line at www.kittleorders.com, alternatively, please send your order into school, with the correct money, sealed in the plastic envelope provided by **Thursday 7th Nov.**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be brought round to classes every day the first week back after half term, for children to make a donation if they wish to.

YEAR 2 NEED YOUR HELP

Year 2 have been developing their play spaces and would love donations of clean, old clothes, shoes, bags, hats, etc to make a dressing up area.

Elder class would also like to provide a good home for any Lego or matchbox type cars.

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.**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 7/10	w/c 14/10
ASH	96	91.3
BEECH	94.4	93.1
BIRCH	95.4	89.6
CEDAR	92.1	91.7
CHERRY	97	95
CHESTNUT	94.6	95
ELDER	100	97.2
ELM	98.6	95.2
HAZEL	98.5	96.7
HORNBEAM	96.8	96.7
LARCH	98.5	95.4
LIME	96.8	96.4
PINE	95.6	93.6
POPLAR	97.7	97
WALNUT	94.7	95.3
WHITEBEAM	93.1	96.2
WILLOW	94.1	96.4

Congratulations to Elder class for achieving 100% attendance w/c 7/10.

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.

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 and, also, not in the busy alleyway leading up to the school gates**, 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.

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

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
Weds 6th Nov 9.00 – 10.00am	Parent Forum Head's Office
Tues 10th Dec 10-11am & 2-3pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Weds 11th Dec 9.00am – 1.00pm	Whole school to Cinderella Pantomime
Weds 11th Dec 6.00-7.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Weds 11th Dec	Nursery Activity Morning & Afternoon
Thurs 12th Dec 2.00 – 3.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Fri 13th Dec 9.30 – 10.30am	Year 2 to St Nicholas – Christmas Journey
Monday 16th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Activity Day
Tuesday 17th Dec 11.00am Yrs 3 & 4 2.15pm Yrs 5 & 6	Carol Concerts
Weds 18th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Party Lunch
Weds 18th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party Lunch
Thurs 19th Dec	Year 2-6 Talent Show
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 6 th Jan 14 2	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th Jan 14	Return to school