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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Following consultations with school representative bodies, governing body groups and Hertfordshire Police HCC have amended the Hertfordshire Code of Conduct and process for issuing penalty notices for unauthorised absence.

From Monday 1st February, if your child has 6+ sessions unauthorised absence in the present and previous term, you will receive a letter warning you that, should unauthorised absence reach more than 15 in the current and/or previous term, the Local Authority may issue you with a penalty notice.

It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child is in school. Ongoing unauthorised absence could lead to a Penalty Notice being issued, which is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days and £120 if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the fine is not paid within 28 days parents could be prosecuted for their child's poor attendance.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

CHANGE FOR LIFE OLYMPICS

Year 3 and Lime Class had a fantastic time at the SSFT Change for Life Olympics on Wednesday. They took part in a variety of activities including; hockey, cycling, cricket, gymnastics, rugby, athletics and even played indoor kurling and challenged each other at fencing.

All the children behaved fantastically and were a real credit to Fairlands. If you would like to see the children in action, please come and look at our photo display in the Year 2/3 corridor **next Friday**.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Larch Class didn't take part in the Olympics on Wednesday, as they are busy preparing for a **Dance Festival** which they are taking part in at the Gordon Craig Theatre on **Friday 12th February**. More details will be sent home to Larch class shortly.

SCIENCE WEEK 14th – 18th March

During Science Week we are investigating the subject of FLIGHT. We are looking for 'science experts' to come into school to share their knowledge of anything flight related during that week. Please let us know if you, or anyone you know can help with this.

500 WORDS

BBC2 have launched their annual '500 Words' writing competition. Children are invited to write a story on any subject that excites them, using no more than 500 words. The competition is aimed at children aged 5 -13.

We would like all children at Fairlands to take part and submit an entry. Some children will be doing so as part of their class work, others will be given a short story writing task for homework.

Details about the competition can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1 or just type '500 words' in your search engine.

We look forward to hearing the children's story entries over the next few weeks. Please support your child with developing their ideas in whatever way you are able.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended last week's Parent Forum, where Miss Verlander, our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), discussed the school's Special Educational Needs Information Report and answered questions about how we support Special Education Needs (SEN) at the school.

The next Parent Forum will be held on **Friday 26th February 9.00 – 10.00am** in the Family Room. Please put this date in your diary and we will send out an agenda nearer the time.

ACTIVE KIDS IS BACK FOR 2016

Sainsburys have launched this year's Active Kids scheme and vouchers are now being issued in store until 3rd May.

In the main Sainsburys stores you will get one voucher for every £10 you spend but, unlike previous years, all your vouchers will be printed on one piece of paper. In Sainsburys Locals you will be given the old type of voucher and will get one for every £5 you spend.

Please help us to collect as many vouchers as possible so we can order lots of free sports and cooking equipment for our school.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We welcome children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, but please ensure they **do not ride them in the school grounds** as this is dangerous.

Could we also ask that, if children are leaving their bikes/scooters at school, you ensure they are clearly identified with your child's name in some way and remind parents/carers they are left on the premises at your own risk.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Herts Catering are celebrating Chinese New on **Monday 8th February** with a special menu:

Chicken Chow Mein & Rice
or
Sweet & Sour Quorn & Rice
or
Tuna Roll

Followed by Lychee Fruit Salad with a Cookie

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2016?

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you can apply for a nursery place for the school year 2016-17 **from Tuesday 9th February**.

This year, we will be having just one in-take into nursery, which will be in September.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **application deadline Friday 18th March 2016**. Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line or would like help with their application are welcome to use a school computer. Please contact the school office first to arrange a convenient time.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 11/01/16	w/c 18/01/16
ACORNS AM	98.9	84.3
ACORNS PM	86.7	72.0
CONKERS AM	97.9	98.9
CONKERS PM	95.7	94.3
ASH	98.0	95.3
BEECH	91.7	94.7
BIRCH	95.9	95.9
CHERRY	95.3	92.4
CHESTNUT	97.2	96.9
CEDAR	93.9	92.1
ELDER	96.4	98.2
ELM	95.9	95.6
FIR	97.9	97.5
HAZEL	94.4	96.9
HOLLY	97.3	93.8
HORNBEAM	96.0	88.7
LIME	98.0	96.7
LARCH	94.3	96.6
PINE	97.7	98.5
POPLAR	95.6	94.8
WALNUT	97.7	96.4
WILLOW	93.5	97.4

CHEAP HOLIDAY TIP

Due to the way the Easter break falls this year, we have noticed that there are cheap holidays available to book for the w/c 10th April. A rare opportunity to get a cheap holiday during the school holidays!

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

Thursday 4 th Feb 2.30pm Upper Hall	FIR Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Tuesday 9 th Feb	On-Line Nursery Applications Open
Thursday 11 th Feb	Year 3 to Tring Natural History Museum
15th to 19th February	Half Term
Friday 26 th February	Parent Forum
Thursday 3 rd March 2.30pm Upper Hall	LIME Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Tuesday 8 th March	Class Photos
Thursday 10 th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	POPLAR Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Thursday 24 th March 2.30pm Upper Hall	WILLOW Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday
Thursday 31 st March 2.30pm Upper Hall	BEECH Class Parent/ Carer Assembly
Friday 1 st April : 2.15pm	End of Spring Term 2