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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to seeing you at parent & carer consultations next week on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. You should have received your appointment by now. We normally have excellent attendance at consultations – it is such an important opportunity for you to hear about your child's progress and find out how you can support them at home in their learning. See you there!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who supported our big coffee morning last Friday, in aid of Macmillian Cancer Care. We raised an amazing £590.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who brought harvest festival donations in for our assembly on Monday, which was led by Rev Dave Morris. These have now been distributed to elderly residents in the local community. Thank you to Mrs Biggs, Mrs Ansell and Mrs Poole-Taberner and the Year 6 Prefects for delivering them for us.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Appointments for next week's Parent/Teacher Consultations have been sent home this week. If you have not received your appointment time, please check your child's book bag or contact the school office.

If you need to bring your child with you, please take them to the 'drop-in' centre in the Nursery before your appointment. Children in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend with parents.

MODERN LANGUAGES

This week's language focus has been 'écoutez', which means listen. Next week we will be learning 'regardez', which means look. These phrases may be useful for you to use at home too!

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

The Fairlands Faces are holding Halloween Discos for the whole school over two nights this year on Wednesday, 22nd October for Foundation Stage (4.30 – 5.30pm) and Years 1 & 2 (6 – 7pm) and Thursday 23rd for Years 3 & 4 (4.30 – 5.30) and Years 5 & 6 (6-7pm) – fancy dress is optional.

Letters were sent out this week. Please send your child's ticket request into school (in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and 'Halloween Disco'). Tickets will be sent home on Monday 20th October.

PARKING

We have had numerous complaints both from parents / carers and neighbours regarding parking in Pound Avenue. Please do not park on the pavements, across resident's driveways, car park entrances or zig zag lines!

Please use the two parent car parks provided or perhaps park a little further away from school and walk the last bit. Thank you.

SICKNESS

There is a sickness bug going around school at the moment – please ensure you keep your child off school for 24 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

There also seem to be a number of reported cases of Chicken Pox

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL CLUB

Miss Field-Stanley and Miss Duker are hoping to run an after school netball club for Years 5 & 6 from after half term. The club will be run from 3.15 – 4.15 on Tuesdays. Letters will be sent home about this soon.

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 **Friday 31st October**. Please contact the school office if you need help with your application, or do not have access to a computer and would like to use one at school. If you need help with your application, please contact Mrs Dunthorne in the upper school office.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice in school is an on-going problem, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

The wet-combing method is the recommended preventative method and head lice may be cleared over a two-week period:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 8/9	w/c 15/9	w/c 22/9	w/c 29/9
ASH	95	92	93	97
BEECH	99	96.3	98.3	96
BIRCH	98	95.3	97.3	91.7
CHERRY	98.9	93.2	97.5	92.5
CHESTNUT	97.2	97.6	98.3	94.1
CEDAR	98.3	96.6	92.1	95.9
ELDER	98.6	98.3	97.2	98.6
ELM	98.3	95.2	94.5	95.5
FIR	95	95.3	97.3	97.3
HAZEL	97.6	96.9	97.2	96.2
HORNBEAM	90	97.6	96.6	97.2
LIME	99.6	97.8	97	96.7
LARCH	92.8	93.1	97.6	96.6
PINE	97.8	98.7	97.8	96.1
POPLAR	99.2	95.8	97.9	96.2
WALNUT	94.4	99.4	93.7	98.1
WHITEBEAM	98.9	92.8	97.8	95
WILLOW	98.9	96.1	96.7	96.7

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15 (New dates in bold)

Tuesday 14 th Oct 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent Consultations Reception to Yr 6
Wednesday 15 th Oct 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations Nursery to Yr 6
Thurs 16 th Oct Upper Hall	Rec Parents Class Assembly
Friday 17 th Oct	Year 4 to Verulamium
Weds 22nd Oct	FS and Year 1&2 Halloween Discos
Thursday 23 rd Oct	Yr 2 Parents Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd Oct	Years 3&4 and 5&6 Halloween Discos
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 4th Nov 5-6pm	Parent Forum in Family Room
7th – 12th Nov	Book Fair in School
Thurs 13 th Nov Upper Hall	Yr 3 Parents Class Assembly
Thurs 20 th Nov Upper Hall	Yr4 Parents Class Assembly
Friday 19 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish