



8th December 2017

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,

Christmas Open Evening

The staff team at Hartford Manor are very much looking forward to the forthcoming Christmas activities and celebrations. One key date I want to draw your attention to is the Christmas Open Evening, at 6.00pm on Wednesday 14th December. The event lasts for approximately 90 minutes; mince pies, shortbread and mulled wine is served to adults. Our choir will sing some festive tunes and you will be able to visit all of our classrooms and see some of our festive work. I hope to see you there.

Photography and Videoing of Christmas Plays

At Hartford Manor we allow families to take videos and still pictures at all of our key celebrations. We grant permission under the proviso that the images/videos are not uploaded on public facing social media sites i.e. open access Facebook accounts. I have been advised that parents who do not agree with our practise can withdraw their child from the performance. Please contact the school office or your class teacher if you want to discuss this further.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 11th December 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 are £2.25 per day / £78.75 (6th November to 22nd 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.

Menu Change – Menu 3 , w/c 18th December only

Please note that on **Friday 22nd December 2017** there will be a change to the planned menu. Children will now have the option of All Day Breakfast or Vegetarian All Day Breakfast. Please note that there will be no alternative meal to the All Day Breakfast on this day.

Christmas Open Evening – request for refreshments

We would greatly appreciate donations of mince pies and shortbread for the Open Evening next Wednesday. Please send in any donations by Monday 11th December.

Warm coats

Can we ask that all children come in with warm coats now that the weather is colder.

After school activities

Next week is the last week for after school activities (although please note there will be NO Lego Club next week). **There will be no after school activities in the last week of term.**

Year 6 London Meeting

Mr Kidwell would like to invite all Year 6 parents and children to discuss the arrangements for next year's London residential visit. The meeting will be held on **Monday 11th December 2017 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. Mrs Ravenscroft and Mrs Atherton will talk to the children separately at the meeting.

Sandiway Library

Mrs Santa is visiting Sandiway Library on Tuesday 19 December 3.30pm to 4.30pm for Christmas stories, rhymes and refreshments. There is a charge of £2 per child which includes a small gift. Booking is essential.

There are also two Christmas Children's Craft sessions on 9th and 16th December between 10.30am and 11.30am – these are drop-in sessions and a donation of £1 per child is requested.

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

It's my favourite time of year. The children singing festive tunes, getting ready for their performances, attending the school disco and looking forward to the end of term and spending time with family and friends.

Christmas Disco

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for tonight's School Disco. We hope the children are looking forward to it as much as we are.

The timings are as follows:

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| Reception, Years 1 and 2: | 6.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: | 7.15pm - 8.30pm |

Drop off will be via the Pupil entrance. Collection at 7pm for KS1 will be via the Reception doors and KS2 will be collected from the hall via the Pupil entrance.

Please remember this is a drop-and-go event. It is not possible for parents/carers to stay in the hall while the disco is on (with the exception of designated parent helpers).

FS Christmas Celebration and KS1 Shine Star, Shine – DVDs

We are selling DVD's of the children's performances. Details have been emailed this week on how to purchase via Parent Pay.

DVDs purchased will be distributed via School week commencing 8th January 2018 and we hope you enjoy re-living the children's performance.

Christmas Tombola

We have now launched this year's Christmas Tombola. For just £1 the children have the chance to win 1 of 3 class prizes. There are also 3 main prizes of a large teddy bear that have been kindly donated to FOHM.

Personalised Christmas Cards & Gifts

I hope you all loved your personalised Christmas Cards and gifts that made their way home last week. Thanks again to Helen Ghagan for organising. Once we have the final fundraising amount, we will let you know.



Candy Cane Corner

We had a great day on Saturday at the Hartford Victorian Christmas. It was lovely to be in the community, raising money for our school and receiving such lovely feedback about our stall. I would like to thank all our little FOHM elves for their support in making all the items, they were amazing. Thanks too for all your support with pre-orders and visiting the stall on the day. It was lovely to see the photos of the children tucking into their Snowman Soup in

We are aiming to hold a last day of term sale with any items we have left and will let you know in advance what items we have. We will then be able to let you know the total amount raised shortly after the end of term.

Hartford Christmas Trees

Hopefully you received a flyer via the children's book bags from Hartford Christmas Trees. On the production of the leaflet (or mention you are a friend of the school) FOHM will receive a 10% donation from the sale of your tree. Thanks again to Rosie Buckley for your support.



Buy a tree and raise money!

If you bring this flyer with you or mention that your child attends Hartford Manor Primary School and Nursery and we will donate 10% from the sale of your tree to the Friends of Hartford Manor to put towards all the fabulous things they help provide for school!

Non-Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day

As mentioned last week, we are teaming up with Rainbows & Guides for non-uniform day this year. On Friday, 22nd 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.

Co-Op Community Fund

Don't forget to choose Friends of Hartford Manor as your local cause to give our fund a boost!

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Bebbington
On behalf of FOHM

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

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| 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 (Year 1 &2) |
| Wednesday | 13 December | KS1 Nativity 2pm (Year 1 &2) |
| 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 | Reception Christmas Assembly 2.30-3.00pm |
| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 |