



13th October 2017

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,

As part of our work to promote our on-site Nursery provision we have changed our name from Hartford Manor Community Primary School to Hartford Manor Primary School and Nursery. You may have already noticed this change on the new signs.

The growth of our Nursery is essential if we are to have a thriving two-form entry school. We currently have 350 children on roll across all 13 classes and Nursery. School Leaders and Governors would like to return to 14 classes plus Nursery in the near future. In order to facilitate this we need an additional 25 children. The work parents have done to promote the school and the high quality of education on offer has been amazing.

We are looking forward to our open mornings tomorrow and next Tuesday. Please do continue to share your positive experiences of our school with your friends and wider networks and promote the availability of places across the school.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 16th October 2017, we will be on Menu 1. The [full menu choices](#) are available on our website. Please pay online via [ParentPay](#). The cost for lunches for this half term is £2.25 per day / £85.50 (5th September to 26th October 2017).

We adopt a very flexible approach to providing lunches at Hartford Manor, allowing children to choose between a school dinner and packed lunch from day to day.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our breakfast and after school clubs are popular again this term.

While breakfast club continues to be available on a day to day basis we will shortly be sending out the advance booking form for after school club for the next half term – please look out for it. There will still be some after school club places available, from day to day, for those unforeseen times when you need it - please try to give 24 hours’ notice if you can.

If you need to cancel a booked after school club session please remember to give 24 hours’ notice, or you will still be charged.

Online payments

Our flexible approaches for booking lunches, breakfast and after school club places relies on all parents/carers keeping their payments up to date.

Please can you ensure that you check your account at least once each week and make any payments due - it is your responsibility to ensure that the account is in balance.

We have started to add payments for trips and residentials for this year so please look out for these. We are trying to limit the amount of letters sent home, so please do check your account regularly for new items.

School website

Now that we have confirmation of the change in school name and our lovely new signage is in place, we are also updating the school website. Over the next few weeks we will be changing the look and feel of the website and hope that it will be even easier for you to find the things you need.

Some things will move so please bear with us and contact the school office if you have any problems.

Uniform

We have provided our new logo to Buccaneer. Once existing stocks have sold out, all items will come with the new logo.

Photographs

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

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

Last night we had our monthly committee meeting at Hartford Hall Hotel. We had a great turnout as always and it was great to see some new faces.

Here is a quick update on the events and activities we have coming up:

Fashion, Fizz & Pamper Evening

Friday, 20th October 2017, 7pm – 11pm

School Hall

****TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE****

We are pleased to confirm the stalls for next Friday's event: Stella & Dot, Hazel Moore Beauty & Nails, Younique, Tropic, Maria Ali Henna & Beauty, Forever, Jamberry Nails, Loveleejeet Jewellery and Beauty and Body Shop. Details on how to pre-book nail treatments and eye brows will be available shortly.

And of course, Mrs Jones Ltd will be treating us to a live fashion show with an amazing selection of clothing which will be available to buy throughout the evening.

Tickets are just £5 each and includes entry, a glass of fizz on arrival and entry into our prize draw to win a £20 Tesco Gift Voucher.

We will also be running a raffle on the evening which will include a prize from each of our stall holders. We will announce the full list of raffle prizes next week.

If you would like a ticket for the event, please get in touch. [Anna](#), [Bec](#) and [Rachael](#) will also be selling tickets again after school Thursday and Friday, so please pop and see them.

Christmas Cards

The children have now completed their Christmas card designs and they will be sent to the supplier to prepare the artwork and order forms. We will update you on how to place your order next week.

Candy Cane Corner

Saturday, 2 December 2017 10.00am – 2.30pm

St John's Church, Hartford

Thank you to all those of you who have come forward to volunteer to help make craft items for sale on the stall and/or to help on the day. The sub-committee are now starting to plan for this event and we will keep you updated on what items we will be selling this year.

Aviva Community Fund

In collaboration with the school, FOHM has submitted two applications to the Aviva Community Fund – [click here](#) for more information.

We have been informed that our application to fund reading resources to support the school's teaching of the Equality Act – No Outsiders – has been approved and we now move to the next stage where we need to achieve 1,000 votes from our school community in order to secure the £1,000 applied for. We will shortly provide more details about the No Outsiders project that we have submitted and how you can help us so that we get this funding.

We still await a decision from Aviva on our second project application, which is for a school community digital radio equipment and training, and hope to have a decision by next Friday.

Watch this space.

School Open Days

Saturday, 14th October / Tuesday, 17th October 2017

We are looking forward to supporting the school at their open mornings by serving complimentary refreshments and home-made bakes.

Class Representatives

We have our first Class Representative – Rosie Buckley has put her name forward to be the representative for Year 1. That means we are still looking for volunteers please for Nursery, Reception, Years 2 – 6. If you are interested, please get in touch with us by either chatting to a committee member on the playground or dropping us an email to contactFOHM@gmail.com.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th November 2017, 8pm at Hartford Hall Hotel. Parents, carers and teaching staff at Hartford Manor are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be on the committee to come along to this meeting. A great way to get involved in school life and to meet other parents/carers.

FOHM Christmas Meal

Saturday, 9th December 2017, 7.30pm

Hartford Hall Hotel

We are proposing to combine our December committee meeting with a lite bite and a few drinks at Hartford Hall Hotel to celebrate Christmas together (we are thinking short meeting, long social event!).

If you would like to come along, please would you let us know asap as we will need to confirm numbers and arrange collection of a £5 deposit. Email us at contactFOHM@gmail.com.

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:**

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
Friday	20 October	Fashion Event 7pm til late, School Hall
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
Friday	24 November	FOHM Committee Meeting Hartford Hall Hotel 8.00pm
Saturday	2 December	FOHM Candy Cane Corner 10.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	8 December	Christmas Disco KS1 and KS2
Saturday	9 December	FOHM Christmas Meal Hartford Hall Hotel 7.30pm
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)