



WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy term we have had! We have opened as 3-form entry, set up all the new classrooms and had a very successful Ofsted inspection. I think we have all earned a break!

It has been lovely to see all the children engaged in our Christmas activities and plays – and good to see so much support from parents at these events as well. Well done to all the staff for their hard work in the preparations for all the performances.

I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am** on **Tuesday, 8th January, 2013.**

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to Miss Bridge for organising Enterprise Week & Maths, Puzzles and Problems Day. As you will see below, it was a huge success.

ENTERPRISE WEEK

Well done to all the children for working really hard during Enterprise Week to come up with lots of creative Christmassy ways to make money.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the Christmas Fayre after school. Your support is hugely appreciated.

Congratulations to Year 3 who made the most profit (£117) by selling snow globes, badges and other Christmas bits.

Well done also to Ben Muggleton for the closest guess to the number of sweets in a jar – there were 433!

The children have worked really hard this half term towards the Reaching High Target to solve problems and puzzles and the work they carried out during Enterprise Week gave them the opportunity to apply these skills in real life situations.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to the Fairlands' Faces for organising this year's Christmas Present Room. The event was well supported and raised £193.50 for school funds.

YEAR 4 ROMAN WORKSHOP

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 5 TRIP TO RAF HENDON

Year 5 visited the RAF Museum at Hendon last week. They all had a great time and learnt a lot about their topic 'Conflict'.

5 STAR CATERING

Congratulations to Cook and her team, who have been awarded a 5* rating from HCC for hygiene standards.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 26 th Nov	w/c 3 rd Dec	w/c 10 th Dec
ASH	89.3	81.1	79.6
BEECH	65	87.4	75.6
BIRCH	90.4	86.4	93.2
CHERRY	82.7	90.7	91.3
CHESTNUT	84.7	84.3	96
ELM	94.3	91.9	93
ELDER	95.2	94.4	91.5
HAZEL	95.4	96.7	94.6
HORNBEAM	90.4	88.7	90.9
LIME	96.8	94	94
LARCH	98.4	91.2	87.6
PINE	98.1	96.1	92.3
POPLAR	92.9	82.1	90.8
WALNUT	91.1	94.4	92.5
WILLOW	90.6	89.4	87.5

PARENT FORUM

The first Parent Forum of the new year will be at **9.00am on Wednesday, 9th January, 2013**. Please come along to the Upper Building and join this informal group, to discuss your thoughts about the school.

FAIRLANDS FATHERS

The next meeting of Fairlands Fathers will take place on **Monday 21st January** from **7.30 – 9.30pm** in the **Family Room (lower building)**. Why not pop in and join us for a coffee and a chat? It would be great to see a few more dads at our meetings. We chat about a whole range of 'dads' subjects and there is no agenda. Don't worry if you can't be there at 7.30 or can't stay the whole time – it would just be good to see you.

STAY UP TO DATE

Some of you may have signed up to www.feedmyinbox.com to receive an email update whenever the main school news article changes. Unfortunately, this service is now closing down as of January 15th 2013.

There is, however, another FREE service you can try - just go to www.blogtrottr.com and sign up. You can then subscribe to the Fairlands page simply by dropping our website address into the subscriptions box.

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.

BABY BOOM!

There's been a baby boom amongst the staff this year. Congratulations go to Miss King on the arrival of Evie, Mr Van Wyk on the arrival of Harry, Mrs Day on the arrival of Lily and Mr Dickinson on the arrival of Alba (both on the same day!) Mrs Marlow then had Molly and Mrs Poulli had Angelo, Mr Tweeddell had Oliver and finally Mrs Foster had Megan – Phew!

NEW INSET AND OCCASIONAL DAYS

Please note that we have now added the last INSET Day and Occasional Day's to the school calendar – marked in bold below.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)	
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
Thurs 28 th March	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May	Year 4 to Cuffley Camp
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Friday 28th June	INSET DAY
Monday 1st July	Occasional Day's Holiday
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish

REMINDER FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Nursery parents – don't forget that the **Nursery** will not re-open until Monday, 14th January.