



15th December 2017

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed week in school this week, starting with the Year 1 and 2 Nativities on Tuesday and Wednesday, our Christmas Open Evening on Wednesday, the Christmas lunch and Nursery Concert on Thursday and finally the Reception Christmas Celebration and the KS2 visit to Dick Whittington at Mid-Cheshire College, today.

Thank you for all your support this week, whether you have made a costume, donated mince pies or shortbread or walked with us to the College; we are always grateful for your help.

We hope you can join us for the KS2 Christmas Carol Service on Monday 18th December at 6.30pm at St John's Church.

The closing date for Reception Class places for September 2018 is 15th January 2018. In order to secure a place, please ensure that you apply in time. Over Christmas, as you meet up with friends and family who are looking for reception or nursery places, please tell them about us and encourage them to get in touch for more information or to arrange a visit - via 01606 288140 or email admin@hartfordmanor.cheshire.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 18th December 2017, we will be on Menu 3. The [full menu choices](#) are available on our website. Please pay online via [ParentPay](#). The cost of lunch for this half term is £2.25 per day / £78.75 (6th November to 22nd December 2017).

Please ensure that your account is up to date ready for the new term. We will not be providing a school lunch from January if you owe for 5 meals - £11.25 - or more. Please remember that it is your responsibility to keep your account in balance.

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

Please note that on Friday 22nd December 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 Breakfasts on this day.**

ParentPay account balances

Please check your accounts carefully before the start of next term and ensure that they are up to date or that you have agreed a payment plan with us. As well as breakfast club, after school club and nursery fees you will see payment requests for our programme of trips and visits. There are a number of deposits still due; please ensure these are paid promptly next term.

Nursery Places

We currently have places available in our Nursery. We offer full-time and part-time nursery places for

children aged between 3 and 4 years during term time. We offer both the **15 hour** universally funded places and are pleased to offer the **free 30 hours** places for those children who are eligible. In addition, we also provide before school and after school care.

If you, or your friends and family are looking for nursery provision in 2018 or beyond, please contact us on 01606 288140 or email admin@hartfordmanor.cheshire.sch.uk for more information or to arrange a visit. Our Nursery Teacher, Mrs Hague will be happy to show off our nursery and answer any questions.

Last day of term

Hartford High has recently announced an earlier finish of 1.05pm on the last day of term (Friday 22nd December). We thought it may be helpful therefore to offer an optional early finish of 1.20pm. However, if you prefer, your child can remain in school until 3.20pm as usual. After school club will run as normal until 6.00pm.

If you wish to collect your child early on Friday 22nd December, please put a note in your child's diary or send in a note for your child's teacher, so that we can ensure that they are ready.

After school activities

There will be no after school activities in the last week of term, this includes Choir.

Warm coats

Now that the weather is colder, please make sure that your child comes to school with a warm coat.

Trim trail

If your children use the trim trail in the morning while waiting to go into school, please can you ensure that you supervise them at all times.

Packed Lunch Bags and Containers

Please ensure that you child brings home their lunch bags/containers next week. Any that remain in school on Friday 22nd December will be disposed.

Reading Team

We are once again looking to recruit willing volunteers to read with the children in school. If you would like to know more about joining our parent/grandparent reading team, please come along to a meeting with Mrs Diamond on Friday 19th January at 2.15pm in school.

Library Update

You may have noticed that the library is changing. The children were having to walk a long way to change their books so we have decided to have smaller class based libraries. We are in the process of putting all the books onto a central electronic system so that the children will be able to access the whole school library collection online to locate, reserve and review books. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

Last Friday we hosted our annual Christmas Disco. The children were amazing and a good time was had by all. Thank you for supporting this event and a big thank you to all of our parent helpers, without which we could not host this event. We hope to announce how much we raised in the coming week.



The following evening, Saturday 9 December, FOHM held their annual Christmas Meal at Hartford Hall Hotel. We had a brilliant turnout – committee members, helpers and teachers – who came along to celebrate our achievements over the past year and to look ahead to yet another successful fundraising year for our school. The date for our next Committee Meeting will be announced shortly.

We begin next week by serving refreshments at the KS2 Christmas Carol Service which takes place at St John's Church Hartford.



There are just a couple of days left for the children to enter the Christmas Tombola. These are the 3 BIG teddies which the children have a chance to win in this year's Christmas Tombola (kindly donated to FOHM). For just £1 they choose a number. They can also win 1 of 3 class prizes too! Good luck everybody. The draw is due to take place on Wednesday 20 December.

Well done to our children in FS and KS1 on their brilliant Christmas performances! Today is the last day for ordering the Christmas performance DVDs. Thanks to everyone who has placed an order. The DVDs will be delivered home w/c 8th January 2017.



We have some stock left over from our Candy Cane Stall. Therefore, we are proposing to do the same as last year and set-up a stall on the playground on the last day of term, Friday 22 December. We'll be selling items such as Santa sleighs, reindeer food and many other items – perfect for stocking fillers, Christmas Eve boxes or last day of term treat. We will announce how much we have raised in the New Year.

Also taking place next Friday is our non-uniform day. 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.

Co-Op Community Fund



As you may be aware, we received notification from Co-Op that our application for their community funding has been successful! Our application is for up to £10,000 to extend and enhance our school trim trail and create an exciting new fitness equipment area for everyone in the school community.

The funding round started running on **12 November 2017** and runs for 11 months until the **27 October 2018**.

How it works

Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

They will also give us and the other causes in our community an equal share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags. Members in our local community are now able to choose our cause and give us their 1%. The more we shop, the more is shared.

How to support our School

If you are already a Co-Op member you can now choose Friends of Hartford Manor as the cause you would like to support – (choose the next project).

If you're not a Co-op Member yet, you can join here: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> and then us as your cause.

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

Enjoy the build-up to Christmas.

Michelle Bebbington, FOHM Chair

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

Autumn Term:

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) – optional early finish of 1.20pm

Spring Term:

Monday	8 January	School re-opens
Tuesday	9 January	Year 2 Burwardsley Parents Information Evening – 3.30pm, Mrs Chapman’s Room
Friday	19 January	Reading team – meeting with Mrs Diamond - 2.15pm
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