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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see all the children engaged in our Christmas activities and plays – and good to see so much support from parents at these events as well. Well done to all the staff for their hard work in the preparations for all the performances.

Next week we say farewell to Miss Leach. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to our school and wishing her the very best for the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am** on **Tuesday, 5th January, 2015.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Thank you to all the children who took time to enter the story writing competition, organised by McCarthy and Stone, over half term. All the entries reflected how well loved and respected grandparents are in our community.

After much deliberation, George K in year 6 was chosen as the winner. Janet Plant, of McCarthy and Stone, presented George with his £100 book token during assembly. George was particularly praised for his well chosen vocabulary, varied sentence structure, paragraph organisation and the sense of enthusiasm that he created. Year 6 also received a gift card to spend on year group resources at Hobbycraft.

eSAFETY POSTER

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent eSafety competition. We had some great entries from all year groups.

The winners of the competition now form the **new eSafety group**. (Reception: Lauren, Year 1: Harry, Year 2: Bromlee, Year 3: Lily, Year 4: Mia, Year 5: Janay and Year 6: Noel.)

On Monday we had our first eSafety meeting over a celebratory lunch. Thank you to cook for providing us with some lovely food! We will be meeting again in January so please make sure you speak to your eSafety representative if there is something you would like us to discuss.

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

Just a reminder that the children will be having their Christmas Party lunches next week.

Nursery to Year 2 on Wednesday 16th
Years 3 to 6 on Thursday 17th

It would be lovely to see all children joining us for this special meal.

Don't forget, on the day your child is not having their Christmas lunch, there will only be a packed lunch school meal option

ATTENDANCE AWARD

| | w/c 23/11/15 | w/c 30/11/15 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| ACORNS AM | 82.2 | 82.0 |
| ACORNS PM | 68.6 | 82.9 |
| CONKERS AM | 82.5 | 90 |
| CONKERS PM | 96.9 | 90 |
| ASH | 94.1 | 88.7 |
| BEECH | 93.3 | 94.7 |
| BIRCH | 96.7 | 97.3 |
| CHERRY | 94.1 | 86.2 |
| CHESTNUT | 92.7 | 96.3 |
| CEDAR | 92.7 | 90 |
| ELDER | 93.8 | 92.1 |
| ELM | 92.7 | 90 |
| FIR | 95.0 | 95.7 |
| HAZEL | 96.6 | 86.6 |
| HOLLY | 96.3 | 95.2 |
| HORNBEAM | 94.0 | 91.0 |
| LIME | 90.0 | 95.7 |
| LARCH | 92.3 | 94.0 |
| PINE | 94.6 | 93.1 |
| POPLAR | 93.7 | 94.3 |
| WALNUT | 95.7 | 93.9 |
| WILLOW | 98.7 | 97.4 |

**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

**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.

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| 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.

