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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

The school website, [www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk](http://www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk), is a fantastic way to keep up-to-date with all the school's activities and events. A wealth of information can be found along with links to many other useful websites. Any letters sent home to parents are automatically uploaded to the site, along with important announcements on the home page.

I hope you all enjoy this week's Halloween Discos and big thank you goes to staff and parents who helped to run these events. Have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8.50am on **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU



Thanks this week goes to the Year 1, 2 and 4 staff for organising fantastic WOW events this week! It is brilliant to see the children having so much fun and being so engaged in their learning. However, you'll be glad to know that Mr Brewis is no longer 'Shrek' green and Mrs Yendell has ditched her Goldilocks wig!

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

We've realised that we haven't been celebrating the Attendance Award in the newsletter this academic year. Since the start of the autumn term the winners have been; Willow with 100% the first week back, Pine with 99.4%, Elm with 99.6% and Willow again with 98.7%. Well done to all the winning classes, who received a voucher for £15 to spend on classroom resources and £25 if they achieved 100%.

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 3/10	w/c 10/10
ASH	96.7	90.7
BEECH	93.8	91
CHERRY	96.8	97.1
CHESTNUT	93.1	93.2
ELDER	96.5	92.3
ELM	94.2	94.6
HAZEL	96.5	92.7
HORNBEAM	97.2	98.4
<b>LIME</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>99.2</b>
LARCH	92.7	93.6
PINE	96.7	86.1
POPLAR	94.7	96.5
WILLOW	96.2	96.9
WALNUT	95	89.4

## YEAR 1 LIBRARY TRIP

Year 1 enjoyed their trips to the Stevenage Central Library. They listened to a story before looking at the wide range of resources available at the library ranging from magazines to dvds. A number of children took their adult back to the library either that night or at the weekend and we know we have a growing number of library members in the year group. The children were brilliantly behaved and several members of the public stopped us on our journey back to praise the children on how sensibly they were walking. Well done Year 1!

## YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Yesterday, our boys' team picked up their first win of the season, beating Ashtree School 5-0. The girls picked up a well earned draw.

Last Friday the school's Year 5/6 boys and girls team took part in the Autumn Schools Tournament. Both teams played incredibly well and represented the school brilliantly. The girls placed joint second, but came third on goal difference.

## YEAR 3/4 ROMAN WORKSHOP

On Monday Year 4 came to school dressed as Romans and enjoyed a day packed with fun activities. They played Roman games, learnt about Roman life and found out what it was like to be a Roman Soldier. The day ended with a battle against the Celts and a gladiator show.

## YEAR 1 & 2 TRADITIONAL STORY DAY

On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 had an exciting WOW day to celebrate the end of their topic on traditional tales. The day began with a worrying answerphone message from the giant telling them that he was holding Mrs Trafford to ransom! Dressed as a wonderful array of characters the children spent the day solving a number of maths problems to earn enough gold coins to rescue the damsel in distress. The children enjoyed the day almost as much as the staff and we are pleased to report that Mrs Trafford was rescued from the clutches of the mean giant. Well done years 1 and 2!

## BOOK FAIR

This week's Book Fair was a great success, earning £195 to spend on books for the school. Thank you for supporting this event.

## KS2 MORNING SNACKS

Please note that there will be no fruit snacks for KS2 children on the first day back after half term (Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October) – children are welcome to bring their own fruit that day.

As the new lunchtime rota means a longer morning for KS2 children (Years 3-6), parents are welcome to provide children with a healthy snack to go with their fruit, if they feel it necessary, i.e. cereal bar, flapjack, not crisps or chocolate please.

We would welcome your opinion on our new lunchtime rota. Please let us know what you think by writing in or emailing us.

## HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

We have had a couple of cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth in school. This viral infection begins by presenting as cold and cough symptoms. It is at this stage that it is most contagious. Once fully presented, your child may have a rash on the palms of their hands and soles of their feet, and may have ulcers in their mouth. The Health Protection Agency advises that your child need only be absent from school while they are feeling unwell. It is not necessary for children to be absent from school until all the symptoms have disappeared.

## NEW SCHOOL MENU

The Winter/Spring Pupils' Choice Menu has been sent out today – please ensure you use this menu from **Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October** (Week 1). You can find a copy of the new menu on the school notice board by the main entrance gate. Please ensure your child had chosen their meal before morning registration each day.

## WAYS TO CONTACT US

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, it is important that you contact us before 10am on their first day of absence. You can either **phone** on **01438 351053** (leave a message before 8am), **text** **07970 7311554** or **email us at admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk**. If we do not hear from you by 10am, we will always endeavour to contact you for a reason for absence.

## GEMS ON HOLIDAY!

This fun club (games, songs, craft, bible stories, puppets and quizzes) for children in Reception to Year 2 is being run at Bunyan Baptist Church, Basil Road from 9.30 to 11.45am on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. £2 per session (50p extra for each sibling). Contact 07954208696 or email ruthhyde66@gmail.com for more details. The club is run and provided by members of the local Bunyan Baptist Church.

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2.45pm</b>	Year 4 Parents' Assembly
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.45pm</b>	Reception Parents' Assembly
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9.30pm</b>	Fairlands Fathers
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.45pm</b>	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
<b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 – 10.30am</b>	Parent Forum
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception & Year 1 to Pantomime
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term : 2.15pm finish
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012	INSET Day
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School