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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a very busy and productive half term and are all looking forward to next week's break. We wish you all a safe and relaxing October half term, and look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### YEAR 2 WOW DAY AND FUN RUN

Well done to Year 2, who raised a massive £473 for the Bluebell Children's Ward at Lister Hospital, by holding a Fun Run during their WoW day last Friday and as part of their 'Health Humans' topic. Thank you to all the parents who took part.

### HALLOWEEN DISCOS

The discos on Monday were a great success and raised £770 for school funds. Thank you to the Fairlands Faces for organising the event again this year.

### BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school from the 4th to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. A leaflet will be sent home on the first day back after half term, detailing all of the wonderful books that will be on offer for purchase.

### NEW MENU

The new **Autumn-Winter Pupils' Choice School Menus** were sent home yesterday.

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

### BONFIRE NIGHT

We will be offering a special Bonfire Night Menu on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Bangers or Pizza Wheel, Jacket Potato Wedges and Bonfire Cake or Jelly Sparkles.

Parents; please ensure you keep your children safe on bonfire night.

### BRITISH ROYAL LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be brought round to the classes each afternoon when we return to school after half term. Children may bring in cash donations each day if they wish to.

### SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO

There are still **7 weeks** to go before the whole school goes to the pantomime - 'Oh yes there are!' Why not pay in weekly instalments and spread the cost, especially if you have more than one child going. Please can we also request that you use Wisepay if at all possible.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 5/10/15	w/c 12/10/15
ACORNS AM	86.7	86.7
ACORNS PM	94.3	91.4
<b>CONKERS AM</b>	97.5	<b>100</b>
CONKERS PM	85.9	97.1
ASH	88.6	93.8
<b>BEECH</b>	90.0	<b>100</b>
BIRCH	87.9	96.9
CHERRY	94.8	93.1
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	91.3	<b>94.0</b>
CEDAR	93.0	90.3
ELDER	96.9	92.4
ELM	96.3	93.3
FIR	91.4	92.9
<b>HAZEL</b>	92.7	<b>98.7</b>
HOLLY	90.0	97.5
HORNBEAM	92.3	95.7
LIME	96.6	94.8
LARCH	93.0	91.0
<b>PINE</b>	<b>98.8</b>	97.3
<b>POPLAR</b>	95.8	<b>99.2</b>
WALNUT	97.0	98.3
WILLOW	97.8	98.7

Congratulations to Conkers AM and Beech Classes for achieving 100% attendance w/c 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## RETURN TO TEACHING COURSES

Herts for Learning understand that a key priority for many schools is identifying and securing high quality teaching staff. As a result, we have developed a range of support to help our schools, including the new Teach in Herts website, reduced fees from agencies, marketing materials for schools.

We are also keen to provide support to teachers considering returning to the profession after a career break. Data from the Teach in Herts Recruitment Fair last year demonstrated that many qualified teachers have children in our schools and require support and encouragement to return to the classroom. Herts for Learning has therefore developed a Confident to Return programme for this large potential workforce. We would be very grateful if you could cut and paste the following text into your newsletters and websites to help us identify potential returning teachers so that we can encourage them to return to the classroom within Hertfordshire:

Are you a qualified teacher considering returning to the classroom?

Returning to the classroom can be quite daunting if you have been out of school for a while. We have a number of teaching vacancies in our schools and Herts for Learning are keen to provide the support you need to apply for roles and make a successful return to teaching. Our Confident to Return programme comprises of four half-day training sessions, each focussed on updating qualified teachers on a different aspect of the current curriculum. The programme also provides:

- an overview to recent changes
- practical guidance about the new expectations in schools
- latest guidance
- assessment and planning support
- current teaching styles
- units of work
- A support network of returning teachers

The programme offers an ideal platform from which to develop a support network to help you return, including professional support from school advisers and other returning teachers.

The cost of attending the programme is £250, however £125 will be refunded to individuals who are offered and accept a teaching job in a Hertfordshire school within six months of completing the course.

If you wish to register an interest in the programme, please contact Mark Green on 01438 844788 to register your interest and receive bespoke support and advice to make your return to teaching a successful and rewarding one.

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents should apply on-line at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for applications next **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

If you haven't already applied, please ensure you do so by next Thursday. Due to the closing date being during half term this will be the last reminder from us!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair in school
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Primary School on-line applications open</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Flu Vaccines</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Holly Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Hazel Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15 - 11.30am	Yr 2 to St Nicholas Church: Christmas Journey
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 to Pantomime
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nurs to Yr 4 to Pantomime
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term 1