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Fairlands News



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parent/carer consultations next week. This is an important opportunity for you to hear about how your child is getting on, so please make sure that you know when your appointment is!

Whilst you are waiting, we will also be asking you to complete a quick survey (only 12 short questions!) which will feed into the Ofsted 'Parent View' website. This is also very important, as it will be used as a basis for judgements about the school when we have our next Ofsted inspection. Please make sure you fill the survey in!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who brought harvest festival donations in for our assembly on Monday, which was led by Rev Dave Morris. These have now been distributed to elderly residents in the local community. Thank you to Mrs Biggs and the Year 6 children who delivered them for us.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Appointments for next week's Parent/Teacher Consultations have been sent home this week. If you have not received your appointment time, please check your child's book bag or contact the school office.

If you need to bring your child with you, please take them to the 'drop-in' centres in either the Nursery or the dining hall before your appointment. Children in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend with parents.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The children will be having their photos taken individually and with their siblings in school next Thursday. If you would like a group photo taken to include a pre-school sibling, please book at one of the school offices in advance.

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

Have you got your tickets? The Fairlands Faces are holding Halloween Discos for the whole school on **Monday, 19th October**. Times can be found overleaf.

Letters were sent out this week. Please send your child's ticket request into school (in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and 'Halloween Disco'). Tickets will be sent home on Friday 16th October.

WORLD FOOD WEEK

Next week (for one week only) Hertfordshire Catering are promoting World Food Week by slightly adapting their popular menu to give it an international feel to **just the vegetarian options** available, which could introduce children to some foods they may not have tried before.

Monday: Sweet & Sour Quorn with S&S Sauce

Tuesday: Thai Green Curry

Wednesday: Rich Tomato Bolognese

Thursday: Jamaican Jerk Wrap

Friday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza with S&S dipping sauce.

The menu for Red, Yellow and Blue options stays the same.

Herts Catering's campaign with Unilever will support the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) which helps to provide school meals to children around the world through WFP's school meals programme. Unilever will also donate the cost of providing a school meal to the World Food Programme for every special World Food Week meal children choose during the week.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM!

Some parents/carers have told us they are not receiving the Wisepay emails from school. If you're registered with Wisepay and haven't received anything recently, please check your SPAM and ask for the address to be saved to your address book - this will ensure you will always receive notifications. If, however, there's nothing there, please log into wisepay and check that you have registered the correct email address.

YEAR 1 & 2 FLU VACCINATIONS

All children in Years 1 & 2 are being offered flu vaccination through a nasal spray. The vaccination, which will be carried out by the NHS Immunisation Team School Nurses, will take place in school. **Please return your consent form asap**, even if you do not consent to the vaccination.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 21/09	w/c 28/09
ASH	87.2	86.6
BEECH	95.7	86.0
BIRCH	96.6	82.1
CHERRY	83.9	85.0
CHESTNUT	98.3	95.0
CEDAR	95.0	92.0
ELDER	89.9	95.5
ELM	98.4	93.1
FIR	90.0	90.7
HAZEL	93.7	90.0
HOLLY	91.7	96.1
HORNBEAM	92.0	95.3
LIME	96.9	96.2
LARCH	95.7	90.3
PINE	93.1	96.5
POPLAR	97.3	95.0
WALNUT	98.7	98.3
WILLOW	97.3	93.6

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO

There are still **9 weeks** to go before the whole school goes to the pantomime – ‘Oh yes there are!’ Why not pay in weekly instalments and spread the cost, especially if you have more than one child going. Please can we also request that you use Wisepay if at all possible.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings are taking place over the next few weeks at Stevenage secondary schools. Dates can be found on the school website.

Year 6 parents can now apply on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions for their child's Secondary School place. The closing date for applications is **Thursday, 31st October**. Please contact the school office if you need help with your application, or do not have a computer at home and would like to use one at school.

If you would like to take your child to visit a secondary school during the school day, please don't forget to let us know beforehand and we will issue you a permission slip. If you have a morning visit, please let us know your child's meal choice for that day in advance.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

Parents/carers – did you know you can help raise funds for the school when you shop on-line? Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk for more details. It's quick and easy to register:

- Select the green tab - Support a good cause.
- In the drop down bar, type in Fairlands Primary School & Nursery – our school logo will appear.
- Click on the green button – Support this cause.
- Enter your details and start shopping!

A FUN AFTERNOON OF TAG RUGBY

You are invited to a fun afternoon of tag rugby on **Thursday, 29th October from 1.00 – 4.00pm**. Come along to Bunyan Baptist Church, Basils Road, Stevenage (then up to Letchmore Road Park) for fun and games (indoor if the weather's bad).

Hot dogs and soup afterwards and listen to some international rugby players share their stories of what it's like to be a team player. £1 registration. Contact ruthhyde66@gmail.com for more information.

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 (New dates in bold)	
Tuesday 13 th October 5.30 – 8.00pm	Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 14 th October 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations
Thursday 15 th October	School Photographer
Thursday 15th October 2.30pm Upper Hall	Pine Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Friday 16th October	Year 2 WoW Day
Monday 19th October 4.30-5.30pm: Nurs & Rec - Lower Hall Years 3 & 4 - Upper Hall 6.00-7.00pm: Years 1 & 2 – Lower Hall 6.00-7.15pm: Years 5 & 6 – Upper Hall	Halloween Discos
Thursday 22nd October 2.30pm Upper Hall	Walnut Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 5 th to Tuesday 10 th November	Book Fair in school
Thursday 19th November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Holly Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Thursday 26th November 2.30pm Upper Hall	Hazel Class Parent/Carer Assembly
Monday 7th December 9.15 – 11.30am	Yr 2 to St Nicholas Church: Christmas Journey
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5/6 to Pantomime
Friday 11 th December	Nurs to Yr 4 to Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term: 2.15pm finish
Monday 4 th January 2016	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 1