



24th November 2023

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you last week for parents' evening. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work and all the wonderful activities they've been busily doing throughout the term.

We are holding our second open morning for prospective parents on Saturday 2nd December from 9:15am onwards. We would be grateful if you could share this information with any friends or family who have pre-school aged children.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be completed by following this [link](#).

The next few weeks are going to be jam-packed with seasonal events. We look forward to sharing our Christmas productions and carol concerts. We are delighted to share that the FOHM have once again pledged funds to pay for every child in Years 1-6 to attend the pantomime at The Grange and for a theatre group to perform in school for the children in Nursery and Reception. Please email the school office if you do not wish your child to attend.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Diamond
Acting Head Teacher

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week we will be on menu 3. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>Holiday Club Questionnaire</u>	We are exploring the possibility of offering a holiday care provision at Hartford Manor. We would appreciate it if you would complete the following survey: Holiday Club Questionnaire
<u>Application for school places</u>	If your child is in Nursery, the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2024 is Monday 15th January 2024 . Please click here to apply.
<u>School Nurse Drop-in service 29/11/2023</u>	The school nurse will be in school for a drop- in clinic to offer advice and support for issues such as toileting, anxiety, self-care etc. For more information and to book a slot, please complete the following form: School Nurse Drop-in Booking Information
<u>MMR & Measles</u>	The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reported an increase in measles across the country and is encouraging people to check that they and their children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Please Check your child's Red Book to see if they've received MMR vaccinations as scheduled or check with your GP surgery if you're unsure.
<u>Holiday Dates 2024-25</u>	We have published our term dates for next academic year, 2024-25. They can be found here .

**Hartford Village
Christmas Fair**

On Saturday 2nd December, FOHM will be running Candy Cane Corner at the Hartford village Christmas Fair. They are looking for volunteers to help make Christmas themed gifts to raise money for the school. If you can assist, please email contactFOHM@gmail.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	Christmas dinner day (Christmas jumpers may be worn)
Friday 8 th December 2023	EYFS Christmas Assembly 9:00am (school hall)
Monday 11 th December 2023	Year 1-3 pantomime visit to Grange Theatre
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Year 4-6 pantomime visit to Grange Theatre
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)
Thursday 14 th December 2023	11:00am Year 3&4 Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5&6 Carol Service (St John's Church)
Friday 15 th December 2023	School closes at 3:20pm. (After school club will be running as usual)