



19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday evening, I met with Amy and the Friends of Hartford Manor committee for the AGM meeting. I am delighted to share that Amy is going to continue in her role as Chair of FOHM. The committee have worked so hard to enhance many aspects of our school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amy and all the committee members for the ongoing commitment, time and care they invest in our school. If you would like to find out more about how you can support the FOHM, please email [contactfohm@gmail.com](mailto:contactfohm@gmail.com)

Each term we try to offer a range of clubs across the different age phases. As a school, we receive sports funding from the government to encourage our children to engage in physical activity, this means that many of the clubs we offer are sport based. The school staff volunteer to run non-sport clubs, however, due to their other commitments, their clubs can usually only run for a half term and places are limited. Some of our clubs are delivered by outside providers and incur a cost to parents. We appreciate that the limited places on offer causes anxiety when using the booking system and some children are unable to attend their preferred club every term. We will continue to review the clubs we offer and will aim to inform you in advance so that alternative after-school care arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your continued support this half-term, we hope you have a restful break. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs J Diamond  
**Acting Head Teacher**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	When we return after half term, we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<b><u>Monster Mash Disco</u></b>	<p>On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, FOHM will be holding a fancy dress ‘Monster Mash’ disco.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Reception &amp; Year 1 3:30pm-4:30pm</b> (Children will get changed in their classroom straight after school and will collect their home time things after the disco).</li><li>• <b>Years 2&amp;3 4:45pm-6:00pm</b> (If your child is on a short session in after school club on this day, they can be collected by a member of staff at 4:15pm to get changed in a classroom and then taken to the disco at 4:45pm)</li><li>• <b>Years 4,5 &amp;6 6:15-7:30pm</b> (If your child is on a long session in after school club on this day, they can be collected by a member of staff at 6:00pm to get changed in a classroom and then taken to the disco at 6:15pm)</li></ul> <p>Tickets are available on school gateway until <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> and will be issued in the first week back after the half-term break.</p>
<b><u>Application for school places</u></b>	<p>If your child is in Year 6, the deadline for applying for applying for a secondary school place is <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>. Please <a href="#">click here</a> to apply.</p> <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>Holiday Dates 2024-25</u></b>	We have published our term dates for next academic year, 2024-25. They can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
<b><u>Hartford Village Christmas Fair</u></b>	FOHM will be running Candy Cane Corner at the Hartford village Christmas Fair again this year. They are looking for volunteers to help make Christmas themed gifts to raise money for the school. If you can assist, please email <a href="mailto:contactFOHM@gmail.com">contactFOHM@gmail.com</a>

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School Closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Monster Mash Disco- see times above.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November- Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evenings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (Virtual)</li><li>• Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Face-to-face)</li><li>• Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Virtual).</li><li>• The appointment booking system will open on <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6:00pm.</b></li></ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	EYFS Christmas Assembly 9:00am (school hall)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	11:00am Year 3&4 Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5&6 Carol Service (St John's Church)

**HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024**

<b>HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>	<b>DATE OF CLOSING</b>	<b>DATE OF RE-OPENING</b>
SUMMER 2023	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2023	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
CHRISTMAS 2023	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
SPRING HALF TERM 2024	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
SPRING BREAK 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
MAY DAY 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
SUMMER HALF TERM 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

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<b>INSET DAYS</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024