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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see all the children engaged in our Christmas activities and plays – and good to see so much support from parents at these events as well. Well done to all the staff for their hard work in the preparations for all the performances.

Today we say farewell to Miss Studman, who is off to start a new life in New Zealand. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to our school and wishing her the very best for the future. We also send our best wishes to Miss Verlander, who is going on maternity leave.

I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am** on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.**

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### CAROL SINGING IN THE TOWN

Reception and Years 3 & 4 brightened up a drizzly Monday morning in the town centre this week. With a range of songs, from more traditional to some popular classics, the shoppers of Stevenage had their spirits raised. We even heard that Santa landed on Primark to catch our tuneful display.....

### ENTERPRISE WEEK

Well done to all the children for working really hard during Enterprise Week to come up with lots of creative Christmassy ways to make money.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the Christmas Fayre after school. Your support is hugely appreciated.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT ROOM

Many thanks to the Fairlands' Faces for organising this year's Christmas Present Room. As usual, the event was well supported and raised a very impressive £300 towards school funds. If any parents would be interested in helping out at future events, please let the office know.

### NEW LOWER BUILDING OFFICE

Just a reminder that we now have a new school office in the Lower Building, which is manned daily from 8.30am by Mrs Wilson, who can take messages, issue absence passes, etc. Please note that any money handed in there **MUST** be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on – change will not be given.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 2/12	w/c 9/12
ASH	93	92.7
BEECH	94.3	90.3
BIRCH	90.7	94.4
CEDAR	93.3	95.7
CHERRY	91.5	90.7
CHESTNUT	97	95.2
ELDER	96.7	96
ELM	94.1	96
HAZEL	97.1	98.6
HORNBEAM	93.9	96.8
<b>LARCH</b>	<b>98.4</b>	95.6
LIME	92	89.6
PINE	97.6	94.8
POPLAR	94.1	95.2
WALNUT	93.7	94.4
WHITEBEAM	93.1	98.7
<b>WILLOW</b>	95.3	<b>98.8</b>

### MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

If your child has been prescribed medicine and needs **more than 3 doses** per day, you do not need to keep them off school, as we are able to do this for you in school, provided you complete a permission slip for them beforehand (available from both offices). If however, your child **only needs 3 doses** of medicine per day, we would suggest you give them one dose before school, one at home time and one at bedtime.

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 14	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 14	Return to school