



10th November 2017

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hartford Manor,

Thank you to all the parents who have already made appointments for parents’ evening using the [online appointments system](#); it will remain live until 9.00am on Monday. Please log on as soon as possible to book your appointment if you have not already done so. If you experience any problems with the system please contact the school office for help.

At the parents’ evening you will have the opportunity to look at your children’s books, receive their autumn term report and meet with their class teacher. We will also provide crèche facilities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; children may bring along a reading book or electronic device.

We will also be asking you to complete an [online parent view questionnaire](#) on the evening of your appointment.

When you come to parents’ evening it is important that you get an understanding of how well your child is doing at school. The list of questions below may help:

- Are they happy at school?
- Do they get along with other children?
- Which areas of the curriculum are their strongest and which do they enjoy the most?
- Which area of the curriculum do they need to work on?
- What can we do at home to help?
- Do they contribute to class discussions?
- Are they at the expected level for their age group? If they are performing below their age, ask what areas need to be worked on and what is being done by the school to bring them up to the level required for their age group.

Mrs Diamond and I will be available on each evening if you need to speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Kidwell
Headteacher

School Dinners

Week commencing 13th November 2017, we will be on Menu 1. The [full menu choices](#) are available on our website. Please pay online via [ParentPay](#). The cost for lunches for next half term is £2.25 per day / £78.75 (6th November to 22nd December 2017).

We adopt a very flexible approach to providing lunches at Hartford Manor, allowing children to choose between a school dinner and packed lunch from day to day.

Reading Information Evening for Parents

We would like to invite you to join us for a reading information evening on **Monday 20th November at 7.00pm**. We will be sharing tips and advice on how you can support your child with their reading at home and also explaining how we teach reading in school. This meeting will be especially useful for parents who have children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We hope you can join us.

Parking near the school

We have again had a complaint from one of our neighbours that parents have been parking in their parking spaces and obstructing access to their property. Please can we remind parents once again to be considerate when parking near school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs next week

Please note that evening clubs **will not** take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week due to Parents' Evenings. Lunchtime clubs will still take place on these dates.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Children in Years 4-6 have been improving their mathematical fluency using "Times Tables Rock Stars", a fun way to learn times tables. We are now extending this to children in **Year 3**: please look out for further information, which will be sent home with your child next week; this will include their own username and password to log on to the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' website at home. Many thanks for your support.

Welcome to the FOHM News Update

Welcome back after the half-term break.

You will hopefully have heard the news that we were successful in securing the 1,000 votes to secure the £1,000 Aviva Community Fund for the No Outsiders resources. Thank you to everyone who voted.

We are now looking to get as many votes as possible to get us through to the judging panel to secure £10,000 for a school community radio station. We have just over 1,100 votes so far but we need more! If you haven't already voted please do, otherwise your help to spread the word to family, friends and work colleagues would be much appreciated. Here is the link for voting: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5398>. Voting closes on 21 November 2017.

Christmas Cards 2017 – Update

We are delighted to announce the return of our FOHM Christmas Card fundraising project.

A letter/order form will shortly be sent home with instructions on how to order and a sample card with your child's artwork. New for this year, you can order cards, gift tags, tea towels, mugs and eco-bags.

We will have a stall in the school hall on Mon 12th, Tues 13th and Wed 14th Nov from 3:30pm-7.15pm during Parents' Evening week where you can drop-off your order and talk to the team if you need to. You will need to return this form complete with payment, either correct cash or cheque made payable to Friends of Hartford Manor. You do not need to return the sample card, this is for you to keep.

Otherwise, please return the order form to school in an envelope with correct payment by Wednesday 14th Nov.

Candy Cane Corner 2017 – Update

The Candy Cane Corner sub-committee is busy finalising their ideas for festive themed gifts and crafts for this year's stall. After the success of last year, we will be taking pre-orders. Further information will be available next week.

Upcoming Events

- **Date of Next Meeting**

Our next Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14th November 2017, 8pm at Hartford Hall Hotel. Parents, carers and teaching staff at Hartford Manor are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be on the committee to come along to this meeting. A great way to get involved in school life and to meet other parents/carers.

- **FOHM Christmas Meal**

Saturday, 9th December 2017, 7.30pm at Hartford Hall Hotel

We are proposing to combine our December committee meeting with a light bite and a few drinks at Hartford Hall Hotel to celebrate Christmas together (we are thinking short meeting, long social event!).

If you would like to come along, please would you let us know asap as we will need to confirm numbers and arrange collection of a £5 deposit. Email us at contactFOHM@gmail.com.

- **Candy Cane Corner (part of the Hartford Victorian Christmas Fair)**

Saturday, 2nd December 2017, 10am – 2.30pm at St John's Church Hartford

- **Christmas Disco KS1 & KS2 (8/12/17, pm)**

Friday, 8th December, pm in the School Hall

- **FS / KS1 Nativity DVD Sales**

December 2017

- **(KS2) Christmas Carol Service Serving of Refreshments**

Monday, 18th December 2017 at St John's Church Hartford

- **Non-Uniform Day**

Friday, 22nd December 2017

Stay in Touch

For more information about upcoming FOHM events or to get in touch:

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- [Meet the Committee](#)
- Join our [Facebook](#) page
- Follow us on [Twitter @FOHManor](#)
- Email us on contactFOHM@gmail.com
- Email any pre-loved uniform requests to hartfordmanorpreloveduniform@gmail.com

Thanks again for your continued support.

Michelle Bebbington
On behalf of FOHM

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

Mon, Tues, Weds	13 – 15 November	Parents' evenings
Tuesday	14 November	FOHM Committee Meeting Hartford Hall Hotel 8.00pm
Monday	20 November	Reading Information Evening 7.00pm
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
Saturday	9 December	FOHM Christmas Meal Hartford Hall Hotel 7.30pm
Tuesday	12 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday	13 December	Open Evening
Thursday	14 December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	14 December	Nursery Concert 2pm
Monday	18 December	Christmas Carol Service – St John's (FOHM providing refreshments)
Tuesday	19 December	Reception and Nursery visit to Stockley Farm
Friday	22 December	Last day of term (non-uniform day)