



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe I'm saying this... **Christmas is nearly here!** We are doing Christmas in style, as we always do at Fairlands, so please make sure you come along and get involved in all the activities, productions and events that are going on. I know it is such a busy time of year, but please find time amongst all the shopping, decorating & feasting to get involved in our celebrations – it will be lovely to see you!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

ELM MINI OLYMPICS

Elm class had a great time at the KS1 Mini Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre a couple of weeks ago. They had the opportunity to try lots of different sports and represented Fairlands School with lots of enthusiasm. Fir and Elder classes will have the opportunity to take part in this adventure in the new year.

MODERN LANGUAGES

This week the children have been learning 'merci', which means 'thank you'. Next week the children will be learning to count in French, they will learn 'un, deux, trois', which means 'one, two, three'.

As we are fast approaching Christmas, why not have a look at this fantastic resource: 'Calendrier de L'Avent en Chansons'. Simply type it into google and you will be able to enjoy a new festive song each day during Advent.

YEAR 3 WOW DAY

Year 3 will be having their WoW Day on Friday 12th December. We would like all Year 3 children to come dressed as their favourite Superhero.

PARENT FORUM

The next Parent Forum will take place in the Family Room from **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.

SMOKING IN THE ALLEYWAY

The School Council recently brought up that many children find it unpleasant when adults smoke in the alleyway between the school gates. We have decided to have a competition to make the best posters that will politely persuade smokers to not smoke there. Please send your posters into your classes' School Council Representative by **Friday, 12th December**.

OVERFLOWING BINS

We are aware that the rubbish bins in Pound Avenue have become full to overflowing and have alerted the council to this problem, as these bins are their responsibility, not the school's.

Our School Council representatives will be discussing this problem and it will be an item on the agenda at next week's Parent Forum.

In the meantime, please could we ask that parents help the situation by using bins on the school site when the street bins are full. Thank you.

SPONSORED FAMILY FUN RUN

We now have a total for the Year 2 Sponsored Family Fun Run – they raised £310, which will be donated to the Bluebell Children's Ward at Lister Hospital – well done!

BOOK FAIR

This year's Book Fair was a great success. Thank you for your support. We earned £393 commission, which will be spent on books for the school.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for everyone who took part in the non-school uniform day for Children in Need – we raised an impressive £410.

SCHOOL MENU

A copy of the Autumn/Winter 2014/15 School Lunch Menu can now be downloaded from the school website. You can also access the menu, plus information about school meals, at www.hertscatering.co.uk

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 10/11	w/c 17/11
ASH	87	71.3
BEECH	87.7	80.3
BIRCH	71.1	83.3
CHERRY	88.7	94.1
CHESTNUT	90	96.3
CEDAR	92.1	95.5
ELDER	97.2	93.8
ELM	99	95.7
FIR	95	97.7
HAZEL	97.7	97.3
HORNBEAM	94.5	95.9
LIME	96.3	90.4
LARCH	97.3	94.7
PINE	92.7	95.9
POPLAR	99.6	91.2
WHITEBEAM	98.5	96.2
WILLOW	97.8	95.9

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

All Christmas dates can be found on the school website or in the letter sent out last week called 'Christmas 2014 at Fairlands!'

Thursday 4 th Dec 9-10am	Parent Forum in Lower Building Family Room
Monday 5 th Jan	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th Jan	Return to School