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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may know, we receive a considerable amount of funding via a government grant called the 'Pupil Premium'. We plan very carefully how that money is spent each year and use it for a range of initiatives which all contribute to raising standards in the school. This year, one of our key initiatives has been the employment of Pupil Premium Champions who are working directly with children who are eligible for pupil premium. If you want to find out more about how this money is being spent this year, please take a look at our latest Pupil Premium Report, which can be accessed via the website.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing October half term, and look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising the Halloween Discos over the last two nights. These were a great success and enjoyed by all. As usual, there were some great fancy dress outfits.

This sort of event wouldn't be possible without Fairlands Faces. They are always looking for people to help out. The next event will be the Christmas Present Room. If you would like to get more involved this is a great way to do so. Please leave your name at one of the school offices and we will ask someone to get in touch.

MODERN LANGUAGES

This week we have been learning 'levez vous', which means stand up. Lots of teachers have been using this when giving instructions in class and children are now responding to it as quick as a flash. After half term we will be learning to say 'oui', which means 'yes'.

It has been lovely to hear lots of children using their French greetings throughout the school. Well done everyone!

SCHOOL PANTOMIME

We are very excited about the whole school going to the Pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre this year. Thank you to all parents that have paid so far. If you have not already done so, please send in your £10.50 per child when we return after half term, or use Wisepay.

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL DAYS

Please don't forget, Year 1 children have their forest school straight after school as follows:

Cherry - Monday 3rd November

Cedar - Thursday 6th November

Chestnut - Friday 7th November

Children will need warm, waterproof clothing and wellie boots. Please provide them with a change of clothes in case they get wet.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We presently have 2 Parent Governor vacancies on the school's Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your child's school and have a view on the way it is progressing, this is your opportunity to directly influence the way the school works.

Please come along for an informal chat on **Friday, 7th November at 2.30pm in the Family Room**, where you can meet some of our present Governors to find out more. If you have pre-school children, you are welcome to bring them along too.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/Carers are invited to the next Parent Forum, which will be an evening meeting on **Tuesday, 4th November, 5.00 – 6.00pm** in the Family Room. Miss Thompson (Year 1/2 Assistant Head) and Mr Brewis (Year 3/4 Assistant Head) look forward to hearing your views/ideas.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo proofs were sent home with children this week. The easiest way to order is on-line at www.kittlephot.com. If you wish to send your order into school, please do so by **Friday, 7th November**. If sending cash, please ensure you include the correct money in the plastic envelope provided and write your child's name and class on the order form.

We would welcome your views about the photos. What do you think about the new blue background, as opposed to white? We managed to reduce the prices this year – do you think they are good value? Do you find it easy to order on-line? Please email us at admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk

NEW MENU

The new **Autumn-Winter Pupils' Choice School Menu** has been sent home today.

After half term, you will find a copy of this menu on the school notice board by the main entrance gate. Please ensure your child has chosen their meal before morning registration

YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Final Reminder: Friday, 31st October is the closing date to apply for your child's secondary school place. Please apply on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. If you do not apply by that date you might not get the secondary school of your choice.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 6/10	w/c 15/9
ASH	90.3	88
BEECH	97.3	89
BIRCH	93	89
CHERRY	90.7	93.6
CHESTNUT	95.9	96.6
CEDAR	94.5	83.1
ELDER	93.4	99
ELM	98.3	96.2
FIR	97.3	96.7
HAZEL	98.3	97.2
HORNBEAM	97.9	97.9
LIME	95.9	98.9
LARCH	94.8	92.1
PINE	97	98.3
POPLAR	96.7	96.7
WALNUT	96.2	98.1
WHITEBEAM	91.7	96.1
WILLOW	96.7	99.5

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We will be bringing Poppies round to the classes after half term, so that children can donate to this year's Poppy Appeal if they wish to.

PROTECT YOUR LITTLE ONES FROM FLU THIS WINTER

With winter fast approaching, parents and carers across Hertfordshire are being reminded to get their two, three and four year-olds protected from flu.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to for parents and carers to protect their children from the virus. The vaccination, used successfully for the first time last year, comes in the form of a quick and painless nasal spray – so there's no need to worry about needles.

Mums-to-be are also being reminded that they are eligible for a free jab. You can have the jab at any point during your pregnancy and it can also protect your baby for the first few months after birth.

For more information, speak to your GP, midwife or practice nurse, or visit www.nhs.uk/flu.

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

Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th Nov 5-6pm	Parent Forum in Family Room
Friday 7th Nov 2.30 – 3.00pm	Parent Governor Open Afternoon
7 th – 12 th 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
Weds 10 th Dec	Nurs to Yr 4 to Pantomime
Thurs 11 th Dec	Years 5 & 6 to Pantomime
Friday 19 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish