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Dear Parents and Carers

Internet safety and helping our children to be Safe Online is an increasing concern for many parents and carers. Children nowadays often have non-stop internet access through their mobile phone, iPod, games console, laptop or other device. This may not always be with a parent or carer's knowledge and can happen from anywhere, including from the privacy of a child's bedroom.

The eSafety multi-agency group of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is working towards gathering a broad range of data from parents, schools, children and others. Please take a few minutes to complete this parents/ carers survey to help them with their future planning, advice and support. To take part visit: www.hertsdirect.org/services/healthsoc/childfam/childprotection/.

Don't forget that we have another week's holiday w/c 30th May – school will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm next Friday, 27th May.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Mr Bob Dayton**, who is always making and mending things around the school!

He has recently made some lovely benches for the KS1 children to sit on – we much appreciate your skills and talents!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 2/5	w/c 9/5
ASH	96.3	96
BEECH	92	94
CHERRY	93.9	92.5
CHESTNUT	94.1	98.3
ELDER	95.4	96.9
ELM	95.2	96.8
HAZEL	95.2	96.4
HORNBEAM	95	97.7
LIME	100	100
LARCH	97.2	92.2
PINE	97.2	97.8
POPLAR	95.6	99
WILLOW	97.2	98.1

Very well done Lime Class, for achieving 100% attendance for 2 weeks in a row, earning you two £25 attendance gift vouchers!

Mr Staples is getting slightly worried that he will not be able to afford it if you keep this up!

SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We are happy for children to ride their scooters to and from school, however, **please ensure that they are not ridden within the school grounds** and that they are either **padlocked to the fence** or **taken home for the day**. (KS2 scooters should be left on the grass side of the lower playground fence). **School cannot accept responsibility for bikes and scooters if they are left on the premises.**

RECEPTION & YEAR 4 MULTI-SKILLS

Our Year 4 and Reception classes have both recently been to Barclay School to take part in Multi Skills Sports Festival events arranged by the Young Sports Leaders. Activities, amongst other things, included football and netball for Year 4 and throwing/catching skills, hurdles and an obstacle course for Reception.

The children walked there and back very sensibly and The Foundation Stage staff would like to thank the large number of parents who went with them to support the event.

YEAR 5 GIRLS CRICKET FESTIVAL

Yesterday afternoon, a team of Year 5 girls took part in a Girls Cricket Festival at Stevenage Cricket Club, with 10 primary schools competing. They played 3 games and won 2, which gave them enough points to win a trophy for 4th place. The girls played brilliantly and were complimented for their lovely manners.

WE WENT SHOPPING FOR EGGS AT ALDI!

On Monday Nursery, Ash and Beech went on a shopping trip to Aldi with their SEAL buddy. As part of the topic 'On The Farm', and in preparation for getting our own chickens, the children wanted to find out all about chicken eggs.

In preparation for a number of activities being carried out in the Foundation Stage this week, using eggs, the children went to buy as many eggs as possible! Over the course of the day, over 200 Fairlands' pupils visited the shop and over 300 eggs were bought! The Foundation Stage have since spent a fantastic week exploring eggs, scrambling eggs, rolling eggs and boiling eggs. We would like to thank the staff at Aldi for being so helpful and welcoming.

GAMES LIBRARY

Following the success of the Games Library in the Lower Building, which is run on **Friday mornings** from **8.50am** until **9.10am**, we are delighted to announce that, after half term, we will now also be running a session in the **Upper Hall** on Tuesdays, from **3.15pm - 3.45pm**. This is a great opportunity to borrow games for your children to play at home and, in exactly the same way as you would borrow books from a library, you can change them as often as you like.

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

Whilst visiting the Games Library on a Tuesday, why not sign up with Credit Union and start saving for your summer holiday or even Christmas! The Credit Union is run at Fairlands School in the **Upper Building Entrance** every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** – come along this week and find out more.

FATHERS DAY PRESENT ROOM

This year's Fathers Day Present Room will be held during the school day on **Monday 13th June** - details will follow after half term.

The Friends of Fairlands are looking for volunteers to help wrap the gifts and people to help on the day. If you are able to help out at all, even if it's only for an hour please let the office know and one of the FOFS members will contact you. The wrapping will take place in the Community Room after half term and refreshments will be provided! The times and dates for wrapping can be arranged around any willing helpers!

GOOD LUCK AND WELL DONE

Good Luck to all the dancers from the Molly Vickers and Claire Brooks Dancing School (a number of whom attend Fairlands Primary) for their dance shows at the Gordon Craig Theatre which run from today, Friday 20th May – Sunday 22 May.

Well done to Alice Hannaford and Callum Hurren, both in Willow class, for completing their Stage 9 and Stage 10 at swimming.

Congratulations also go to Isabelle Paul, Lime Class, who has passed her grade 4 ballet exam with Distinction. Isabelle, who attends Premiere School of Dance, has passed all of her exams up to this grade with Distinction. Very Well Done! She will be performing with her dance school at Stevenage Day on 12th June and at the Dance Extravaganza at the Gordon Craig on 21st June.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photos were sent home to parents at the beginning of this half term. We still have 3 photos which remain unclaimed and do not have a name on them. Please contact the school office if you haven't received your order.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

Monday, 23 rd to Friday, 27 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday, 23 rd May	Years 3 & 4 to Gibberd Garden
Friday, 27th May	Foundation Stage visit to Standalone Farm
Friday, 27 th May	Last Day of Term
Monday, 6 th June	Return to school
Monday, 13th June	Fathers Day Present Room
Tuesday, 14th June 5.30-6.30pm	New to Nursery Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, 28th June	Sports Day
Tuesday, 28th June 5.30-6.30pm	Nursery to Reception Parents' Meeting
Sunday, 3rd July 11.00am – 2.00pm	Family Fun Day
Thursday, 7th July	Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Tuesday, 12th July 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Open Evening
Thursday, 14th July	School Reports being sent home
Friday, 22nd July	End of Summer Term : 2.15 finish