

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to inform you that, as of today, the contractor has been officially identified for the new building project and things are going to get underway sooner rather than later! It is even possible that the contractors will be making a start this side of Christmas, so please look out for a letter in the next couple of weeks, where I will give you more detail about how this will impact on things like lunchtimes and dropping off/picking up time.

The building project is likely to be ongoing all the way through to next July at least, so I am sure the children are going to be very excited watching their school transform over the next few months!

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Mr Tweedell** for organising and leading the boys and girls football teams, who are doing rather well this season!

It takes a lot of work sorting out the fixtures and also requires giving up a good deal of time to attend matches, so thank you for your hard work!

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week was anti-bullying week. In their SEAL buddy classes, under this year's anti-bullying slogan 'Stop and think, words can hurt'; children have been thinking about the responsible behaviours they can show so that everyone's right not to be bullied is met.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 31/10	w/c 7/10
ASH	94	88.7
BEECH	95.9	94.1
CHERRY	95	94.3
CHESTNUT	96.4	97.1
ELDER	95	93.1
ELM	93.5	90
HAZEL	95	91.2
HORNBEAM	98.4	96
LARCH	93.3	92.9
LIME	97.3	95
<b>PINE</b>	95.3	<b>98.8</b>
POPLAR	99.4	92.9
WALNUT	88.7	98.1
<b>WILLOW</b>	<b>100</b>	98.7

## YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Year 5/6 girls are having a very successful season so far, with a 1-0 win against Giles School and a 4-1 victory against St Vincent de Paul School. This moves them to 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league. Well done and good luck today against Round Diamond.

## INHALERS IN SCHOOL

If your child uses an inhaler at home, whether it is for asthma or a cough, please ensure that they also have one in school at all times, clearly labelled with their name and class. You should also ensure that their school inhaler is in date.

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2012-13?

**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2012-13.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **Application deadline 15th January 2012**. 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. You will need to put three choices of schools, so please decide on this information before you come.

## APPEAL FOR WOOL

The children have been busy making pom-poms in Mrs Biggs and Mrs Ansell's lunchtime clubs in the upper building. Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

## BRIDGE ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DAY

Bridge Road Children's Centre is holding a Christmas Decorations Day on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at the Children's Centre from **9.00am until 2.00pm** - *if you care for a child under 5 please do pop along and help decorate the centre for Christmas* - breakfast will be on offer from 9.00am until 9.30am.

This year the both the Children's Centre and Fairlands School will be entering a decorated tree into the Stevenage Christmas Tree Festival which takes place at Holy Trinity Church from 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December.

## INSET & OCCASIONAL DAYS

Please note **additional** dates for INSET and Occasional Days this academic year.

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

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 5.30pm (Lower Hall)	New to Nursery Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception & Year 1 to Pantomime
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 10.00am & 1.30pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Productions
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00 & 6.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performances
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 5/6 to RAF Hendon</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am	Year 3 & 5 Carol Concert
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.15pm	Year 4 & 6 Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FS & KS1 Parties & KS2 Talent Show
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term : 2.15 finish
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Days</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term : 2.15 finish
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>YEAR 6 SATS</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Occasional Day</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Occasional Day</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term : 2.15 finish