



22nd September 2017

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,

The children have continued to settle in to school this week. They have been engaging in a range of activities including computer coding with Barclays, Egyptian workshops, money awareness sessions and tots tennis. In assembly this morning we were introduced to some visitors from our link school in Uganda. We look forward to developing our work at Hartford Manor alongside the children in Nyakabungo. If you would like to follow events as they happen in school, all classes have a Twitter feed to keep you up to date. Please also visit the year group page on our website.

On Tuesday evening, the FOHM met for the Annual General Meeting. It was lovely to see new and familiar faces at the meeting and great to hear plenty of fundraising ideas for the next year. The committee members have been voted in and the next meeting will be held at Hartford Hall at 8pm on Thursday 12th October. Everyone is welcome to attend; the more the merrier! The funds raised by the Friends of Hartford Manor hugely benefit our school community, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved for their fantastic hard work and support.

Enjoy your weekend,

Jan Diamond
Deputy Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 25th September 2017, we will be on Menu 1. The [full menu choices](#) are available on our website. Please pay online via [ParentPay](#) and remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that the account is in balance. The cost for lunches for this half term is £85.50 (5th September to 26th October 2017).

Applying for Year 7 School places for 2018

Please see the information below with regards to how to apply for a Year 7 place for your child (this comes from the Cheshire West and Chester Council website):

1. View the [Transferring to Secondary School information booklet](#) - available online from 1 September 2017
2. [Create an online account](#) or [login](#) if you have an existing online account
3. Submit your application by the closing date of **31 October 2017**

4. **From 12.30am on 1 March 2018** you will be able to log in to view the result of your application.

Safeguarding

All staff in school have recently completed safeguarding training relating to the Prevent agenda. We have attached a parent leaflet (see end of newsletter) which outlines how primary schools can help to prevent radicalisation and extremism.

Open Mornings

We will be holding Open Mornings for Reception 2018 starters on Saturday 14th October from 9.30 to 11.00 and Tuesday 17th October from 9.15 to 10.30. Please help us to spread the word!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September, Hartford Manor will be taking part in the national Macmillan Coffee Morning, to raise funds for the Macmillan cancer charity. The event will take place after the Key Stage One celebration assembly from 9.30am - 10.15am, in the school hall. We would be very grateful for donations of slicing cakes, tray bakes and cupcakes. The children will be in lessons during the coffee morning itself. However they will have chance to buy a cupcake, and donate to the charity, during playtime.

Please bring any cake donations to the main office after school on Thursday 28th or take them directly to the hall on Friday morning before assembly.

We hope you can join us!

Year 6 - War Horse (Liverpool Empire) November 2017

Just a reminder that Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to see a matinee performance of 'War Horse' at the Liverpool Empire Theatre on Wednesday 22nd November 2017. If your child would like to attend we require a deposit of **£10** to secure your child's place on the trip. As we need to inform the theatre of the exact number of seats that we require in advance of the performance, we need deposits to be paid on ParentPay by **Monday 16th October 2017** at the latest. The remaining balance of £16.00 must be paid by **Friday 17th November 2017**.

Gold Sports Mark 2016-17

We have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark for the outstanding PE and Sports we do as a school. For the past three years we have been awarded the Silver Sports Mark so receiving the Gold Mark is a great achievement.

The number of KS2 children participating in sport-based after school activities has increased to 56% which is up 9% on last year. This year we had a number of children, who had never attended a sports club before, being involved in school teams. We also introduced a School Sport Organising Crew from Year 5 who attended training and helped to lead an inter-house cricket tournament. Also, Sports Ambassadors in Year 6 were trained as young leaders and led an after school club. Over the year, teams were entered for a variety of competitions and tournaments including several where two or more teams took part. We have used a variety of coaches who have taught Dance, Cricket, Tennis, Football, Judo, Fencing and Gymnastics; these have all helped to enhance our sports provision.

Follow Mrs Meyer on Twitter to see what we are up to this year @HartfordManorPE

Toddler Group

A reminder that Toddler group continues each Wednesday from 2pm-3pm in the green mobile.

Pre-loved Uniform

FOHM are selling pre-loved Hartford Manor uniform. Please email any requests to hartfordmanorpreloveduniform@gmail.com

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

On Tuesday 19 September, the FOHM held their AGM. We had a great turnout and thanks to those of you who were able to make it.

