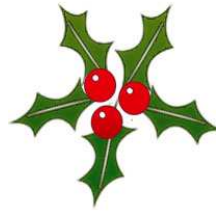


WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are, nearly at the end of another very busy term, seeing Ofsted come and go and the school continue to move from strength to strength. All the staff and children have worked very hard, and deserve a well-earned Christmas break!

Well done to the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 – we really enjoyed your fantastic performances! And again, thank you to the staff who spent many hours preparing for these Christmas events with the children!

It was also great to see so many parents and children attending our Christmas Craft Fayre, a brand new event for Fairlands. Thank you to the Friends for making it such a success!

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 Wednesday 5th January 2011** and don't forget, school closes at **2.15pm next Friday, 17th December**.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU!



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Kath Lord**, who sadly leaves us at the end of this term.

We thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school – we will all miss her lovely smile !

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 22/11	w/c 29/11
ASH	87	77.3
BEECH	85.7	84.3
CHERRY	94.7	81.7
CHESTNUT	72.7	68.7
ELDER	89.2	90
ELM	88.8	82
HAZEL	85	76.8
HORNBEAM	92.1	94.4
LIME	64.2	82.8
LARCH	91.6	76.8
PINE	90.6	82.2
POPLAR	86.2	89.4
WILLOW	78.7	87.7

POPPY APPEAL

We have received a thank you from the Royal British Legion to Fairlands Primary School for donating a total of £67.86 to the Poppy Appeal this year.

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of **Fairlands Fathers** will take place on **Monday, 13th December** at Fairlands School in the **Lower Building Staff** room from **7.30-9.30pm**. **All dads are welcome!** This is a chance for dads to meet other dads at an informal 'coffee evening'. No commitment, no hidden agenda, no cost. Just dads meeting once a month. Visit www.fairlands-fathers.co.uk for further information.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will be on next week (except for Year 5/6 football training). When we return in January, Skill 7 will restart on Monday, 10th, Multi-Sports (Foundation Stage) will start on Tuesday, 11th, Street Soccer and Cheerleading Wednesday 12th and Gymnastics Thursday, 13th January.

MULTIPLICATION MADNESS

Come and join us next **Monday, 13th (KS1)** or **Tuesday, 14th (KS2)** in the Lower Building from **3.30pm – 4.00pm** to share some Christmas multiplication activities with your child, and see how well they have done working towards their Reaching High Targets. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have children in both Key Stages, please feel free to come on either day!

KEY STAGE 2 SHARED READING

Your child would love to share the wonderful work in their topic book with you – come and join us from 9.00 to 9.20am on Thursday, 16th December.

WELL DONE

Very well done to Alissa Crew (Chestnut Class) who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 1.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Fairlands are taking part in Holy Trinity's Annual Christmas Tree Festival. Please check the Church notice board to find out when you can go and view our contribution in the church!

WISEPAY

Just a reminder that **we can now take on-line payments for school meals using your debit / credit cards.** Letters were sent home with every child, detailing how to log on and use the Wisepay system. Anyone who does not have access to a computer is welcome to come into school to use one here. We do hope that all parents will use this new system, therefore, reducing the need to send cash/cheques into school.

PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Could you help complete an online questionnaire for the Family Services Directory?

The FSD need approx 5 adults to come into school one evening in January 2011 (date to be confirmed) and help answer questions and use a PC. A member of the FSD will be there to conduct the session.

Places are limited to max 5, refreshments will be available and you will be offered a Gift Voucher for your time. If you think you can help please give your name and contact telephone to the school office.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2011-12?

If your child was born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007 please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2011-12.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2011.** Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come into the office and use a computer. If you would like help with your application, please contact the office first to arrange a convenient time to come in.

BBC THREE COUNTIES

When snow falls across Hertfordshire, BBC Three Counties Radio will be broadcasting school closures and extensive travel news on 95.4FM (North Herts). If you can't get access to a radio, links to all the LEA school closure websites can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties. Don't forget, the best place to check the status of Fairlands Primary School is at www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

Monday, 13th 3.30 – 4.00pm	KS1 Christmas Multiplication Madness Lower Building Hall
Monday, 13 th Dec 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Fairlands' Fathers
Tuesday, 14th December	Year 5&6 to Nobel School Pantomime
Tuesday, 14th December 3.30 – 4.00pm	KS2 Christmas Multiplication Madness Lower Building Hall
Wednesday, 15 th Dec 9.30 – 10.30am	Christmas Celebration
Wednesday, 15 th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Thursday, 16th Dec 9.00 – 9.20am	KS2 Shared Reading
Thursday, 16 th Dec 1.30pm	KS1 Class Parties KS2 Talent Show
Friday, 17 th December	Last day of term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday, 4 th January, 2011	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 5th January	Children return to school : 8.50am
Monday, 10th January	First day back for Nursery
Thursday, 13th January 9.05 – 10.30am	Parent Forum