



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many 'Superheros' in school today in support of Children in Need. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we've finished counting!

There are lots of events going on in school over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas. A letter detailing all the dates and times has been posted on the website, so please ensure you add them to your diary.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

BOOK FAIR

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Book Fair this week. We sold £857 worth of books, which gives us £514.19 commission to spend on books for the school.

CHEEKY MONKEY IS BACK

Thank you to everyone who helped in our search for Cheeky Monkey. Luckily we received a postcard from him and he arrived safely back to school on Friday, where we held a party to celebrate! We shall be keeping a close eye on him from now on to ensure no more disappearing acts!

RECEPTION CELEBRATE DIWALI

On Wednesday in Reception we celebrated Diwali, this is a Hindu festival. The children enjoyed taking part in activities such as mendhi hand designs and making diva lights. We watched a video about what happens at Diwali and listened to the story of Rama and Sita. Some children in reception were able to tell us how they celebrate Diwali with their families.

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO

Thank you to all those parents who have sent their money in by the requested day of 2nd November.

We are now in the process of finalising the seating plan and paying the final balance, therefore, if you have not yet paid, please respond to the reminder you will have received on Wednesday.

If you have any particular concerns about paying please contact the office asap.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo proofs were sent home with children last week. If you are not ordering on line, please send your order into school by **Tuesday 17th November**, with the correct money, in the plastic envelope provided.

MAKING FAIRLANDS WELCOMING!

In order to ensure all parents/carers and children are able to enjoy a safe and welcoming environment please can we ask that parents/carers refrain from smoking in alleyway entrance area. We would also ask you to think carefully about the language that you use in the direct vicinity of the school grounds.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 19/10/15	w/c 2/11/15
ACORNS AM	82.2	86.7
ACORNS PM	69.4	82.9
CONKERS AM	92.5	97.5
CONKERS PM	94.3	88.6
ASH	93.8	97.5
BEECH	95.7	95.7
BIRCH	95.2	94.5
CHERRY	80.7	96.2
CHESTNUT	100	97.7
CEDAR	89.7	94.0
ELDER	94.8	89.7
ELM	93.2	90.0
FIR	97.1	94.6
HAZEL	92.7	94.0
HOLLY	97.0	97.0
HORNBEAM	97.7	95.7
LIME	92.8	93.3
LARCH	91.3	94.0
PINE	94.2	97.7
POPLAR	96.7	98.1
WALNUT	92.6	98.7
WILLOW	97.0	94.3

GOOD LUCK TO MISS MARTIN

Today we received a special message from Santa he has asked Miss Martin, one of our Nursery teachers, for some help in Lapland! We will be sad to see her go but fear not she will return to Nursery in January.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fairlands Faces will be holding their Christmas Present room in school on **Monday 14th December**. This involves a lot of preparation beforehand - **if anyone has some spare time to help out** with present wrapping leading up to the event, please leave your name and contact number at the office and The Faces will let you know when their 'wrapping sessions' will be!

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016?

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2016-17.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2016**. 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 are advised to choose up to four schools, so please decide on this information beforehand.

PROBLEMS WITH THE BUS SERVICE?

A number of parents from the Symonds Green area tell us they often have problems with the bus service from there, which is having an effect on their child's attendance.

We would like to support those parents to try to improve this service by writing to the bus company and the local MP.

If you are a parent/carer from that area who travels by bus to school, please could we ask you keep a record of dates and times when you have a problem, including which service, and bring this into school or email us, so that we can try to address the problem.

FAMILY LIVES COFFEE MORNINGS

Sara Hassell, our Family Lives Worker, runs a coffee morning for all parents/carers **every Thursday in the Family Room from 8.30am - 12.00pm**. This is a great way to meet other parents/carers and make some time for yourself! Babies/Toddlers are very welcome too - there's plenty to keep them amused.

YOU COULD HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

Did you know that every time you shop on line you could be raising funds for our school? Log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register, select Fairlands Primary & Nursery to support and start shopping. It's that easy and doesn't cost you a penny!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)

Thursday 19 th November	Year 1 & 2 Flu Vaccines
Thursday 19 th November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Holly Class Parent/Carer Assembly - Cancelled
Thursday 26 th November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Hazel, Holly & Hornbeam Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 4 th January 2016	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1
15th to 19th February	Half Term
Friday 25th March	Good Friday
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday
Friday 1st April	End of Spring Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 18th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 19th April	Start of Summer Term