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Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a very busy start to 2016 and are looking forward to next week's half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back at school, refreshed and ready to learn, on **Monday 22nd February**.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

YEAR 3 TRIP TO TRING NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the National History Museum in Tring. We took part in a workshop exploring different skeletons of animals and explored the galleries, which contained many difference species. The children enjoyed the experience of being close to the exhibits and making close observational drawings. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along.

STEVENAGE DANCE FESTIVAL

Larch class are taking part in a Dance Festival today at the Gordon Craig Theatre. They have been practising hard working on a dramatic performance of 'The Massacre at Lindisfarne' - the Vikings vs the Peaceful Monks. The children have shown great determination with a very difficult piece of music to interpret. Well done Larch Class!

PARENT FORUM

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.

MOTHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

The Fairlands Faces will be running a Mothers Day Present Room during the school day on **Wednesday 2nd March**. If any parents/carers have some free time to help wrap presents for this event, please give your name in at the school office and one of the Fairlands Faces will be in touch.

YEAR 6 EASTER SCHOOL

Year 6 parents/carers will soon receive information about this year's Easter School, which will be run in school on the 13th and 14th of April.

Please keep these important dates free - these classes will be open to all children in Year 6. We will revise key reading, writing and maths skills and will also support children with completing the extensive amount of homework they will be given over the Easter Holiday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Just a reminder to Years 1, 2 and 6 parents of important dates next term - Please avoid any unnecessary absence during these dates:

Year 2 SATS: w/c 16th and 23rd May

Year 6 SATS: w/c 9th May

Year 1 Phonics Testing: w/c 13th and 20th June

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN SEPTMEBER 2016?

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

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 25/01/16	w/c 01/02/16
ACORNS AM	93.3	92.2
ACORNS PM	69.3	56.0
CONKERS AM	94.7	88.4
CONKERS PM	91.4	91.4
ASH	98.0	86.7
BEECH	93.3	87.3
BIRCH	95.9	97.9
CHERRY	94.1	98.0
CHESTNUT	88.3	94.5
CEDAR	74.5	91.0
ELDER	91.1	94.3
ELM	95.2	95.0
FIR	97.1	97.9
HAZEL	97.3	93.1
HOLLY	96.5	95.1
HORNBEAM	93.0	97.0
LIME	98.3	98.0
LARCH	90.7	93.7
PINE	95.8	96.5
POPLAR	94.4	94.4
WALNUT	98.2	96.8
WILLOW	100	99.6

PARKING REQUEST

Please do not park in the disabled bays in the parent car parks unless you are a Blue Badge holder. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unavoidably absent from school due to being unwell, please ensure you inform us by 10.00am on the first day of absence. You can contact us by phone on 01438 351053 (speak to us or leave a message on the answerphone), text to 07970731154 or, alternatively send an email to admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk.

If we do not hear from you by 10.00am we will phone you. If you do not answer, we will leave a message or send a text.

If you do not respond and do not send a note in with your child on their return, we will send a letter home with your child.

If you do not respond to this, we will post a letter home to you.

If we still do not receive a reason for your child's absence, this will be marked as unauthorised. Ongoing unauthorised absence could lead to a Penalty Notice being issued.

Please note that, if you provide us with a reason on the first day of your child's absence, you do not need to phone every day, unless there is a change in your child's condition which we should be aware of. However, if your child is absent for more than 3 days, please do update us on their expected return. If we have not heard from you we will contact you to see how your child is.

HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Re-infestations are becoming troublesome, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

The wet-combing method is the recommended preventative method.

Head lice may be cleared over a two-week period by the following method:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.

- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip - so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Please be aware that, as having headlice is not an illness, absence from school for treatment will not be authorised. If you notice your child has headlice in the morning before school, please treat using the wet combing method and then bring them in - if necessary, let us know they might be late.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)	
15th to 19th February	Half Term
Friday 26 th February	Parent Forum
Weds 2nd March	Mothers' Day Present Room
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
Tuesday 22nd March 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 23rd March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
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
Weds 13th and Thurs 14th April	Year 6 Easter School
Monday 18th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 19th April	Start of Summer Term 1