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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely day today, supporting Children In Need through our non-school uniform day, even though it crept up on us with very little notice!

Talking of which, Christmas will be here before we know it... Next week, we will be sending out a full summary of everything coming up, but if you want a sneak preview, please take a look at all the dates on the school website. Christmas is going to be bigger and better than ever at Fairlands this year!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

MODERN LANGUAGES

This week the children have been answering questions using our phrase 'non', which means 'no' and last week's phrase 'oui', which means 'yes'.

Next week the children will be learning to use the phrase 's'il vous plaît', which means 'please'. This is one that children could definitely use at home!

FOREST SCHOOLS

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic Forest School experience last week. Each class spent a morning in the outdoors learning about Autumn. The activities included making friendship bracelets, learning about hibernation and animals that hibernate, making hedgehog homes from pine cones and clay, making hedgehog homes and making an Autumn mobile using leaves in a range of autumnal colours. The morning ended with a camp fire and toasted marshmallows. The children had a great time and were so engaged throughout. Their interest has sparked a new topic of 'The Seasons' throughout Year 1 for the rest of this term.

TAG RUGBY

Last week, two teams of children from Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Stevenage Rugby Club. Both teams played extremely well and demonstrated the value of Unity throughout. One of the teams came 4th in their group and the other came 7th in theirs. The children were very well behaved and represented the school perfectly.

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL CLUB

The new afterschool Netball Club for Years 5 & 6 started this week and was a great success. Just a reminder to parents that this finishes at 4.15pm - please ensure you are here to collect your child at that time.

SPONSORED FAMILY FUN RUN

Year 2 held a sponsored run in the school grounds at the end of last term. Thank you to all the parents/carers who took part and for sponsoring the children. We are still collecting money - the sum raised will be donated to the Bluebell Children's Ward at Lister Hospital.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will take place in the Family Room at **9.00 – 10.00am on Thursday 4th December**, where you can meet with Miss Bridge (Year 5/6 Assistant Head) and Mrs Yendell (FS Assistant Head). They look forward to hearing your views.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2015

If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2015-16.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2015**. Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come to 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 should choose up to four schools, so please decide on this information beforehand.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 20/10	w/c 3/11
ASH	85.7	93.7
BEECH	96.7	90.3
BIRCH	88.3	88.7
CHERRY	93.2	87.9
CHESTNUT	88.3	96.9
CEDAR	84.1	98.3
ELDER	96.2	98.3
ELM	95.5	97.2
FIR	96	95
HAZEL	98.3	93.8
HORNBEAM	95.2	97.9
LIME	95.2	95.2
LARCH	94.5	98.3
PINE	97.4	100
POPLAR	95.4	90.4
WHITEBEAM	92.7	96.2
WILLOW	95.6	91.5

Congratulations to Pine Class for achieving 100% attendance w/c 3rd November.

e-SAFETY

As you are aware, at Fairlands we are committed to eSafety. As part of this we have a no mobile device policy in classrooms. This means that we ask parents not to use a mobile device (i.e. mobile phone) whilst in classrooms. This is in order to safeguard children and ensure that images of them are not captured and shared.

We are now extending this policy to the school grounds. Please can we ask that parents/carers do not photograph or video at any point on the school grounds, unless this has been previously stated by a member of staff (i.e. during class assemblies). Thank you for your continued support with eSafety at our school.

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A NON-SMOKING SITE

We cannot stop people smoking outside of the school grounds, but would ask that you are considerate of other parents/carers and, most importantly, their children by not smoking whilst waiting by the main entrance gates. Thank you for your support.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Tyler Crew (Hornbeam) who has not only recently gained his Rainbows Swimming Scheme 25m badge, but also took part in the Paediatric Diabetic East of England Games in Bedford in August and came 1st in the sack race!

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

Thank you to the Fairlands Faces, who raised an impressive £575 for school funds from the Halloween Discos.

CHICKEN POX

There are a lot of children in the lower building who are absent from school with Chicken Pox. Chicken Pox is a mild and common illness that most children catch at some point. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off.

Chickenpox is infectious from one to two days before the rash starts, until all the blisters have crusted over (usually five to six days after the start of the rash).

For more information on Chicken Pox visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox>

EBOLA VIRUS – Advice for Parents

Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of children catching the Ebola Virus.

The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.

Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.

It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school.

Further information on the Government's response to the Ebola virus can be found on GOV.UK.

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

Thurs 20 th Nov Upper Hall	Yr4 Parents Class Assembly
Monday 1st Dec	Christmas Post Boxes Out
Thursday 4th Dec 9-10am	Parent Forum in Lower Building Family Room
Weds 10 th Dec	Nurs to Yr 4 to Pantomime
Thurs 11 th Dec	Years 5 & 6 to Pantomime
Thursday 11th Dec 3.30 – 4.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 19 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 5th Jan	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th Jan	Return to School