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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe I'm saying this... **Christmas is nearly here!** We are doing Christmas in style, as we always do at Fairlands, so please make sure you come along and get involved in all the activities, productions and events that are going on. I know it is such a busy time of year, but please find time amongst all the shopping, decorating & feasting to get involved in our celebrations – it will be lovely to see you!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC

Due to the children going to the Pantomime next Wednesday morning, it has been decided that there will be **no hot meals cooked on that day**. Anyone who books a school meal will be provided with a school packed lunch that day.

Could we also remind **Nursery parents** that there is **no nursery lunch club that day**.

YEAR 2 PERFORMANCE 'A TALE OF TWO BIRTHDAYS'

Please note there was an error on the tear-off slip for the Year 2 performance. The correct date is **Thursday, 12th December**.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Once again, we have entered the Stevenage Christmas Tree Festival, which is held at Holy Trinity, the church at the bottom of the road. The children in the Foundation Stage discussed what Christmas in the future would be like... Then, they turned their ideas into a piece of concept art!

There is a charge of £2 for adults to look at the trees entered into the festival. Children can go in for free. It looks lovely inside and would be a really good trip out to get into the Christmas spirit!

The competition closes at 4pm on Saturday 7th December... so please get down there and **VOTE FOR FAIRLANDS!**

YEAR 5 TRIP TO RAF HENDON

On Monday Year 5 visited the RAF Museum at Hendon. They all had a great time and learnt a lot about their topic 'Conflict'.

CASH COMING INTO SCHOOL

We would like to reduce the amount of cash payments being sent into school. Please could we ask parents to use Wisepay wherever possible. If you have mislaid your log in details please contact the school office.

MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN

We are increasingly being asked to interrupt classes to pass on messages about end of day collection arrangements.

We are happy to do this if you are sending someone who has not collected your child before, or your child *needs* to be informed of a change of arrangement. It would be helpful if, where at all possible, you could let us know by mid-day, so that we can tell the teacher at lunchtime, rather than interrupt the class during the afternoon.

Otherwise, if there are people other than yourself who regularly collect your child, please send a list of names to the school office and we will ensure your child's teacher knows who can collect them. Thank you for your help with this.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

If your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please ensure you keep them off school for 24 hours after the last bout of illness, to prevent them passing it onto other children.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 18/11	w/c 25/11
ASH	89.7	93.7
BEECH	89.6	96.4
BIRCH	93.7	89.6
CEDAR	95	95
CHERRY	88.8	87.3
CHESTNUT	97.8	94.1
ELDER	93.3	91.7
ELM	94.1	91
HAZEL	92.5	91.1
HORNBEAM	97.9	96.4
LARCH	95.6	96
LIME	91.2	96
PINE	95.6	92.4
POPLAR	97.4	95.2
WALNUT	87.5	94.4
WHITEBEAM	92.5	98.8
WILLOW	90.6	95.3

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ellie Newell (Willow class) who was awarded first place at the BDO East Anglia Street Dance Championships.

Congratulations also go to Carolanne Sewell (Hazel Class) who achieved her orange belt in kick boxing this month with an excellent grade, and is now aiming for her next belt.

Also, well done to James and Leah Coggins (Walnut and Lime classes) who came 2nd in the UK Nationals Dancing Championships with their Street Crew, Dance with Suki and Zorro.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL 2014

If you would like to nominate our School Crossing Patrol, Mrs Barbara Poole-Taberner for this award, please either email school.crossingpatrols@hertfordshire.gov.uk or complete an on-line form at www.hertsdirect.org/schooltravel, or collect a form from the office, giving a reason why you think she should win this award and why she is so special! Nominations should be received by Friday 7th February.

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 are advised to put up to three choices of school, so please come prepared.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

Tues 10 th Dec 9.30am, 11.00am and 2.00pm	Reception Christmas Performances
Weds 11 th Dec 9.00am – 1.00pm	Whole school to Cinderella Pantomime
Weds 11 th Dec 9.30 – 11.00am 1.00 – 2.30pm	Nursery Activity Morning & Afternoon
Thurs 12 th Dec 2.00pm & 6.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performances
Fri 13 th Dec 9.30 – 10.30am	Year 2 to St Nicholas – Christmas Journey
Friday 13th Dec	Christmas Present Room
Monday 16 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Activity Day – have you booked your slot?
Monday 16th Dec	Christmas Carols in Stevenage Town Centre
Tuesday 17th Dec 9.30am and 5.00pm	Year 1 'Christmas Bulletin'
Tuesday 17 th Dec 11.00am Yrs 3 & 5 2.15pm Yrs 4 & 6 School Choir at both performances	Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
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
Thursday 19th Dec	FS & Yr1 Christmas Parties
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