

# NEWSLETTER 1 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Happy 'New Year'**- Welcome back to the 2018/19 academic year. I hope that everyone had a good break. The children have returned smart and ready for the new year. A big welcome to the parents of children new to the school and to the Hartsfield Community. Now on to the new term...

**Dates for 2018/19-** Some key dates have been set for the autumn term and are recorded here and on the website.

Please note the changes to the **Parent/Teacher consultation dates\***- with such a long half term we have moved them to a week earlier. We will share details of the online booking system nearer the time. Please also note that, to bring us in line with other local primary schools and as we finish so close to Christmas, we will be finishing early **at 1.30 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> December\***. Children will have had their school dinner that day when they leave us.

Dates of **special assemblies and performances** are also being finalised. When planning these, we are taking into account the peak key learning times for our children therefore Year 2 and Year 6 will be staging their performances in the summer term while Reception and Year 1 will be staging Christmas performances. More info will follow on Years 3, 4 and 5 performances/assemblies.

**School Trips and activities-** the staff are finalising their plans for the academic year and we will be sharing a whole year list with projected approximate costs to help our families budget- please be assured that we always work hard to get 'best value' and maximum educational benefit from our activities and no child will be disadvantaged due to parental financial difficulty.

**Music lessons & Clubs** – Music lessons start next week alongside most clubs.

**Reminders** - like all schools, parking is always a problem and we encourage our families to walk to/from school if possible. If you need to drive, our drop off zone is available in the morning - **for dropping off only - not parking**. Please park considerately in the local area.

There is no on-site parking for end of school pick-ups. Our site management team, Mr Barnes and Mr Darcy enforce this guidance which is in place to keep all our children safe in the school grounds.

**Quiz Night** – FHS will be organising and hosting the ever popular Quiz Night again. See attached flyer for further information.

## DIARY DATES

### September 2018

12 PGL Meeting for Year 6 parents @6.00pm  
14 Year 1 local walk  
19 Year 4 Egyptian Day  
20 New Reception Parents meeting @6.00pm  
20 Year 6 to KTS- Legacy Event  
21 Year 4 first swimming session  
25 Residential trip meeting for Year 4 parents @6.00pm  
26 Individual school photographs  
26 Friends AGM @7.30pm  
27 Food Bank collection ('Harvest Festival')

### October 2018

4 KTS open morning  
5 KTS open morning  
5 Friends Quiz Night  
11 Tag Rugby Festival  
12 Cancer Research non-uniform day  
12 Year 6 WW2 day  
16 Parent/Teacher consultations\*  
18 Parent/Teacher consultations\*  
20 Community Fireworks event  
29 Start of half term

### November 2018

5 Science Week  
6 Year 6 trip to Duxford  
7 First prospective parent tour  
8 Year 5 trip to Airbus  
14 Reception classes to Baldock library  
24 FHS Christmas Fair  
30 Occasional Day- school closed

### December 2018

7 FHS Wrap-a-present  
19 Christmas Dinner

**School Photographs** - We will be having photographers in school for individual photos on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like photographs taken with pre-school siblings, please book a slot with the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Philippa Smith  
and the Hartsfield Team*