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## Dear Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that this is the last time we will be sending a paper copy of Fairlands News to ALL parents/carers. Those of you who have registered your email address with WISEPAY will receive notification of any future Newsletters and other letters by email. Don't worry - we will continue to send paper copies home to those of you who haven't registered and copies will also be available in the leaflet stands in the entrance foyers. If you wish to register an email address, please contact one of the school offices.

Don't forget, **school finishes at 2.15pm tomorrow**. I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### STEVENAGE DANCE FESTIVAL

Last Friday, Lime Class spent the day at the Gordon Craig Theatre, performing in the Stevenage Dance Festival. They performed a Latin American dance called Let's Get Loud and wowed the audience. It was a long day but they had a brilliant time and represented Fairlands School brilliantly.

### PRIVATE PEACEFUL

On Monday, Year 5 were lucky enough to attend a school's screening of the film Private Peaceful by the author Michael Morpurgo. The film consolidated the children's learning of the text during our Conflict Topic and was concluded by a live question and answer session with the author himself.

### YEAR 1 WOW DAY

On Tuesday Year 1 had their Wow Day. A teacher was abducted by aliens and they had to complete three challenges to find out which teacher it was. We looked carefully at our fingerprints to see if we could find out who had taken the teacher away; we made balloon rockets so that we could send the alien rocket back to Space; and we also made a wanted poster to find out who had abducted the teacher. At the end of the day, we found out that it was Mrs Yendell who had been abducted by aliens, but luckily she zapped the aliens with her magic mirror and torch. We are all pleased to have Mrs Yendell back at Fairlands. What a great day we all had!

### YEAR 1 FUNDRAISER

Year 1 completed a number of Easter activities this week including; making Easter nest cakes, Faberge eggs and Easter cards, which were then sold on Tuesday morning to raise money for 'Marie Curie Cancer Care'. Thank you to all the adults who came along to support this good cause.

### WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Thank you to everyone who wore Blue on Wednesday for World Autism Awareness Day. All money collected will be donated to TRACKS, a charity funded preschool in Stevenage for children with communication difficulties.

### NURSERY WOW DAY

Our Nursery children had a great time at their Traditional Tales Wow Day yesterday. They were very busy making crowns and decorating biscuits. We saw some fabulous moves at the dancing competition and all the children looked fantastic - thank you parents/carers for your support. Don't forget to read our blog on the school website.

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO TESCO

As part of this term's 'Healthy Me' topic, Year 4 visited Tesco on Wednesday. They learnt about the different produce that they sell and it's journey to the store. When they returned to school they made fruit smoothies and vegetable soup.

### FAIRLANDS FACES

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising last week's Mother's Day Present Room. They raised an amazing £319 for school funds. Thanks also go to them for organising tonight's Easter Discos, which I am sure the children are going to thoroughly enjoy.

### HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Congratulations to Ella Houghton and Natalie Redmond (Year 6) who entered short stories in a writing competition for the Hertfordshire Festival of Words. They attended the awards ceremony on Saturday 22nd March at Novotel, thanks to the support of their parents. There were six entries in their category. The stories were judged and appraised by a local author. Natalie achieved second place and Ella achieved third place. They bravely read their stories out to the assembled audience and have also had their stories published in an anthology. They had a wonderful day and we are very proud of their achievements. Ella and Natalie would both encourage our pupils to enter the competition next year - there may be a winner amongst us!

### WELL DONE

Congratulations to Alissa Nixon Crew (Lime), who has been awarded her Kelloggs ASA water skills award, level 4. and Tyler Nixon Crew (Elm) who has passed his 10m swimming award.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 17/3	w/c 24/3
ASH	94.1	94.8
<b>BEECH</b>	95	<b>97.3</b>
BIRCH	93.9	97.1
CEDAR	95.3	95.3
CHERRY	93.3	90
CHESTNUT	95.9	96.6
ELDER	97.3	89
ELM	98	89.3
HAZEL	95.4	96.1
HORNBEAM	94.6	92.5
LARCH	95.7	95.2
LIME	94	94.8
PINE	95.7	95.4
<b>POPLAR</b>	96.9	<b>97.3</b>
WALNUT	97.4	94.3
<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>98.1</b>	96.5

### NEW SCHOOL MENU

New School Menus, which should be used from after Easter until October half term, have been sent home today.

### CLASS PHOTOS

Please return any orders for class photos by **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

### BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE EASTER ACTIVITIES

There's a whole range of activities going on at the Children's Centre over Easter for children aged 0-4 and their families.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Saturday Family Fun! 10am – 12.00 noon - £1 per family

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Play in the Park at Letchmore Road Park from 1.30 – 3.00pm – FREE

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Fun! 10am – 12 noon at the Children's Centre - £1 per family

**Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Tuesday Baby Group 1.15–3pm - £1 per family.

For details of regular weekly groups visit [www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad](http://www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad)

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 (New dates shown in bold)

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term : <b>2.15pm finish</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2.00 -3.00pm</b>	<b>E-Safety Workshop for Parents</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 – 6 Shared Reading</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
<b>w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>
<b>w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Cuffley Camp</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	OCCASIONAL DAY
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term : 2.15pm finish
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term