



19th January 2018

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Wednesday 24th January at 2.00pm we will be officially opening our new build. To mark the occasion we have invited Dame Alison Peacock, from the Chartered College of Teaching, and Mark Parkinson the Director of Education for Cheshire West and Chester Council, plus some ex-students from Hartford and Leftwich High Schools. To commemorate this important stage in our school development we will be holding assemblies for the children, unveiling a plaque and will be planting a time capsule to be opened in 2043. We will share photos of the day with you via Twitter and the local press.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Fitzpatrick, who has made the decision to spend more time with her family. She has worked across a number of classes and with a range of children. We will miss her calm and patient approach to working with our children and wish her all the very best.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 22nd January 2018, 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 / £67.50 (8th January to 16th February 2018).

Please note that 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.

Nursery Open Morning

On Saturday 10th February we will be having our Nursery Open Morning from 10.00 am until 11.30am. If you or anyone you know is interested in a place at our Nursery, please do come along.

Reading Team

We were very sorry to have to cancel the Reading Team meeting today. It was due to unforeseen circumstances. We have rearranged the meeting for **Friday 26th January at 2.15pm** in school. If you are interested in joining our parent/grandparent reading team to read with the children in school, please do come along to find out more.

Snacks

Please can we request that KS1 children please only bring in non-dairy/non-soya snacks for break time as we have one child with a severe dairy allergy. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Leave of Absence requests from September 2017

As previously advised, any holiday requests will not be authorised unless they are deemed as exceptional circumstances. Cheshire West and Chester Council have resumed the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for

any unauthorised absence, for 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more, unless there are any exceptional circumstances. A Fixed Penalty Notice can only be issued to parents/carers of pupils who are of Compulsory School Age. Where both parents have responsibility for their child, each parent will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice. The definition of "parent" includes all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and includes any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility and/or care for a child or young person.

The amount of the penalty is £60 per parent/carer if paid within 21 days. If the payment is made after 21 days but within the maximum 28 days the penalty payment is £120 per parent/carer. Parents/carers do not receive reminders requesting payment.

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to fail to secure their child's attendance at the school at which they are registered, where that absence is not authorised by the school. If the Fixed Penalty Notice is paid within the time limits above no further action will be taken in connection with the offence. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid the file is passed to the Authority's Legal Services and the parent/carer could get prosecuted in the magistrate's court.

Please also see letter from Cheshire West at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

Yesterday, we held our first committee meeting of the year. Thanks to everyone who came along. We were delighted to be joined by Steve Farrell who is a member of Hartford Parish Council and has recently been elected as a Governor of the school. He came along to talk to us about a number of exciting community events that the Parish Council are proposing to host this year and to invite the FOHM and our school to be involved. This is a wonderful opportunity and once again an example of how we are building strong relationships with the wider Hartford community.

The events that Steve discussed with us included a Fun Run around Marshalls Arm on Sunday 22nd April 2018 and Picnic in the Park, as participated in last summer, on Sunday 8th July 2018.

We also discussed with him the possibility of FOHM having a stall at the Northwich Festival which is run by Northwich Rugby Club and held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The committee thought that these are all brilliant ideas and have agreed to take part in these wonderful community family events. We look forward to telling you more about these events in the coming weeks.



Aviva Community Fund

It's official! We received confirmation from Aviva that we have been awarded the £1,000 funding for our No Outsiders project. On receipt of the funds, the school will be able to purchase the educational resources applied for. I know we have said it before, but that you all so much for voting for this project and helping us to spread the word to your friends and family. We couldn't have achieved this without your support.



Co-op Community Fund

A few parents/carers/teachers have asked us for more information about how to sign up to the Co-op Community Fund and select the FOHM as their chosen local cause. So here is a quick reminder:

How it works

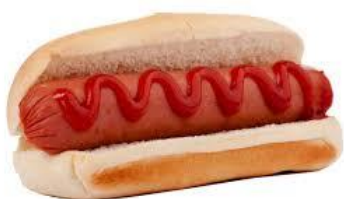
Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

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 choose us as your cause.



Hot Dog Treat Night

We are looking at organising a hot dog treat night early in February where we will also show a movie. We will be organising separate events for KS1 children and KS2 children. We are just in the process of finalising the details. More information will be announced shortly.

Spring Disco

We are pleased to announce that our spring disco will take place on Friday 20th April 2018. We will keep the normal arrangements with KS1 disco from 6pm – 7pm followed by KS2 at 7.15pm – 8.30pm. Further details to follow.

Summer Fair

Yes, really, we are already talking about the school summer fair! The date for this event will be Saturday 16th June 2018. We invited the School Council to select a theme for this year's summer fair and we are delighted to announce that this year our theme will be.... drum roll please.... LEGO. We're so excited. Excellent choice by our School Council!

With all of these events coming up, we would love to hear from parents/carers who would like to get involved in the organisation of helping out on the day. In which case, please email us on contactFOHM@gmail.com. Thank you.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We are once again selling pre-loved school uniform items. If you are interested in buying any items, please email Petra Hadingham and Helen Ghagan at hartfordmanorpreloveduniform@gmail.com.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at 7.30pm Hartford Hall Hotel

Other Dates for Your Diary

- Hot Dog Treat Night – February 2018 (Date/Times TBC)
- Hartford Parish Council Fun Run - Sunday 22nd April 2018 (Time TBC)

- Spring Disco – Friday 20th April 2018 KS1 disco from 6pm – 7pm followed by KS2 at 7.15pm – 8.30pm.
- Summer Fair – Saturday 16th June 2018 12noon – 3pm
- Hartford Parish Council Picnic in the Park - Sunday 8th July 2018

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

Diary Dates**Please note that this list is subject to change during the year****Spring Term:**

Friday	26 January	Reading Team Meeting 2.15pm
Wed/Thurs	31 Jan - 1 Feb	Year 2 Burwardsley visit
Tuesday	13 February	FOHM committee meeting - 7.30pm Hartford Hall Hotel
Saturday	10 February	Nursery Open Morning
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
Friday	20 April	FOHM Spring Disco KS1 6-7pm; KS2 7.15-8.30pm
Sunday	22 April	Hartford Parish Council Fun Run
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
Saturday	16 June	FOHM Summer Fair 12noon – 3pm
Tues-Wed	26-27 June	Year 3 Forest Camp
Sunday	8 July	Hartford Parish Council Picnic in the Park
Friday	20 July	Last day of Summer Term

our reference

your reference:

please ask for:
Debbie Ward
01244 976175

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Dear Parent,

Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Following the outcome of the Isle of Wight v Platt court case the Local Authority suspended the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for the Summer Term 2017.

This letter is to remind parents/carers that from September 2017, unless there are any exceptional circumstances, the Local Authority will be resuming the issuing of FPN's for any unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more during term time.

Should an unauthorised absence take place the school will inform the Local Authority and a Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents/carers are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 when the penalty is paid within the next 7 days (giving a total of 28 days to pay). This penalty is per parent/carer per child for the duration of the absence.

If the Fixed Penalty is not paid you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on 01244 976175 or by email FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Debbie Ward

Fixed Penalty Notice Officer