



**1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

***“Learning Together for Life”***

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

I was very pleased to share our latest Ofsted report this week. The document represents the work we have done over the last four and half years and reports on the strengths of our pupils, teaching staff, leadership and governance and importantly our wider school community. Ofsted reports reflect how well a school is doing at a specific point in time and it is important that we continue to improve in every area of school life as we strive towards excellence. Secondary colleague, John Tomsett, said recently, “A truly great school grows over years like an oak tree, not overnight like a mushroom.”

I look forward to working with you as we grow Hartford Manor into a mighty oak that will continue offering children a first class and rounded education.

A copy of the Ofsted report is available via the link below:

[http://www.hartfordmanorcpschool.co.uk/serve\\_file/219286](http://www.hartfordmanorcpschool.co.uk/serve_file/219286)

Thank you.

**Simon Kidwell**  
**Headteacher**

### **School Dinners**

Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 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 are £2.25 per day / £78.75 (6<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 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.

### **Christmas Open Evening**

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be holding our Christmas Open Evening in School from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Please do come along and join us. We would greatly appreciate donations of mince pies and shortbread for the Open Evening (one box per family will be sufficient). Please send in any donations by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

For those of you who follow us on Facebook, you will have heard that unfortunately our quest to secure £10k funding from the Aviva Community Fund for a school community radio station was not successful despite us achieving an amazing 2,011 votes. However, the good news is, we are a finalist for £1k funding for the No Outsiders project and are currently going through a due diligence process to secure this. Fingers crossed.

Thank you all once again for your wonderful support. This was the first time we have applied for this type of funding and I am sure it is something we will try again in the near future.

In the meantime, we have a host of festive events to look forward to.

### **In this week's newsletter, we bring you updates on:**

- Candy Cane Corner
- Christmas Disco
- Personalised Christmas Card & Gifts Update
- Non-Uniform Day
- Funding Pledge for New FS Outdoor Area

### **Candy Cane Corner**



It's officially the eve before our first festive event of the year – Candy Cane Corner. Come along tomorrow, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to the Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair at St John's Church in Hartford between 10am and 2.30pm.

Our Candy Cane Corner stall will be located in St John's Church entrance where we will be selling a wide range of candy cane themed Christmas gifts and stocking fillers including:

- Reindeer treat bags
- Do you want to build a snowman?
- Snowman soup cup
- Cinnamon Reindeer Decorations
- Santa Sleighs, and much more...

If, however, you are unable to make tomorrow's Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair, we are now taking orders for delivery to you after the event. We have emailed a letter home today on how to order, alternatively, please [click here](#) to download a copy of the letter and order form. Thank you in advance.

### **Christmas Disco**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for the children's school Christmas Disco which takes place next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Today was the last day for purchasing tickets and once again, we will have another great turnout.

Tickets will be sent home next week and a price list for the tuck shop etc will also be published.

If you have been in touch to volunteer to help out on the night, Michelle Bebbington will be in touch with you if she hasn't done so already.

### **Personalised Christmas Cards & Gifts**

Christmas cards, gift tags, tea towels and bags have been handed out to teachers to come home this week.

Mugs are in the school office for you to collect at home time or in the morning, unless your child is in Nursery or Reception and staff can pass it over to you directly (Contact us if you are happy for your children to collect the mugs but they will need a bag to keep them safe on the journey home).

Thank you for your support in ordering so much this year. We are just waiting confirmation of the commission for FOHM but we think we have beaten last year!

### **Non-Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day**

New for this year, we are teaming up Rainbows & Guides for non-uniform day. On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December children will be invited to wear non-uniform and a Christmas jumper to raise money for FOHM and Rainbows/Guides in exchange for donating a £1. The money raised will be split 50 / 50. A polite reminder in advance that children are not allowed to wear football kits or hee-lies. This is yet another great example of our school working in partnership to support and raise money for our children and the wider community.

### Funding Update

FOHM have been working alongside the school's Foundation Stage team to put together a proposal for refurbishing the early years outdoor area. We are pleased to announce that FOHM has pledged a donation of £10,000 towards the cost of this exciting project which will benefit Hartford Manor children now and for many years to come. For more information about this project or for a sneaky peak at some of the design proposals, take a look at the [FS Twitter page](#). It is hoped that all work will be completed by the end of December.

### Next Committee Meeting

Our next committee will be combined with a FOHM Christmas Meal on Saturday, 9th December 2017, 7.30pm at Hartford Hall Hotel.

Following a short committee meeting where we will review the past months fundraising activities and a look ahead to our activities for the New Year, we will enjoy a light bite and drinks to celebrate the festive season together.

Pre-orders for food have now been taken.

### 4 Easy Ways to Help Raise Money



Register now to help raise money for FOHM. Click on the logos for more information.

### 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)

Have a lovely weekend.

**Michelle Bebbington**  
On behalf of FOHM

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

Saturday	2 December	FOHM Candy Cane Corner 10.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	8 December	Christmas Disco KS1 6.00pm - 7.00pm/KS2 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	9 December	FOHM Christmas Meal Hartford Hall Hotel 7.30pm
Tuesday	12 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Open Evening 6.00 – 7.30pm
Thursday	14 December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	14 December	Nursery Concert 2.00pm
Friday	15 December	KS2 to see Dick Whittington 12.30pm
Monday	18 December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service – St John’s Church (FOHM providing refreshments) from 6.30pm.
Tuesday	19 December	Reception and Nursery visit to Stockley Farm
Friday	22 December	Last day of term (non-uniform day)

**Spring Term:**

Monday	8 January	School re-opens
Friday	19 January	Year 1 Visit to Chester Zoo
Wed/Thurs	31 Jan - 1 Feb	Year 2 Burwardsley visit
Friday	16 February	Last day of half term
Monday	26 February	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday	27 February	School reopens after half term
Wed-Fri	14 -16 March	Year 5 Lakeside visit
Thursday	29 March	Last day of Spring Term

**Summer Term:**

Monday	16 April	School re-opens
Monday	7 May	May Day (School closed)
Friday	25 May	Last day of half term
Monday	4 June	School reopens after half term
Mon-Wed	11-13 June	Year 6 visit to London
Tues-Fri	12-15 June	Year 4 visit to Pettypool
Tues-Wed	26-27 June	Year 3 Forest Camp
Friday	20 July	Last day of Summer Term