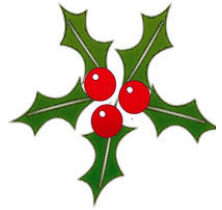


WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Goodness me, what a busy term it has been! As usual, we have celebrated Christmas in style at Fairlands – I was so proud to see the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children performing on the big stage for the first time at our Christmas performances! The Key Stage 2 children also did us proud with some lovely singing at Holy Trinity Church and in the Westgate Centre – they represented the school superbly and brought some real Christmas joy to us all.

So, **I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas**, wish you a **very Happy New Year** and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am on Tuesday, 5th January, 2010**.

Robert Staples, Headteacher

FRIENDS OF FAIRLANDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Once again, the FoF Christmas Fayre was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and, especially, to the Friends for their hard work, raising **£594** – well done.

BEST WISHES

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Foster as she goes off on maternity leave. I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing her and Mr Foster the very best and we look forward to hearing all about their new arrival in the New Year.

TWO SPECIAL THANK YOU'S!



The first thank-you goes this week to **Keith Smith**, one of our parent governors – he recently came into school to plant fifteen laurel bushes outside the staffroom!

The second big thank you goes to the **Foundation and Key Stage 1 teams**: I know you worked SO hard on the Christmas performances – it paid off, because they were brilliant!

DINNER MONEY

School Dinner money next half term is as follows :

£1.80 per day / £9.00 per week / £52.20 for the half term.

Nursery Lunch Club : £3.60 per day (£1.85 for those entitled to Free School Meals).

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 30/11	w/c 7/12
ASH	84.1	90
BEECH	90.3	79.3
CHERRY	93.3	89.2
CHESTNUT	97.6	74.4
ELDER	91.7	85
ELM	87.5	91.2
HAZEL	91.7	81.2
HAWTHORN	86.7	90.8
HORNBEAM	95	90.8
LARCH	87.3	89.1
LIME	92.7	88.1
LABURNUM	89.6	82.6

CHANGE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM DELIVERY COSTS

Please note that from Monday, 1st February, YourSchoolUniform.com will be introducing a nominal charge of £1.95 for orders below £35. Free delivery will still apply to orders of £35 and over.

REMINDER TO NURSERY PARENTS/CARERS

Just a reminder that, as Miss Morgan and Mrs Johnson will be carrying out home visits for our new nursery children during the first week of term, the **nursery will be closed until Monday, 11th January**.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Alissa Crew (ASH), who has passed the test for Tiger Tots Gymnastics, Award Level 4.

**'IT'S A DAD'S LIFE'
SORTING OUT ARGUMENTS IN THE FAMILY**

Dads – do you want help keeping the peace at home? Then this 7 week Parentlineplus workshop with Sara Hassell is for you. **Monday evenings, 7.30pm – 9.30pm** at Fairlands Primary commencing **Monday, 11th January**. For more information or to book a place call Sara on 07805 523480.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2010-11?

If your child was born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 please apply now for a reception place for the school year 2010-2011. Information has already been sent out to parents. The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions - **Application deadline 29th January 2010.**

Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line can come into school and use a school computer. Please contact Mrs Dunthorne, in the office, who will arrange a time for you to come in and, if needed, help you with your application.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The Stevenage Sporting Links Programme are running a day of multi-sport activities for children 8 years and over, at Marriotts Sports College on Monday, 21st December 10am till 3pm (Cost £15 for the day, siblings £12.50), giving you an opportunity to finish your Christmas shopping alone! Contact 01438 314537 for more information.

CHRISTMAS SYNTHETIC ICE RINK

There's fun for the whole family at Stevenage Town Square from Saturday, 19th to Thursday, 24th December. Open daily 10am – 6pm, sessions every ½ hour, £3 per session, skate hire free. For further information contact 01438 740884.

**DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010
NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD**

Monday, 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday, 5 th January	Return to school (not nursery)
Monday, 11 th January	Nursery return to school
Monday, 11 th Jan	Gym Club Starts
Monday, 11 th Jan 7.30pm – 9.30pm	It's a Dad's Life : Parentlineplus 7 week workshop starts
Thursday, 21 st Jan 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Little Samurai Warriors Club Starts
Friday, 29 th January	Closing date for Primary Applications
Wednesday, 3 rd Feb 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Parent Forum