



15<sup>th</sup> March 2024


*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few weeks ago, I went to visit Mrs Bentley. The children who were taught by Mrs Bentley will remember her love of Liverpool Football Club, laughing and having fun and her infamous 'Friday Dance', which was always accompanied with a song! Mrs Bentley has been undergoing cancer treatment for a few years and recently retired from her teaching post at Hartford Manor due to ill health. When I spoke with her, we decided to arrange an event to celebrate her time at Hartford Manor. So, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we will be inviting the children to donate £1 to take part in a whole school dance in the style of Mrs Bentley's 'Friday Dance.' Some of the children in Year 6 would also like to hold a cake sale at the end of the day. All funds raised will be donated to St Luke's Hospice. Mrs Bentley is hoping to join us on the day. We will send out further details next week.

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 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.</p> <p>Our catering provider Edsential, has confirmed that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, the price of school meals will be increasing to £2.79. This is due to the increasing cost of food and staffing. School Gateway will be updated to reflect this change during the Easter break.</p>
<b><u>Staffing</u></b>	<p>This week we have welcomed Helena Williams to the school office team. Helena will be working on Thursdays and Fridays on the reception desk. Linda Seymour has moved to a role outside of education.</p> <p>We have also received confirmation that Miss Lyons will not be returning to her role at Hartford Manor. We wish Mrs Seymour and Miss Lyons all the very best in their new roles.</p>
<b><u>Parents' evening</u></b>	<p>Today, you will have received your child's Spring Term report ahead of the parents' evenings next week. Please note that paper copies of reports will be given to parents at their appointments.</p> <p>I hope you have been able to arrange the appointment of your preference. The booking system has now closed but please get in touch if you need any support.</p>
<b><u>Big Walk &amp; Wheel</u></b> 	<p>Hartford Manor is taking part in 'The Big Walk and Wheel'. This event aims to encourage more families to travel to school actively to help create healthier and happier communities. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. The event finishes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.</p>
<b><u>After School Clubs booking system</u></b>	<p>On <b>Thursday 21st March</b>, we will be opening the booking system for the extra-curricular clubs on offer after the spring break. We have decided to launch it on the Thursday so that we have time to resolve any club related queries on the Friday.</p>

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Parents' evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Mrs Bentley's Friday Dance Event (on a Thursday!) School closes for Easter break.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School opens
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 3/4 Production 2pm (school hall) and 6pm (school hall)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3/4 Production 6pm (school hall)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April- Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Year 5 Residential
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Sports day