



8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*“Learning Together for Life”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season got off to a flying start last weekend at the Hartford Christmas Fayre. The Friends of Hartford Manor put on a fabulous array of gifts, treats and craft activities and the HM choir did us proud, even in the chilly temperatures! It was lovely to see the children wearing their festive outfits for Christmas dinner on Wednesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed their roast turkey dinner. Thanks to the kitchen team for making it such a special time for the children. Today, our Reception and Nursery children shared a wonderful Christmas performance, we are so proud of the way they have settled in their first term at Hartford Manor. We are sure that they are all ready for a well-earned rest.

The final week of the term is particularly busy with KS1 productions, pantomime visits and KS2 Carol services. We appreciate there's lots to remember so we will send regular reminders throughout the week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support this term and to wish you a lovely break with family and loved ones.

Mrs J Diamond  
**Acting Head Teacher**

<b><u>School Dinners</u></b>	Next week we will be on menu 2. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway. Please note that on Monday and Tuesday we will be offering a deli sandwich option only due to the logistics of pantomime visits.
<b><u>Application for school places</u></b>	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.
<b><u>Health Protection Update</u></b>	<p>The UK Health Protection Agency (UKHSA) North West Health Protection Team is currently seeing an increase in the number of children attending school and nursery settings whilst experiencing diarrhoea and gastrointestinal illnesses. They have asked us to share the following message:</p> <p>It is very important that children or adults with symptoms of diarrhoea should stay off from work and childcare settings for <b>48 hours</b> after the symptoms have stopped. They should also not visit vulnerable family or friends, especially people in hospitals or care homes. This is important to minimise any possible spread on infection to others.</p> <p>Teach your child to wash hands properly for 20 seconds and stay away from others when sick. The <a href="#">e-bug resources</a> for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits – and why they are important - to your child.</p>
<b><u>Carol Services</u></b>	Children are expected to wear the standard uniform for the Carol services. In the past, children have worn a shirt and tie for special events. However, in order to reduce costs to families, we recently removed these items from our uniform list. If your child already has a shirt and tie, they are very welcome to wear them if they wish.
<b><u>FOHM</u></b>	The Friends of Hartford Manor team will be at the school gate on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning selling Candy Cane Corner goods. They will also have a stand at both KS2 carol services on Thursday.

**Holiday Dates**      We have published our term dates for next academic year, 2024-25. They can be found [here](#).  
**2024-25**

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 1-3 pantomime visit to Grange Theatre
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 4-6 pantomime visit to Grange Theatre
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)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School closes at 3:20pm. (After school club will be running as usual)