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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been thrilled to see so many visitors coming to our class assemblies, since we opened them up to parents over a year ago. It really is a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you, so please look out for when your child's next assembly is and come along! They are now on a Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who took part in today's 'Wear Comfortable Day' for Children in Need!

We will let you know how much money we raised – it was great to see everyone looking so relaxed & chilled out!

Unfortunately, now everyone knows that Mr Staples goes home and wears furry slippers in the evening...

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 22 nd October	w/c 5 th November
ASH	95	89.3
BEECH	90.7	85.9
BIRCH	95.4	93.2
CHERRY	96.7	91.7
CHESTNUT	94.8	93.8
ELM	99.3	93
ELDER	97.8	93.7
HAZEL	94.8	94.6
HORNBEAM	95.6	93.9
LIME	98.5	92.7
LARCH	95.4	92
PINE	97.3	99.6
POPLAR	95.8	83.7
WILLOW	98.1	91.2
WALNUT	95.6	99.4

YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY

Last Wednesday, two teams of Year 5/6 children took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Stevenage Rugby Club. They represented the school fantastically, scoring some great tries and learning new skills in a wonderful day of sport.

FOUNDATION STAGE CELEBRATE DIWALI

Children in the Foundation Stage had a fantastic WOW day on Tuesday celebrating Diwali (the Hindu festival of light.) All children came in wearing party clothes and it was lovely to see a number of children in traditional dress.

They took part in a range of exciting activities throughout the day including making firework paintings using paint and syringes, making lanterns, designing a mendhi hand and creating rangoli patterns using chalk. The children had great fun but also learned a lot about the Hindu celebration. The work they produced is on display in the lower hall so do pop in and take a look!

SAD NEWS

During half-term one of the school chickens died. The children in the lower building had some very sensible discussions about how to celebrate her life and last Friday they held an assembly for Cindy, which was attended by the Reverend Dave Morris. The children have been amazingly thoughtful and gave Cindy a lovely celebratory send off.

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS

May I remind parents/carers of our new procedure for paying for dinner money. **ALL** school meals must be paid for either in advance or on the day. The school is not allowed to give credit and we are not obliged to feed your child free of charge!

The easiest way to pay is by using WISEPAY. Please contact the office if you do not yet have your log-in details.

PARENT FORUM

Parents/carers are invited to Parent Forum on **Wednesday, 21st November, 9.00 – 10.00am** in the Head's Office. Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

CUFFLEY CAMP 2013

There are still spaces available on the Year 4 Cuffley Camp visit next year. If interested, please send your **£30** deposit in on Monday. The dates are **Monday 20th to Friday 24th May 2013**, not June, as in the original letter.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2013/14?

If your child was born between **1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2013-14.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **Application deadline 15th January 2013**. 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.

STAY & PLAY FREE SPACE THEMED PLAY EVENT

Bridge Road Children's Centre are running a FREE 'Space themed' activity session in the Lower Hall at Fairlands School, for children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers on **Wednesday, 21st November, 9-11am**.

Lots of fun activities - some are messy, so wear old clothes! No need to book - just drop in. Contact Bridge Road Childrens Centre on 01438 202692 for more information or visit www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/bridgeroad

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to Janay Bullock (Elder) who is taking her Grade 1 Ballet Exam on 9th December.

Well done also goes to Janay and her sister Chenille (Poplar), who took part in the Remembrance Parade in the Old Town on Sunday, along with their Badger Group, part of St Johns Ambulance.

FAIRLANDS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Fairlands' Breakfast Club runs every week-day morning from 8.00 to 8.50am in the dining hall. £2.00 for the first child, siblings £1.70 (Free School Meals £1.50). No need to book - just turn up on the morning.

You can now pay for Breakfast Club on Wisepay. If you haven't yet got your log-in details for Wisepay, please contact the school office.

STEVENAGE CREDIT UNION

The Stevenage Credit Union is a savings club which collects from a number of schools in Stevenage and enables the children to learn about cash handling at an early age. They can plan what they do with their pocket money - perhaps save for a holiday, christmas or family birthdays.

We also encourage parents to join as adult members. There is no limit to the amount you can save and you can withdraw the money whenever you want it.

The Credit Union in run in the **dining hall** in the **upper building** every **Tuesday at 3.15pm** - come along this week and find out more.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)

Wednesday 21st Nov 9.00-11.00am Lower Hall	Stay & Play Event for the Under 5's and their parent/carer
Wednesday 21st Nov 9.00-10.00am	Parent Forum
Thursday 22nd Nov	Rec & Year 6 Carol Singing in Stevenage town centre
Thursday 22 nd Nov	Year 1 Parents' Assembly
Tuesday 4th Dec 5.30pm Lower Hall	New to Nursery Parents Meeting (for Jan Nursery starters)
Wednesday 19th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Thursday 20th Dec 1.30 – 2.30pm	FS & KS1 Parties KS2 Talent Show
Friday 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 7 th Jan 2013	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 th Jan	Return to School
Mon 18 th – Friday 22 nd Feb	Half Term