



9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children in Years 2-6 had a visit from Redrow construction company to talk to them about safety near building sites. They explained how to stay safe around construction vehicles and hazards to be aware of if they are ever on a building site. Redrow kindly donated hi-vis jackets for the children to use on school outings.

Our school council meet regularly to discuss issues and concerns raised by the other children so that changes can be made. In the past, the council have requested mirrors in the bathrooms, fruit at break times and they have chosen playground equipment, all of which are now in place. Recently, the council launched a poetry competition and they received 80 entries! These have been submitted and we will share the results as soon as we can.



The school council are also keen to promote positive changes to our local environment. They made a banner for the school car park area asking people to turn off their car engines when waiting to drop off and collect so that the children are breathing cleaner air as they arrive at and leave school. We appreciate that people arrive early to avoid parking difficulties and leave engines running to either keep warm or cool but the council feel that this is not good for their environment and they would like to do something about it. Unfortunately, the banner has been removed so we will be installing new signs in the car parks and would really appreciate your support by ensuring that your engines are turned off.

Yesterday, the FOHM launched the Big Reading Challenge. Reading high quality texts is central to our curriculum at Hartford Manor and the funds raised by FOHM pay for the wonderful celebration assembly books that are presented to the children each week. We hope the children enjoy taking part in the challenge and enjoy plenty of books over the half term break.



The extra-curricular club booking system goes live at 6pm this evening. We appreciate that this sometimes causes disappointment. We try to offer a range of clubs across the ages throughout the year, so hopefully there is something for everyone.

This is the final newsletter for this half term. Please remember that school is closed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for a staff training day so the last day of this half term in Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Diamond  
**Acting Head Teacher**

**School Dinners**

Next week we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway. On occasion, due to supply issues, we may need to change the advertised menu. We ask that you book meals a maximum of **two weeks** in advance to avoid disappointment.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Marshall House Treat afternoon- children in Marshall house to wear their P.E kit to school.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Day visit

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Day visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day- school closed
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens