



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break. The children have made a great start to the term, quickly settling back into the routines and enjoying their new topics. It's been a chilly week and the forecast is for more cold weather next week. Please check that your child has their name in their coat so that we can make sure it gets back to them if they leave it on the playground.

We look forward to sharing photographs from activities for this half term. Year 6 are taking part in a survival project, Year 3 and 4 are beginning rehearsals for their spring production, Year 3 are off on an extended day trip and the Friends of Hartford Manor will soon be sharing information about upcoming events.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Diamond

**Acting Head Teacher**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	<p>Next week we will be on menu 3. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway. Please note that on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, we have our special census menu (advertised at the end of this newsletter).</p> <p>On occasion, due to supply issues, we may need to change the advertised menu. We ask that you book meals a maximum of <b>two weeks</b> in advance to avoid disappointment.</p>
<b><u>Application for school places</u></b>	<p>If your child is in Nursery, the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2024 is <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>. Please <a href="#">click here</a> to apply.</p>
<b><u>Brunner Treat day 18<sup>th</sup> January</u></b>	<p>Last term, the children in Brunner house earned the most house points overall. The house captains have chosen to have a non-uniform day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The children in team Brunner can wear their own clothes that day (no football kits). A well-deserved treat! If this is a P.E day, please ensure they wear suitable clothing to do P.E too.</p>
<b><u>Parking</u></b>	<p>In order to keep everyone safe and the local residents happy, please can we remind all road and pavement users to take extra care when driving, parking and supervising children at the beginning and end of the school day.</p>
<b><u>Treat Your Shelf</u></b>	<p>We are in a golden age of children's literature but, as a parent, it can be quite difficult to keep up with what is new and to work out what age group books are aimed at. Each term, Mrs de Wolff writes a reading newsletter, '<b>Treat Your Shelf</b>' where we aim to direct you towards new book releases.</p> <p>If your child reads one of the recommended books, we would love it if you would tweet/ or share an Instagram post on the school's social media with a photo and #Shelfie. We hope you find this useful and enjoy browsing through it.</p> <p>Instagram: <a href="#">@hartfordmanor72</a> Twitter: <a href="#">@HartfordManor72</a></p>

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 18h January 2024	Brunner treat day- children in Brunner can wear their own clothes to school (no football kits)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Census Day-special menu
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Y3 Day visit
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Y3 Day visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School closes for half term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Inset day- school closed
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School opens





# Treat Your Shelf

## Marnie Midnight And The Moon Mystery

By Laura Ellen Anderson 7/8+

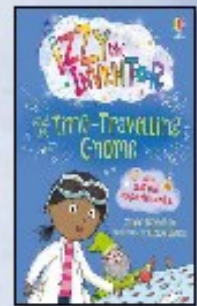


Marnie is so excited to be starting at Minibeast Academy. She adores everything about the moon and she can't wait to learn about its magic. But Marnie soon discovers that nobody believes in moon magic anymore! She is determined to get to the bottom of this moon mystery. The little moth and her minibeast friends search far and wide for the truth. But will they survive a run-in with a rebellious rat or an out-of-this-world trip with the terrifying Early Bird?

## Izzy the Inventor and the time travelling gnome

By Zanna Davidson 7+

Meet Izzy the Inventor in a laugh-out-loud fiction series that brings together science, magic and a very lovable unicorn. Henry the unicorn is trapped in a tall tower in Fairytale Land and it's up to Izzy to save him. She's come with all her latest inventions but this time, her inventions alone can't save Henry. She's going to have to learn how to travel through time with the help of a bad-tempered gnome! A perfect chapter book for our youngest KS2 readers.



## Thames and Tide Club - Squid Invasion

By Katya Balen 8+



The mudlarkers of the Thames and Tide Club are back and are about to face Squidmageddon in a funny and fast-paced adventure for young treasure hunters. When the director of the mudlarking museum goes on holiday for a week, he leaves three members of the Thames and Tide Club - Clem, Zara and Ash - in charge. They're determined that nothing will go wrong on their watch, but they haven't planned on an invasion of squid who will stop at nothing to take over the world. This is a lovely, light, fun-filled story.

## Beast Lands - Race to Frostfall Mountain

By Jess French 9+

Rarnoia was once populated with mighty beasts. Now, it is home to barren and tamed cities, where nature is locked out and trouble is brewing. When Kayla's beloved animal companion, a rare winged pangron, is stolen, she's determined to get him back. But to do so, she'll have to leave her city and journey into the wild, forbidden Beastlands. There, she meets warrior Rustus and Ajethea, a healer, desperately seeking a cure for a mysterious disease. Together, they'll adventure across the lands they know little about, leading them to terrifying discoveries.

