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# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to all the parents who completed our Annual Survey – it is so helpful to hear your views! We will be discussing the outcomes at our next Full Governing Body meeting and I will send out a report immediately after that to share our findings.

Meanwhile – the building project is coming on very nicely... the contractors have told me that they plan to have finished the first car park and the multi-use games area by next Friday, and they will be ready to use soon after that! I will put some pictures up on the website over the weekend, so look out for those!

Robert Staples  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU



Thank you goes to **Miss Emily Thompson** for organising e-safety week.

This is such an important part of our curriculum and

the children had a good session learning how to keep safe online.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	% CLASS ATTENDANCE	
	w/c 6/2	w/c 20/2
ASH	83.3	95.3
BEECH	83.7	97.4
CHERRY	86.9	90.9
CHESTNUT	93.4	78.4
ELDER	85	87.5
ELM	88.8	89.9
<b>HAZEL</b>	<b>94.4</b>	95.5
HORNBEAM	89.2	95.8
LARCH	87.8	88.9
LIME	92.3	94.2
PINE	85.3	95.6
POPLAR	90	92.6
WALNUT	94.1	99.3
<b>WILLOW</b>	90	<b>100</b>

Very well done Willow for achieving 100% attendance!

## YEAR 6 WASTED DRUG EDUCATION

This week, Year 6 watched a performance by the theatre company ADAD. The performance was aimed at giving the children information about illegal drugs and their effects. Children also learnt about personal choices, having strength of character and feelings of self worth – developing the skills to help keep them safe as they grow older.

## YEAR 4 TO THE GURDWARA

As part of their RE topic work of Sikhism, Year 4 visited the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Hitchin. They learnt about the culture and tried Sikh food – some children had 3 or 4 portions! The children were all very well behaved, showed a lot of respect and composure and were a credit to the school.

## YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

Well done to our Year 5/6 football teams, who both won their recent matches 2 – 0 - the boys against Roebuck and the girls Moss Bury.

## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parents Consultations take place next **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> (5.30 – 8.00pm) and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> (3.30 – 6.00pm)**.

Appointment times were sent home with the children yesterday. **If you haven't received your time or wish to make an appointment, please contact the school office asap.**

If you need to bring your children with you, please take them to the Drop-In Centre in the dining hall before your appointment.

## GOLD MEDAL MENU CHALLENGE

5<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> March

Don't forget that the school dinner menu for the next 2 weeks changes as we take part in the **Gold Medal Menu Challenge**. We will return back to the old menu on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March (week 2).

## START OF DAY PROCEDURE UPPER BUILDING

We are aware that the present start of day procedure in the upper building means that parents are sometimes unable to give important messages to their child's teacher. **If it is essential that you speak to a teacher before the start of school, please ensure you come in before 8.40am.** After that time, please leave your message with the office and they will ensure it is passed onto your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, you should keep them off of school for a period of 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

This also applies if your child is sent home from school due to sickness or diarrhoea - please do not send them back in the next day, as they will be sent home again.

## PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Please can I remind parents/carers again about driving carefully in Pound Avenue at the start and end of the school day, to avoid a serious accident. There was another near miss last week, when a car mounted the pavement to turn around.

## TAEKWONDO TRAINING

Please be aware that there is **no Taekwondo training on the 31st of March or the 7th of April**, but it resumes the following week on the 14th of April.

## FUND RAISING CHALLENGE

We are very proud of Miss Martin, our nursery teacher, who climbed Kilamanjaro during half term and raised around £1,500 for the charity SCOPE.

## WELL DONE

Congratulations to Isabelle Paul (Pine Class) who received distinctions in both Tap Grade 2 and Modern Dance Grade 3, in ISTD exams which she took in December. Isabelle attends the Premiere School of Dance.

Well done also to Matthew Gray (Hazel Class) who has achieved his 50m badge at swimming.

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Active Kids Vouchers are available in store between 15<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> April. These vouchers enable us to order lots of fantastic FREE resources for PE, which benefits the whole school. Please ask all your family and friends to collect for us and send them into school.

## APPLYING FOR A NURSERY PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 you need to apply for their nursery place for September 2012/January 2013 now.

You should apply for your child's place on-line by **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012** at the following address [www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmission](http://www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmission)

Parents/carers who do not have access to the internet can contact the school office to arrange to come in and use one of our computers. Mrs Dunthorne will be available to help, if needed.

## OCCASIONAL DAY CANCELLED

The Occasional Day, originally booked for **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, has been cancelled. School will still be **closed** on the previous **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

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

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Maths Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm	Year 4 Assembly to parents
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2.45pm	Year 6 Assembly to parents
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 – 9.30pm	Fairlands Fathers
End of Spring Term	Friday 30th March 2.15pm
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Primary Allocation Day</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Nursery Allocation Day</b>
<b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>