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# Fairlands News



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## Dear Parents and Carers

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.

Today we say farewell to Mrs Marlow and Mrs Niven. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking them for all their hard work and commitment to our school and wishing them the very best for the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back at school at **8.50am** on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.**

**Robert Staples**  
**Headteacher**

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Our 'Modern Britain' entry in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity was voted '3<sup>rd</sup> Best Tree', for which we were awarded a £10 Waitrose voucher. Well done to our Foundation Stage for their wonderful entry and thank you for everyone who voted for us.

The stewards at the church have informed us that that one of their highlights was when children from Fairlands Primary visited and spontaneously sang and signed to them and they were very impressed with their behaviour.

### SMOKING IN THE ALLEYWAY

Thank you to everyone who sent in non-smoking posters to persuade adults not to smoke in the alleyway. We have already noticed a marked decrease in the amount of people smoking there – thank you!

The school council have now chosen the winning poster designs. Due to Local Authority regulations, we are not allowed to display them directly in the alleyway, so please take a look at them along the concourses on each side.

### YEAR 5/6 NETBALL TRAINING

There will be no netball training this week. The next session will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL DINNER

Please be aware that there will be no hot meals served on the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If your child books a school meal, they will be offered a choice of ham, chicken or cheese baguette when they reach the hatch.

### IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2015

**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011** please apply now for a primary place for the school year 2015-16.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at [www.hertsdirect/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect/admissions) - **Application deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** Parents who do not have the facility to apply on-line are welcome to come to 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 should choose up to four schools, so please decide on this information beforehand.

## FAMILY LIVES SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS

For some families, Christmas can be a very stressful time of year. Family Lives' services will continue throughout the holiday period. You can contact them in a number of ways:

- Family Lives freehelpline – 0808 800 222, available 24/7 and via Skype
- Online 1 to 1 chat with a Family Lives worker – [www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-chat](http://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-chat)
- Email [parentsupport@familylives.org.uk](mailto:parentsupport@familylives.org.uk)
- Online community support – [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)
- Online parenting groups – email your phone no to ParentsSupportHerts@familylives.org.uk

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 24/11	w/c 1/12
ASH	66	96.3
BEECH	77.7	95
BIRCH	96	96.3
CHERRY	95.5	94.8
CHESTNUT	89	88.3
CEDAR	88.7	94
ELDER	95.2	93.1
ELM	94.8	94.3
FIR	92.3	90
HAZEL	93	94
HORNBEAM	96.9	98.3
LIME	89.6	91.1
LARCH	91.7	91
<b>PINE</b>	<b>97.4</b>	93.5
<b>POPLAR</b>	<b>97.4</b>	95.7
<b>WHITEBEAM</b>	8.5	<b>98.5</b>
WILLOW	96.3	97

## GO LIVE CHRISTMAS CAMP

Need an extra shopping day?

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

9am – 3pm for just £10

Barnwell Community Leisure Centre SG2 9SW

Multi sport activity sessions for 6-14 yr olds

Fun for all ages and levels of ability, led by our School Sports Apprentices!

For more information and to book contact

[emilysportingfutures@aol.co.uk](mailto:emilysportingfutures@aol.co.uk)

or phone 01438 747324

[www.stevenagesportingfutures.net](http://www.stevenagesportingfutures.net)

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9-10am	Parent Forum in Lower Building Family Room
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am	Year 3 – 6 Shared Topic Book Reading
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1.00pm Family Room	Parents' of children with special needs support group
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 8.30am & 12.30pm Family Room	Tea & Tissues for new to Nursery parents

**Don't forget**  
**school finishes at 2.15pm**  
**this Friday**

