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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone and HAPPY NEW YEAR! We have started this year focusing on Politeness in our Values Education. We will be thinking about our table manners, holding doors open for people and generally being very considerate and helpful! Please let us know if your child demonstrates any superb examples of politeness at home and they may get a Values Certificate in assembly on Friday!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

TIME FOR SCHOOL

Please ensure your child is at school by **8.50am each morning**. The morning register is taken promptly, so the children are quickly settled on the carpet and ready to start their lessons at 9.00am. This is an extremely important time of the day for your child and it is really unsettling for them to walk into a class when they are late.

THE MIGHTY ROAST DINNER DAY

Thursday 21st January is School Census Day, when we submit a return to HCC which has an impact on the amount of funding the school receives. One of the areas that impacts on this is the number of children in Reception to Year 2 who have taken a Universal School Meal on that day.

To encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on **Thursday**, we are having a '**Mighty Roast Dinner Day**' of roast beef or vegetarian sausages, with rich gravy (optional) and lots of lovely vegetables, crisp roast potatoes and served with a giant Yorkshire pudding, followed by a yummy dessert – Yum!

PARENT 2 PARENT

Parent 2 Parent is a unique, new programme for 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

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 7/12/15	w/c 14/12/15	w/c 05/01/16
ACORNS AM	80	92.0	100
ACORNS PM	80	80.0	87.5
CONKERS AM	77.5	72.5	100
CONKERS PM	93.3	100	100
ASH	96.4	97.5	95.0
BEECH	95.0	97.5	100
BIRCH	97.7	91.3	95.8
CHERRY	90.3	89.3	91.3
CHESTNUT	98.7	96.7	100
CEDAR	94.3	94.7	90.8
ELDER	98.6	90.3	91.4
ELM	97.0	97.4	94.9
FIR	94.3	92.9	96.4
HAZEL	93.4	90.0	89.5
HOLLY	97.3	95.9	91.3
HORNBEAM	96.3	98.7	97.5
LIME	96.3	96.7	92.5
LARCH	90.7	95.0	94.2
PINE	95.4	95.0	99.0
POPLAR	95.0	95.8	96.1
WALNUT	98.3	97.4	90.2
WILLOW	98.7	94.8	99.5

Congratulations to all those classes who have achieved 100% attendance!

SCARLET FEVER

There has been a case of scarlet fever reported in school. A fact file about this condition can be found on the school website under recent downloads.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

If your child is unwell due to sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure you keep them off school for **24 hours** after the last bout.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

In the event of extreme weather, please be reassured that **we will do everything in our power to stay open**. We will only close if:

- risk assessments indicate that it is unsafe for children & parents to access the site,
- not enough staff are able to attend their workplace, again leading to unsafe levels of supervision for the children.

It is always a difficult decision to make to close school and we do appreciate the impact it has, particularly on working parents. **Where possible**, in order to help you plan childcare, a decision will be made **between noon and 3pm the day before closure** and a **wisepay notification** will be issued.

If you are unsure about whether the school is open, you should:

- Check the school **website**
- Check www.hertsdirect.org
- Listen to **106 Jack FM** – if we are not mentioned, then the school is open.
- Check the **notice** on front of the **school gate**

Only if we close early once the school day has started will parents be contacted individually and asked to collect their child. We will always try to avoid this situation happening.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ben (Pine Class), who achieved his Green Belt - 6th Kyu ShO in Karate at the end of last term.

LONDON SEALIFE AQUARIUM HALF PRICE ENTRY

We have a limited number of vouchers offering half price entry to the London Sea Life Aquarium in London, to see the UK's most awesome shark collection! These are available from the school offices.

EASTER HOLIDAY

We have had a number of enquiries about this year's Easter holiday dates. There is a long weekend for **Easter (Friday 25th to Monday 28th March)** and then we **return to school and finish at 2.15pm on Friday 1st April** for a two week break, **returning to school on Tuesday 19th April**.

MAKE A FUTURE SPARKLE

In Hertfordshire there are more than 1000 children and young people in care at any given time – children whose own families aren't able to give them a safe and secure home in which to grow and thrive.

These children and young people all have the potential to achieve so much and our committed and inspirational foster carers know that, with their guidance and support, they can make a child's future sparkle.

We need more foster carers who can encourage, guide and build confidence in children and young people. We need carers who can do those little everyday things that many children take for granted but which make a huge difference when their previous experience of family life may have been unsafe or chaotic.

Our foster carers come from all walks of life and have had many different life experiences. Please don't discount yourself based on age or circumstances – if you have at least one spare bedroom and would love to make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, we want to hear from you.

We also have opportunities for Shared Carers – those who provide valuable help and support to children with disabilities and their families.

If you would like to know more about fostering or Shared Care, please call us on 0800 917 0925 or visit www.hertsdirect.org/fostering

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

Thursday 21st Jan 2.30pm Upper Hall	ASH Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Thursday 28th Jan 2.30pm Upper Hall	CHERRY Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Thursday 4th Feb 2.30pm Upper Hall	FIR Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Tuesday 9th Feb	On-Line Nursery Applications Open
Thursday 11th Feb 2.30pm Upper Hall	HOLLY Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
15th to 19th February	Half Term
Thursday 3rd March 2.30pm Upper Hall	LIME Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Thursday 10th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	POPLAR Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Thursday 24th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	WILLOW Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Friday 25th March	Good Friday
Monday 28th March	Easter Monday
Thursday 31st March 2.30pm Upper Hall	BEECH Class Parent/ Carer Assembly