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Fairlands News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Winter is well and truly here! Thankfully, the boiler replacement in the Lower Building was completed successfully over the Christmas break and the children are all lovely and warm in there now.

Please make sure you check the school website if there is a possibility of the school being closed. This is always the first place that we will update with this information. It is never an easy decision to take when considering school closure and we do appreciate the disruption it causes to families and child care arrangements. We appreciate your understanding when we are forced to make the decision to close.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 17/12	w/c 7/1
ASH	79.6	97.1
BEECH	85.9	95.4
BIRCH	82.9	95.7
CHERRY	94.3	97.3
CHESTNUT	93.7	99
ELM	95.2	95.9
ELDER	91.9	95.9
HAZEL	93.7	99.6
HORNBEAM	93	95.5
LIME	80.4	97.2
LARCH	86.8	97.2
PINE	90	98.8
POPLAR	84.6	90
WALNUT	90.6	97.5
WILLOW	96.9	95.6

DIAMOND DOLLS STREE DANCE CLUB

Diamond Dolls have a few places left in their after school club, which runs on a Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.15pm in the Lower Hall. Please contact the office for further information.

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.

NEW MOBILE PHONE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details on file, so that we can always contact you if your child is unwell.

If your mobile phone is new and you no longer have a use for your old one, **please consider donating it to the school** (via the school office), as **Family Lives**, our parent support group, who are a registered charity, **are now able to claim 50% commission for recycling them**.

UNDER 5'S DATABASE

Would you like to win a £25 Asda voucher? If you have a child who is under 5 and **is not already attending Fairlands Primary School & Nursery**, don't forget to fill in the slip from the bottom of the letter sent home last week and return it to the office by Friday 25th January. Spare copies available from the office.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN 2013/14?

If your child was born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you can apply for a nursery place for the school year 2013-14 from Monday 11th February.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is on-line at www.hertsdirect/admissions - **application deadline 22nd March 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.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Janay Bullock (Elder), who passed her Premiere School of Dance ballet exam with a distinction!

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.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Once a term, Parents/Carers are invited to come along to watch your child's class assembly.

Parents' class assemblies take place at 2.45pm – please see Diary Dates for your child's year group. Year 4 date still to be confirmed.

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

Thursday 24th January 2.45pm	Year 6 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 31st January 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 7th February 2.45pm	Year 1 Parents' Class Assembly
Thursday 14th Feb 2.45pm	Reception Parents' Class Assembly
Mon 18 th – Friday 22 nd Feb	Half Term
Thursday 14th March 2.45pm	Year 3 Parents' Class Assembly
Weds 27th March 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents' Class Assembly
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 28 th June	INSET DAY
Monday 1 st July	Occasional Day's Holiday
Thursday, 11th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish