

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

For the next two weeks, we will be having some builders back on the lower site, as we have been able to secure funding to get a replacement boiler in the Lower Building. This is good news, especially with the prospect of colder weather on the way!

However, I need to notify you that the works will involve the removal of a small amount of asbestos from within the boiler house next to the lower car park. The works have been contracted to Caswells and are being overseen by the local authority. I have received full assurances from them that there is no need to consider school closure and that the works will take place according to strict safety controls, within a fully sealed and enclosed environment. As a result, there will be no impact on the running of the school or pre-school, so it is business as usual.

They have issued a statement which is available through the 'downloads' section of the school website, if you would like to know more.

**Robert Staples**  
Headteacher

## THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Fairlands Faces**, who ran the Halloween disco at the end of last half term.

It was the first event organised by the new committee and it was a great success, raising £400 for school funds.

It has been great to see new faces getting involved in school fundraising activities; if you would like to get involved, please look out for the next event and let the school office know you are interested!

## CHRISTMAS SINGING

Last Thursday the children in Reception and Year 6 took to the stage in the town centre. They performed 3 festive songs to an enormous crowd outside Primark. Despite the cold and windy conditions, the children sang amazingly well and Faruq's breakdancing Santa really stole the show!

## KS1 MINI OLYMPICS

On Wednesday, Elder class took part in a 'Mini Olympics Sports Festival' at the Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre, run by the Sports Partnership. The children enjoyed having a go at trampolining, tennis, cricket, athletics and football.

## TRIP TO PETS AT HOME

This week the children in the Foundation Stage went on a trip to Pets at Home. Throughout the day groups from Nursery and Reception went shopping for birthday presents for the school guinea-pigs. The children had looked on the website and made carefully thought out shopping lists before deciding what to buy their furry friends. They really enjoyed looking at all the animals in the shop, deciding on a suitable present and then paying for it themselves at the tills. We would like to thank the staff at the shop for being so welcoming and helpful.

## FLAPJACK AND FUDGE'S BIRTHDAY

Foundation Stage had a wonderful day today celebrating Flapjack and Fudge's 4th birthday. The children have spent all week writing invitations, making wrapping paper, writing lists for presents, making party food and organising party games. They enjoyed singing to the guinea-pigs in assembly and giving them their presents. This was followed by a fantastic party where the children ate the food, played party games and danced. Flapjack and Fudge had a lovely birthday despite failing to get the hang of musical statues!

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to everyone who came to school in something comfortable for Children in Need – we raised the fantastic amount of £380.

### SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

There are a lot of children absent with stomach bugs at the moment - please help us to reduce the spread of illness by ensuring that, if your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, they do not return to school for **48 hours** after the last bout. Thank you for your support with this.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov
ASH	86.1	84.6
BEECH	89.3	87.8
BIRCH	93.9	88.6
CHERRY	93.7	93
CHESTNUT	89.3	94.8
ELM	98.1	92.9
ELDER	95.6	96.7
HAZEL	97.1	95
HORNBEAM	92.2	98.3
LIME	88.1	94
LARCH	97.2	96.4
PINE	99.2	95.8
POPLAR	96.7	95.4
<b>WALNUT</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>98.7</b>
WILLOW	96.2	96.2

### IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2013/14?

If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

### GOOD LUCK

Good luck to Isabelle Paul (Walnut) who is taking her Grade 4 Ballet exam on 9th Dec.

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

**PLEASE SEE CHRISTMAS 2012 AT FAIRLANDS! LETTER FOR ALL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DATES**

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term <b>2.15pm</b> finish
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2013	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish