



20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*“Learning Together for Life”*

**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,**

On Saturday and Tuesday, we held an Open Morning for prospective parents. Our Year 6 Head Boy and Head Girl gave presentations and our pupil ambassadors showed families around the school. We had an excellent turnout with a total of 48 families visiting across the two days. Many families attended because existing parents recommended the school and I believe this is one the best ways of marketing our school. We aim to return to 15 classes, including Nursery, in the near future and families choosing our school for Nursery and Reception is a key factor in making this happen. There are still some families visiting the school who are unaware that we offer extended care between 7:30 am and 6:00 pm and term time Nursery places. Could you please help us to promote these services.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Curriculum**

2017-2018 has got off to an excellent start. I have been especially impressed by the quality and variety of our curriculum. This half-term we have seen the following activities taking place.

- Visits to Barclays Bank to teach money and life skills
- A visit from special guests from our partner school Nyakabungo in Uganda
- PE coaching from Vale Royal partnership
- French lessons from Mrs Hughes and Ms Pearson, from Hartford High School
- Chemistry with Cabbage science workshops
- Instrument lessons in Year 5
- Early bird maths and Times Tables Rock Stars
- Chester Roman visit

Please follow your child's year group on Twitter if you want to find out more. We also have a range of resources on the parents and curriculum section of the school website that will help you support your child at home.

<http://www.hartfordmanorcpschool.co.uk/page/parents/2337>

**Simon Kidwell**  
**Headteacher**

### **School Dinners**

Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, we will be on Menu 2. 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 (5<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Online payments**

Our flexible approach 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.**

### **Half-term events at Sandiway Library**

Come along and meet the animals at Sandiway Library on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. £3.00 per child – booking essential (tel. 01606 271767).

Halloween crafts on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm - £1.00 donation per child.

### **Half-term Football Courses**

The Football Academy are offering football courses at school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9.00 to 3.30pm for ages 4-12. The cost is £15 a day or £25 for two days. To book, call or text 07738 239287 or visit [www.tfa-thefootballacademy.co.uk](http://www.tfa-thefootballacademy.co.uk)

### **Welcome to the FOHM News Update**

We have so much exciting news to tell you this week, it is hard to know where to start; but let's begin with tonight's fundraising event.

### **Fashion, Fizz and Pamper Evening**

We are expecting over 80 people to attend our Fashion, Fizz and Pamper Evening. For those of you with tickets, you will have the chance to shop at our range of clothing, fashion accessories, beauty and jewellery stalls, enjoy a selection of refreshments and watch our very own Hartford Manor models showcase the latest Mrs Jones autumn & winter collection in a live fashion show. It promises to be a brilliant evening.



### **\*\*NEWS FLASH - Aviva Community Grant Update\*\***

Our other exciting news is that we have made it through to the public voting round for, wait for it, not just one Aviva Community Grant project, but two:

- **£1,000** grant application for the funding of reading resources in support of teaching our children the Equality Act – No Outsiders.
- **£10,000** grant application for the

funding of new school community digital radio equipment and training.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

Now that we are through to the public voting round we are going to need your help please – and the help of your family, your friends (and their friends), and work colleagues. Basically, as many people as you can possibly reach out to in order to get as many votes as possible for our projects!

The public vote will open at **9am on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.

To ensure we get the £1,000 we will need to be one of the first 200 applicants to reach 1,000 votes in order to secure this grant. Have your phones, tablet devices and computers at the ready on Tuesday morning to vote, vote, vote! #wecandohis

For the £10,000 community radio funding, again we need as many votes as possible to get us through to the final judges round but we have a little longer to get the votes in; but again, please vote, vote, vote – this is the big one!

Each person has 10 votes and you can choose how many votes you want to allocate to each project we have applied for.

We will shortly send you more information about each project to help you decide how you would like to vote and a step-by-step guide to make the process nice and easy for you.

You will however need to register with Aviva before you can vote. You can either do this at the time of voting or [click here](#) to register now so that you're all ready to vote.

**Please vote for our projects!** Remember to check your text messages and emails on Tuesday morning for the link to vote.

### **School Open Days**

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the refreshments stall at our recent school open days. We are always happy to support the school in this way.

### **Christmas Cards**

We got a sneak preview of the children's designs for this year's Christmas cards on our FOHM Facebook page – how amazing do they look? The artwork has now been sent to the suppliers and we hope to update you next week as to when order forms will be sent out. Don't forget this year, in addition to buying your child's personalised Christmas cards, you can also purchase additional merchandise such as mugs, tea towels, gift cards and eco-bags. Perfect gifts for grandparents and other family members.

### **Class Representatives**

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](mailto:contactFOHM@gmail.com).

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Our next Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7.30pm**

**Hartford Hall Hotel**

We are proposing to combine our December committee meeting with a light 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](mailto:contactFOHM@gmail.com).

Thanks again for your continued support and please, please help us to get as many votes for our Aviva Community Grant projects.

Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Bebbington

On behalf of FOHM

### **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](mailto:contactFOHM@gmail.com)
- Email any pre-loved uniform requests to [hartfordmanorpreloveduniform@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

Friday	20 October	Fashion Event 7pm til late, School Hall
Thursday	26 October	School closes for half term
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday	6 November	School re-opens
Mon, Tues, Weds	13 – 15 November	Parents' evenings
Tuesday	14 November	FOHM Committee Meeting Hartford Hall Hotel 8.00pm
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
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)
Tuesday	19 December	Reception and Nursery visit to Stockley Farm
Friday	22 December	Last day of term (non-uniform day)