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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have a very eventful week next week, leading up to the end of term. I hope you will be able to join us in the town centre on Monday afternoon, when Years 5 & 6 will be carol singing from 2-3pm, and on Wednesday morning for our Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church (**Years 5 & 6 : 9.30am and Years 3 & 4 : 11.00am**). Please arrive early to guarantee a seat!

Don't forget, school finishes at **2.15pm next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. I hope you all have a very enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

### PRE-SCHOOL ALL SET TO OPEN!

The refurbishment of the pre-school classroom has now been completed and everything is set for the Grand Opening in January 2009.

Nicky & Tricia, the pre-school managers, are holding an Open Evening from 6.30-8pm next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, so please feel free to pop in to see the new facilities.

We are really excited about this new development - coupled with our high-quality Foundation Stage, it will mean we have some of the best early years provision in Stevenage!

### MATHS ROADSHOW

It was lovely to see so many parents and children at our mathematics problem solving evening last week. There was a wide range of puzzles and games for everybody to try - some people were enjoying themselves so much they didn't want to leave! We are hoping to run another evening like this next term, so please look out for further details. Thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising the event.

### FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Well done to the Foundation Stage and KS1 on this week's wonderful Christmas performances of 'Whoopsadaisy Angel' and 'The Christmas Nativity'. Thank you to all the parents/carers and other family members for coming to watch and to the staff for all their hard work.

### FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday's Christmas Fayre was another great success, raising £580 towards school funds. Well done and thank you to the Friends for all their hard work in organising this event, and to those members of staff who came along to help. Thank you also to everyone who came along to support us on the day.

I would like to say a particular thank you to Mrs Woods, who spent many hours in the weeks leading up to the event creating the wonderful artwork for Santa's grotto!

### THANK YOU!



This week, we say an enormous thankyou to **Mr Horner, our legendary Premises Manager!** He has been working very hard recently as it has been a major year for development of the building, including recovering from the fire, refurbishing nearly all the classrooms and creating the pre-school setting.

Mr Horner has worked in the school for an amazing 30 years, since April 1978 (!) and makes a huge contribution to Fairlands, including sorting out all the computers and ICT, making sure the building is safe and sound and always having a big smile for everybody.

So **THANK YOU** very much for everything you do!

### ATTENDANCE AWARD



Well done to Hawthorn for winning the award w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November with 97.2% and to Hornbeam for achieving 98% attendance w/c 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### DINNER MONEY

School Dinner money next half term is **£1.75 per day / £8.75 per week / £50.75 for the half term.**

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.50 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals).

### MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are advertising for 5 MSA's to work at Fairlands. For further details please see this week's Comet Newspaper or enquire at the school office.

### FAIRLANDS SCHOOL'S PUBLICATION SCHEME

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, any person has a legal right to ask a school for access to information that it holds. Details of Fairlands School's Publication Scheme can be found at [www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk](http://www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk) or a copy can be requested from the school office.

### SCHOOL CROSSING LIGHTS

Please be aware that there is a problem with the school crossing lights on Sish Lane, meaning that they are not always working properly. The fault has been reported and the crossing is always manned by Mrs Poole-Taberner at the beginning and end of the school day.

### LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK?

Spring Meadows After school club are looking for a second 'Walker' to help walk the afterschool club children from Fairlands Primary School to the club, which is based at The Barclay School. Hours required 3:15- 3:45 Monday - Friday (Term Time only).

Someone with their own children would be accepted, provided their child is over 4 yrs old. For more details contact Louise Prior on 07738 570321 or [louise@SpringMeadows.co.uk](mailto:louise@SpringMeadows.co.uk)

### IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY IN 2009-09?

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 please apply now for a nursery place for the school year 2009-2010.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **Application deadline 20th January 2009.** Alternatively, telephone for a pack on 01438 737500 (01923 471500 for 01923 callers) between 8am & 8pm from Mon - Fri & 9am - 4pm on Saturday.

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line will be able to come into school on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January between 9.00am and 12.30pm** and use a school computer (KS2 building). A member of staff will be available to help! If you are unable to come in on the 14<sup>th</sup>, please telephone the office to arrange a more convenient time.

### CHRISTMAS DISCO IN AID OF TRACKS (AUTISM)

**Tracks** (a charity for children with Autism and related disorders that offers a specialist pre-school and respite service) are holding a **Christmas Disco on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** at the QEII Social Club, WGC from 7.30pm until 12.00am. Cost £5 per person, £8 per couple, £10 per family. Tickets **not** available on the night. For more information contact Sam on 01707 267331

### DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2 - 3pm	Year 5 & 6 Carol Singing in Stevenage Town Centre
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Lunch
Weds, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am : Years 5 & 6 11.00am : Years 3 & 4	Carol Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec - pm	KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term <b>2.15 finish</b>
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009	INSET Day
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009	Return to School