



6th October 2017

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,

This week I have been observing lessons with Mrs Diamond and Mrs Ravenscroft. The purpose of our observations was to focus on the teaching of our wider curriculum. I am pleased to report that we have seen some excellent learning over the week. The children’s engagement and high standards of work in many subjects tells me that we can look forward to another successful year at Hartford Manor.

After a period of temporary staffing we welcome a new cook to Hartford Manor. Miss Sutherland has been in post for three weeks and the staff and children have been delighted with the quality of food and service. If your child is entitled to an infant free school meal or would like to try the food please do encourage them to select a school meal.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 9th October 2017, we will be on Menu 3. The [full menu choices](#) are available on our website. Please pay online via [ParentPay](#) and remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that the account is in balance. The cost for lunches for this half term is £2.25 per day / £85.50 (5th September to 26th October 2017).

Lost Glasses

We have found a pair of children’s glasses. If your child has mislaid their glasses, please ask them to go to Reception to collect them.

Photographs

Please return any photograph orders to school by **Monday 16th October** at the latest.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £452.16. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Uniform lost property

Please make sure all uniform is clearly named. Any un-named lost property which has been unclaimed for 3 weeks will be washed and donated to FOHM pre-loved uniform sale.

Times Tables Rock Stars

At Hartford Manor we are working hard to improve the mathematical fluency of all children. As part of this, we have decided to adopt a cohesive approach to learning times tables. We have therefore purchased 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which will involve work at school in our maths sessions and some practice at home. We will be launching it next week in Years 4-6 with Years 2 and 3 following shortly. Please look out for further information, which will be sent home with your child; this will include their own username and password to log on to the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' website at home. Many thanks for your support.

Northwich Library

Northwich Library are holding a Fun Palace this Saturday 7 October. They will be open from 9am until 8pm.

The events are all free and include:

- Creative writing workshop with Simon Adepetun author of The Bee Hive, starting at 11am.
- Balloon modelling and magic tricks from 10.30am
- Science experiments from 1pm
- Electronic music production taster from 2.30pm.

See <http://funpalaces.co.uk/> for further information.

Welcome to the FOHM News Update



Earlier this week, we announced details of our **Fashion, Fizz & Pamper Evening on Friday 20th October 2017, 7pm – 11pm**. Tickets are now on sale and are selling like hot cakes. Thank you so much for your support. There are some tickets still available ([click here](#) for a copy of the booking form). They are priced £5 each and that includes entry, a glass of fizz on arrival and entry into our prize draw. *Please remember that we only have a limited number of tickets and they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.* We will have a live fashion show with an amazing selection of clothing from Mrs Jones Ltd, plus a wide range of beauty, jewellery and accessories stalls to get you looking even more fabulous for the Autumn / Winter seasons.

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Any questions, please get in touch with us by [email](#). It promises to be a great event!

Candy Cane Corner 2017

Yes, ladies and gents, it's that time of year once again and the festive period would not be the same without our Candy Cane Corner at this year's Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair. Just to recap, this event takes place at St John's Church in Hartford on Saturday, 2nd December 2017 from 10.00am – 2.30pm. Year-on-year we continue to increase how much we raise for the school at this event, not to mention the wonderful social aspect to the planning and preparation beforehand and being part of a community event.

Would you like to be involved?

With that in mind we are looking for volunteers please! If you would be interested in helping to make any items for us to sell on the stall this year or to help on the day, we would love to hear from you. We are planning on meeting up soon to discuss what we are selling this year (with a few drinks and nibbles thrown in to help the flow of creative ideas!). If you would like to get involved, please email us.

Christmas Cards 2017

Continuing with this week's festive theme, preparations are well underway for the sale of our children's personalised Christmas cards.

The children are working on their pictures for their cards currently in school and will be sent to our new supplier next week. We expect a sample of your child's Christmas card to be sent out to you one week following and then you will have a further week to order. We will of course confirm exact dates and timelines as we get further into the process. New for this year, in addition to buying personalised Christmas cards, you can also buy merchandise such as mugs, gift tags, tea towels and eco bags – perfect stocking fillers for the family. More information to follow but we are so excited about seeing the wonderful card designs by our children.

Help us raise funds whilst you're shopping online



Do you shop online? If the answer is yes, then this is an easy way for you to help us raise more money at no cost to you!

