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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to say an enormous **THANK YOU** and **WELL DONE** to everyone for the huge improvement in school uniform this term! It is great to see nearly every child, 'head to toe' in correct uniform and it really sets the stage for our push towards being an outstanding school. Our school uniform is an expression of how proud we are of Fairlands, and is really important because it prepares children for dress code expectations in all types of workplaces in the future. Let's keep up the good work!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

FOUNDATION STAGE CELEBRATE DIWALI

Foundation Stage enjoyed celebrating Diwali. They spent the week involved in a range of activities: making rangoli floor patterns, painting mendhi hand designs, learning about the story of Rama and Sita and making Diwali cards to name a few! It was a thoroughly enjoyable week and the children and staff have found out lots of interesting facts about the Hindu festival of light. A big thank you to Mrs Kalra and Mrs Kumari for coming into assembly for a question and answer session. Please look at the Foundation Stage blogs for photos!

YEAR 6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

Yesterday 16 intrepid Year 6 students took part in the Stevenage Schools Tag Rugby Festival. By the end of the day matches had been won, lost and drawn, tries and tackles had been made and every one of them was a world record holder! Congratulations to all the children who took part especially top try scorer Tom Hawkins.

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

The School Council would like to raise some money for Children in Need next **Friday, 15th November**. Please bring in £1 and join us in a **non-school uniform day**. You could wear pyjamas, a onezi, football kit, jeans or casual clothes. Why not leave your hair unbrushed that day? What will you choose.....?

SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

Just a reminder that children should not ride their scooter in the school grounds. Please ask your child to **walk with their scooter from the school gate** to avoid any accidents.

WISEPAY COMMUNICATIONS

We now use Wisepay to send parents email alerts to either let you know that a letter relevant to your child's class has gone out, or the school newsletter has been published, or even to inform you of events in school. If you haven't already done so, please log in to Wisepay and ensure you have your email address registered. If you have mislaid your Wisepay user name and password please contact the school office.

DRIVERS PLEASE TAKE CARE

We have received several reports of 'near misses' in Pound Avenue where cars have mounted the pavement to pass along the road, or have reversed onto the pavement to turn round. For health and safety reasons, please be extra careful and patient at start and end of the school day, when there are many parents and children about.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Fairlands Faces are already starting the mammoth task of wrapping presents ready for the Christmas Present Room. If anyone has some time available during the day to come in and help, please leave your name and number at the office and they will be in touch. Thanking you in anticipation.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/carers are invited to the next Parent Forum on **Wednesday, 27th November, 9.00 – 10.00am**. Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

YEAR GROUP BLOGS

Don't forget, you can find out what's going on in your child's year group by visiting the school website at www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk under Recent Blog Posts.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2014/15?

If your child was born between **1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2013-14.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2014.** Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come into the office and use a computer. If you would like help with your application, please contact the office first to arrange a convenient time to come in. You will need to put three choices of schools, so please decide on this information before you come.

NEW MENU

Reminder: We are now using the new **Autumn-Winter Pupils' Choice School Menu**, which was sent home with children before 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.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 21/10
ASH	92
BEECH	83.7
BIRCH	91.4
CEDAR	94.8
CHERRY	96.5
CHESTNUT	98.9
ELDER	98.3
ELM	96.9
HAZEL	98.1
HORNBEAM	98.5
LARCH	94.6
LIME	95.6
PINE	96
POPLAR	97
WALNUT	95.3
WHITEBEAM	95
WILLOW	97.1

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Chenille Bullock (Whitebeam) for coming 4th at Royston Dance Festival for her Duet Character Ballet and to Janay Bullock (Hazel) for also coming 4th for the Modern Solo. Good luck to both girls with their performances at The Gordon Craig Theatre on 15th and 16th November. The girls attend the Premiere School of Dance.

Has your child achieved something special they would like to share with us all? Please email details to admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk or send a note to the office and we'll print it in the next newsletter.

YEAR 2 PARENTS – PLEASE NOTE BELOW A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE EVENING CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD	
Friday 15th Nov	Non-School Uniform Day
Weds 27th Nov 9.00 – 10.00am	Parent Forum
Tues 10 th Dec 10.00 -11.00am 2.00 – 3.00 pm	Reception Christmas Performances
Weds 11 th Dec 9.00am – 1.00pm	Whole school to Cinderella Pantomime
Weds 11 th Dec	Nursery Activity Morning & Afternoon
Thurs 12 th Dec 2.00 – 3.00pm 6.00 – 7.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performances
Fri 13 th Dec 9.30 – 10.30am	Year 2 to St Nicholas – Christmas Journey
Monday 16 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Activity Day
Tuesday 17th Dec 11.00am Yrs 3 & 4 2.15pm Yrs 5 & 6	Carol Concerts
Weds 18 th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Party Lunch
Weds 18 th Dec 3.30 – 5.00pm	Christmas Fayre
Thurs 19 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party Lunch
Thurs 19 th Dec	Year 2-6 Talent Show
Friday 20 th Dec	Last day of term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 6 th Jan 14	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th Jan 14	Return to school