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Newsletter – Spring Term January 2013.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome

We would like to wish a very happy and successful 2013 to all of our Hartsfield families. Although it feels like a long time ago now, we hope that you all had a peaceful Christmas. Christmas at Hartsfield was a pure delight, our children were amazing as always, they worked hard and behaved impeccably throughout the excitement. Thank you to our kitchen staff who ensured that our Christmas dinners were special.



Year 2 made Nativity Puppets



Year 3 had a great Roman Day.

Thank you.

On behalf of us all, thank you to the exceptionally hard working Friends of Hartsfield School Association. The Christmas Market held on 24th November 2012 was a great success despite the weather dictating that the FHSA adopt "Plan B," i.e. relocate the Market inside the school, where we were all warm and dry! The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed with a fabulous range of food, toys and Christmas presents to buy. The Hartsfield choir sang beautifully too!

Year 5 visit the National Space Centre.

On the 21st November 2012 all of the Year Five's took a trip to the National Space Centre. The Space Centre was a wonderful experience. Everyone loved the planetarium, it was an amazing place. It was a screen around the room; it actually felt like we were floating in space. The only downside to the trip was the long coach journey and the wait to get into the workshop.

In the workshop we learnt about the phases of the moon and a fun quiz about space and all the planets. To round everything up we had a great time and everybody is more knowledgeable about space. We recommend this trip to next year's Year 5's.

By Simran and Imogen.



Thank you

Thank you for your recent generosity in supporting our children with the very popular “**Children in Need**” fundraising. The combined sale of Pudsey keyrings and the activities organised by the children raised an impressive total of **£721.30**.

Our collection from the sale of poppies in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £113.40.

On behalf of us all, thank you for your overwhelming generosity both in sending hamper goods into the school for our Christmas hampers and for purchasing raffle tickets at the Christmas concerts. The delighted winning ticket holders were: the Groves family, the Strong family, the Biegala family, the Day family, the Simpson family, the Chohan family, the Dellar family, the Mackenzie family, the Buckley family, the Clawson family, the Travers family, the Colbeck- Davis family, the Woodard family, the Matthews family and the Price family. Your support has raised approximately £1,600.00 which is astonishing. As noted previously, we plan to use monies raised for the school to support our Arts week and Story week and will share more information with you once all of the plans are finalised.

Arts week.

We are in the process of planning an Arts week which will be held during the week of 11th – 15th February 2013. We are hoping to celebrate Arts around the World; Africa, India, South America, Europe, Australasia - with each Year Group focusing on the Arts in different countries e.g Dance, Music, Story Telling, Creation Stories, Art influences, Food and Buildings. We are very excited about the week and hope that the children will have a wonderful week with visiting artists, musicians etc. We are hoping that some of our talented Parents will be able to help during the week as well. If you are a Musician or Artist willing to offer an hour, a morning or a day, we would love to hear from you, just let me know via a note/ message from your child or alternatively please contact the school office. You might be great at drawing cartoons, portraits, 3D drawing or abstract art and willing to demonstrate some skills in a workshop session to a Year group or be willing to play an instrument. Whatever time you have, skill or talent we would love to hear from you.

Parent Consultations.

Parent consultations provide a formal opportunity to meet your child's class teacher/s and share information regarding your child/children's progress and achievements at school and if necessary discuss any concerns you may have. The dates for the meetings this term are:

- Wednesday 13th February 2013 – 4.00pm - 7.00pm.
- Thursday 14th February 2013 – 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

There will be further details later concerning appointment times. If however, you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or to myself.

Music Tuition.

Several of our peripatetic music teachers inform us that they have places available. Instrumental tuition is available for Cello, Brass, Flute, Guitar, Recorder, and Violin. Please contact the school office for more details.

Snow Days

Over recent winters we have, on occasion, had to close the school due to heavy snowfall; primarily because of the impact of transport difficulties for staff and children. This is never an easy, welcome or ideal situation. With the recent drop in temperature, it seems timely to remind everyone of our procedure in the event that we have no alternative but to close the school. We will use our "**Text Anywhere**" service to send a text message to all families to advise of any closures, please therefore ensure that we always have the most up to date contact information.

Literacy Award Winners – Autumn Term 2012.

The following children were chosen by their teachers to receive a Literacy Award for their excellent work in Literacy last term. Congratulations to all of the award winning children.

Class 7 – Alex Parkin

Class 9 – Kirsty-Anne Frost

Class 11 – Maisie Tomlinson

Class 13 – Patrick Higgitt

Class 8 – James Shaw

Class 10 – Isla May

Class 12 – Nathan James

Class 14 – Caitlin Bracken

The overall winner of the Literacy cup was Caitlin Bracken - Class 14 for outstanding achievements in written work over the term.

