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Dear Parents and Carers

Next week sees the start of all our Christmas activities. Please make sure you check the dates on our website and the main noticeboard in the alleyway and, if necessary, request tickets for performances. 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

IF YOUR CHILD IS SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL UNWELL

If your child is sent home from school due to being sick or having diarrhoea, please ensure you keep them off school for **24 hours** after the last bout.

We will only ask you to keep them off for 48 hours if there is a sickness/stomach bug in school which is affecting a large number of children.

If your child is sent home, you will be given a letter confirming how long you should keep them off school.

PANTO

The pantomime is now only 2 weeks away - Oh yes it is!! Please would anyone who hasn't yet paid ensure they do so by the end of next week, when we have to finalise our seating plan.

FREE PE BAG WITH SCHOOL LOGO

Letters were recently sent home to parents of children in Reception to Year 5 who are not already registered for free school meals, offering a free PE bag with school logo. To receive a free bag, please **sign and return the slip to school, even if you are not entitled to any benefits.**

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Superhero day on Friday 13th November. We raised **£400** for Children in Need.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We presently have some vacancies on the school's governing body.

If you would like to be more involved in the management of your child's school, and would be interested in becoming a governor, you are invited to come along to an information session on **Friday, 4th December** between **9.10 and 10.10am** in the **Family Room**, where Julie Jeffries and Jo Wibberley-Young, from our present governing body, will be able to answer any questions you might have.

If you can't come along on Friday, but would like some more information, please contact the school office and they will ask a member of the governing body to contact you.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 9/11/15	w/c 16/11/15
ACORNS AM	93.3	88.9
ACORNS PM	91.4	88.6
CONKERS AM	97.5	97.5
CONKERS PM	100	100
ASH	96.5	99.3
BEECH	96.0	85.0
BIRCH	95.6	95.7
CHERRY	93.1	92.8
CHESTNUT	99.0	97.3
CEDAR	92.0	91.0
ELDER	94.5	97.2
ELM	92.4	89.6
FIR	97.1	97.5
HAZEL	99.3	95.7
HOLLY	98.5	94.8
HORNBEAM	99.3	93.0
LIME	93.3	95.0
LARCH	97.3	99.0
PINE	98.1	94.2
POPLAR	97.4	94.1
WALNUT	99.6	94.8
WILLOW	95.2	98.7

CONGRATULATIONS



I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating Miss Perkins on her recent wedding, which took place during half term. Her new name is Mrs Dendy.

PARKING

Please can we ask parents/carers not to park on the grass in the school car parks, as this is causing damage to those areas. Thank you.

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.

PARENT 2 PARENT

Parent 2 Parent is a unique, new programme for parents which will be offered to parents of children at Fairlands School from January. The Parent2Parent programme shares with parents and carers a number of simple, proven and effective ideas that can be adopted to help children be the best learners they can be.

For more details visit:

www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/news/parent2parent

The 6 week course, which is free to attend, will be run at the school starting Tuesday 26th January. If interested, please contact Sara Hassell on 07805 523480 or email sara at sarah@familylives.org.uk

WELL DONE

Well done to Remiero, Year 5, who was awarded a certificate in our Achievement Assembly for representing Stevenage in a District Football Competition, which took place at Tottenham Hotspur's training ground.

Remiero was part of a 13 man squad which took part in the English Schools FA N&W London Regional Final on 14th November and played a significant part in the team's victory. Following a penalty shootout, Stevenage won 3-0, crowned as champions and will now qualify for the national final next June, which will be held at either the Manchester United or Manchester City ground in June.

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

All **CHRISTMAS DATES** can be found on the 'Christmas at Fairlands 2015' letter on the website and advertised on the main entrance alleyway noticeboard.

Thurs 3rd December	Year 5 to RAF Hendon
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

REMINDER: School finishes at **2.15pm** on **Friday 18th December.**