Before you next shop online, we would be pleased if you would register with The Giving Machine.

Here's how to register:

1. Login to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>.
2. Search for the cause, 'Hartford Manor Community Primary School'.
3. Complete your details by using your email address or a social media profile to get started.
4. Choose a password and select your preferences.
5. Select the causes you wish to support.

When you next shop online in any of the 100's of shops listed on The Giving Machine, please remember to login to The Giving Machine website (there is also an App available to download) and buy your items instead of going directly to the shop's website.

Food Shopping, Clothes, Halloween, Christmas...

As it stands, we have 64 people registered as donators who have made over 1,600 donations raising £1,101.89 which is amazing (and thank you!) but we want to double that this year, and with your help we can do this. So, whether it's your weekly food shop, that last minute birthday present, or perhaps those all-

important Halloween costumes or your big Christmas shop, please sign up to The Giving Machine today and help us raise even more money for our wonderful school.

Pledge update



Every year, FOHM make a donation to the school to enable them buy new library books for the children. Here is what our money has bought so far this year – what a wonderful selection of books. We hope the children enjoy reading them.

Class Representatives

We are still on the look-out for Class Representatives for each class across all years.

As a Class Representative, your role will be to:

- Pass on information from FOHM to other parents in their child's class, and encourage parents to support the FOHM activities.
- Coordinate volunteers to help with fundraising activities.
- Seek feedback from parents on FOHM events or funding requests and pass it on to the committee.
- Help to recruit a new class rep towards the end of the summer term to take over in the new academic year.

You're not expected to attend to be an elected Committee Member or to attend Committee Meetings (although it would be advantageous if you could attend!).

This role would be ideal for parents/carers who are perhaps new to the school and would like to get to know other parents/carers in their child's class, or someone who is regularly on drop-offs and/or pick-ups.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Class Representative, please email Michelle Bebbington on contactFOHM@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address, child's name, year group and class teachers name asap and we'll be in touch. Class Representatives will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Upcoming FOHM events

- Welcome / Open Day events in October 2017 (14/10/17 and 17/10/17) - FOHM providing refreshments.
- FOHM Committee Meeting – Hartford Hall Hotel (12/10/17, 8pm)
- Fashion Event (20/10/17, 7pm till late)

- Candy Cane Corner (part of the Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair) (2/12/17 10am – 2.30pm)
- Christmas Disco KS1 & KS2 (8/12/17, pm)
- (KS2) Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church Hartford (18/12/17) - FOHM Providing refreshments.
- Non-Uniform Day (22/12/17)

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th October 2017, 8pm at Hartford Hall Hotel.

All parents, carers and teaching staff of Hartford Manor are welcome to attend.

Stay in Touch

For more information about upcoming FOHM events or to get in touch:

- [Click here](#) to visit our web page
- [Meet the Committee](#)
- Join our [Facebook](#) page
- Follow us on [Twitter @FOHManor](#)
- Email us on contactFOHM@gmail.com
- Email any pre-loved uniform requests to hartfordmanorpreloveduniform@gmail.com

Have a great weekend.

Michelle Bebbington

On behalf of FOHM

Diary Dates**NB This list is subject to change during the year****Autumn Term:**

Thursday	12 October	FOHM Committee Meeting – Hartford Hall Hotel 8.00pm
Friday	13 October	KS1 Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Saturday	14 October	Open Morning 9.30-11.00am (FOHM providing refreshments)
Tuesday	17 October	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am (FOHM providing refreshments)
Wednesday	18 October	Year 6 Chemistry with cabbage
Thursday	19 October	Year 6 Chemistry with cabbage
Thursday	20 October	Fashion Event
Thursday	26 October	School closes for half term
Friday	27 October	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	6 November	School re-opens
Mon, Tues, Weds	13 – 15 November	Parents’ evenings
Wednesday	22 November	Year 6 visit to War Horse
Saturday	2 December	FOHM Candy Cane Corner 10.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	8 December	Christmas Disco KS1 and KS2
Tuesday	12 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday	14 December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	14 December	Nursery Concert 2pm
Monday	18 December	Christmas Carol Service – St John’s (FOHM providing refreshments)
Friday	22 December	Last day of term (non-uniform day)