We are therefore pleased to announce our new Committee for the academic year 2017 – 18:

Officers:

- Michelle Bebbington – Chair
- Rachael Forster – Treasurer
- Petra Hadingham – Secretary (*New*)
- Jacquie Hudson – Marketing / Communications Officer

Ordinary Committee Members:

- Anna Mansoor (*New*)
- Bec Coventry (*New*)
- Katie Dean (*New*)
- Helen Ghagan
- Nicola Grace (*New*)
- Lucy Holroyd
- Kelly Reeves
- Sarah Smith
- Natalie Warren

For the second consecutive year, we have increased our committee membership which goes to demonstrate the excellent support we have from our school community. Please do remember that you do not have to be on the elected committee to attend FOHM meetings or to be involved in our events and fundraising activities. All Hartford Manor parents/carers/teaching staff are 'members' of FOHM and welcome to get involved at any time.

Once the AGM formalities were completed we moved on to hold an ordinary committee meeting. We discussed our fundraising objectives for the year and what events we would like to organise.

We are currently proposing the following between now and Christmas (yes, we mentioned the "C" word!):

- Providing refreshments at the school's Welcome / Open Day events in October 2017 (14/10/17 and 17/10/17)
- Providing homemade bakes for the school's Macmillan Coffee Morning (29/09/17)

- Fashion Event (20/10/17)
- Christmas cards and other merchandise
- Candy Cane Corner (part of the Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair) (2/12/17)
- Sale of Christmas Nativity DVDs (FS/KS1)
- Providing refreshments at the school's (KS2) Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church Hartford (18/12/17)
- Non-Uniform Day (22/12/17)
- Christmas Disco KS1 & KS2 (8/12/17)

Further information will be available on each of these events and activities in the coming weeks. If you would like to be involved in organising any of the above events, please speak to a member of the committee or come along to our next committee meeting.

Would you like to have a stall at our Fashion Event Fundraiser?

We are looking to reschedule the fashion event for the evening of Friday, 20th October 2017. At this event, we are looking to have a wide range of stalls selling fashion and beauty related products and services.

If you run your own fashion/beauty business or you have friends or family who do and would be interested in taking a stall at this event, please get in touch with committee member, Anna Mansoor by email: contactFOHM@gmail.com before Friday, 29th September.

Don't forget to save the date!

Class Representatives

New for this year, we are looking to appoint Class Representatives for all classes across all years.

As a Class Representative, your role will be to:

- Pass on information from FOHM to other parents in their child's class, and encourage parents to support the FOHM activities.
- Coordinate volunteers to help with fundraising activities.
- Seek feedback from parents on FOHM events or funding requests and pass it on to the committee.
- Help to recruit a new class rep towards the end of the summer term to take over in the new academic year.

You're not expected to attend to be an elected Committee Member or to attend Committee Meetings (although it would be advantageous if you could attend!).

This role would be ideal for parents/carers who are perhaps new to the school and would like to get to know other parents/carers in their child's class, or someone who is regularly on drop-offs and/or pick-ups.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Class Representative, please email Michelle Bebbington on contactFOHM@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address, child's name, year group and class teachers name by Friday, 29th September and we'll be in touch. Class Representatives will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Thanks in advance.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th October 2017, 8pm at Hartford Hall Hotel.

All parents, carers and teaching staff of Hartford Manor are welcome to attend.

Best wishes

Michelle Bebbington
On behalf of FOHM

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**NB This list is subject to change during the year****Autumn Term:**

Friday	29 September	KS1 Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Friday	29 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
Tuesday	3 October	School Photographer – individuals and siblings
Wednesday	4 October	Year 6 First Aid Training Day
Friday	6 October	KS2 Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Thursday	12 October	FOHM Committee Meeting – Hartford Hall Hotel 8.00pm
Friday	13 October	KS1 Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Saturday	14 October	Open Morning 9.30-11.00am (FOHM providing refreshments)
Tuesday	17 October	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am (FOHM providing refreshments)
Wednesday	18 October	Year 6 Chemistry with cabbage
Thursday	19 October	Year 6 Chemistry with cabbage
Thursday	20 October	Fashion Event
Thursday	26 October	School closes for half term
Friday	27 October	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	6 November	School re-opens
Mon, Tues, Weds	13 – 15 November	Parents' evenings
Wednesday	22 November	Year 6 visit to War Horse
Saturday	2 December	FOHM Candy Cane Corner 10.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	8 December	Christmas Disco KS1 and KS2
Tuesday	12 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday	14 December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	14 December	Nursery Concert 2pm
Monday	18 December	Christmas Carol Service – St John's (FOHM providing refreshments)
Friday	22 December	Last day of term (non-uniform day)

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy.

British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others.

We will give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

KEY TERMS

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Ideology – a set of beliefs

Terrorism – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

Where to go for more information

Contact the school: If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

See our policies: You will find more details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website. We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values.

Frequently asked questions: Prevent For Schools http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38 What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It <http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>