School Clubs.

After School and Lunchtime Clubs for the term have begun and I would as always, like to thank all of the staff who give their own time, in addition to a busy day in class in order to give our children a variety of experiences.

Day.	After School Club and Lunchtime Clubs
Monday Lunchtime	Ukulele – Year 2 & Year 3 Mr Atkinson
Monday After School	German – Year 3 Mrs Luquet –Gerrard & Mrs Hall
Monday After School	Netball – Year 6 Mrs Berry & Miss Mayhew
Tuesday Lunchtime	Arts Award – Year 6 Mrs Lyons & Mrs Bradford
Tuesday After School	Multi –Sports – Years 1& 2. Premier Sport
Wednesday Lunchtime	Gymnastics – Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 Premier Sport
Wednesday Lunchtime	Ocarina – Years 1 & 2 Mrs Minion & Mrs Hughes
Wednesday After School	Spanish Little Linguists
Thursday Lunchtime	Brass – Years 4, 5 & 6. Mr Welch
Thursday Lunchtime	Recorder groups Mrs Sanders- Hewett
Thursday After School	Boys Football - Year 6 Mr Summer
Thursday After School	Drama - Year 4 (after half term.) Miss Brown
Thursday After School	Choir - Years 5 & 6 (after half term.) Mrs Prior & Mrs Bradford
Friday Lunchtime	Sports Hall Athletics - KS2 1 st half term Mrs Lawes
Friday Lunchtime	Tag Rugby – Year 6 (after half term) Mrs Lawes.

SAT's week dates for 2013.

Please be aware that Year 6 School Assessments will take place during the week beginning 13th May 2013. Children should not be taken out of school during the Assessment week.

Finally.

Our Marie Curie charity "Pots of Care" have arrived in school and children will be planting their daffodil bulbs next week. The daffodil pots will be sent home later in the term with information on how you can support the Marie Curie Cancer Care organisation.

I have added as many confirmed dates as possible on the Diary Dates page and further dates and information will follow; in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries you feel we can help with.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Summerhayes

Headteacher.

Note: If you or any member of your family would like a copy of this newsletter in another language, enlarged print or an audio tape, please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2013.

Date.	Event.
Week beg Mon 14 th January 2013	School Clubs start this week
Tuesday 15 th January 2013.	7.30pm Friends of Hartsfield School Association meeting. All welcome.
Monday 21 st January 2013	Year 4 Hindu Workshop day.
Thursday 24 th January 2013	Music Technology group workshop at KTS
Thursday 24 th January 2013	Hartsfield v Grange Football match - home.
Monday 4 th February 2013	Hartsfield v St Francis Netball match - away
Tuesday 5 th February 2013	EYFS "Setpoint" Bubble Workshop
Wednesday 6 th February 2013	Year 5 Victorian Day
Mon 11 th - Fri 15 th February 2013	Arts week
Wednesday 13 th February 2013	Parent Consultation meetings 4.00pm – 7.00pm.
Thursday 14 th February 2013.	Parent Consultation meetings 4.00pm – 7.00pm.
Friday 15 th February 2013	Year 6 to KTS for Singing Festival. Concert to Yr 6 Parents at 2.00pm at KTS.
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2013.	HALF TERM WEEK.
Friday 15 th March 2013	Year 2 Music am at KTS – more info to follow.
Monday 18 th - Fri 22 nd March 2013	Story Week - more info to follow.
Tuesday 26 th March 2013	Year 2 London trip
Thursday 28 th March 2013	End of Spring term.
Monday 15 th April 2013	Summer term begins for children
Monday 6 th May 2013	May Bank holiday – School closed.
Thursday 9 th May 2013	Year 6 K'nex Challenge day.
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th May 2013	School Assessment Week.
Friday 24th May 2013	Staff training day – School closed
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2013.	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 3 rd June – Friday 7 th June 2013	Year 6 School Journey to Activity Adventure Centre, Caythorpe Court.
Tuesday 11 th June 2013	Pret a Portrait Class and Group Photos
Monday 17 th June 2013	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 18 th June 2013	Year 4 Kentwell visit
Tuesday 18 th June 2013	District Sports.
Thursday 20 th June 2013	Year 3 visit to Cuffley Camp
Tuesday 2 nd July 2013	Year 5 visit Walton-on-the-Naze
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th July 2013	Year 5 Cycle Training
Thursday 11 th July 2013	Secondary Transfer day & Hartsfield children visit New Class.
Tuesday 23 rd July 2013	1.15pm – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm - Term Ends for children.
Wednesday 24 th July 2013	Occasional day – School closed.

MORE DATES AND INFORMATION TO FOLLOW AS THE TERM PROGRESSES.