



Well the Christmas tree is up and the decorations are across the school...it must be Christmas!

**Children in Need:** Our recent fundraising was supported whole-heartedly by the children and families with the School Council selling merchandise and running the cake sale. We raised a total of £1500, an amazing amount so thank you to all.

**Christmas Fair:** Saturday was another great success with lots of money raised and with lots of smiles. Final figures are being calculated so we will keep you informed. Thank you to The Friends for organising and running the event, the volunteers and staff on the day and for all who attended and spent their money.

**Christmas performances/ assemblies:** dates have been noted on the website for several weeks but timings are now available- see the website and the panel here for details. To ensure we adhere to health & safety regulations please follow our guidance of a 2 adult limit on attendees.

**Parent Online Survey:** Thank you to all those that completed the online survey. We received 190 responses and I have added a copy of the summary of results to the school website- see the 'Parent View' section under the main Parents tab. We will use the results to improve with homework already showing as an area of focus based on your responses.

**Children's Online safety-** we know that keeping safe online is a concern for parents and children alike and to support this we are introducing a programme called 'ecadets'. Representatives from each class were selected from written applications and these cadets will support online safety information sharing and guidance with Mrs Ward our Computing coordinator. More information will follow in the near future.

**App-** if you want to know when information, diary dates and news stories are added to the website, please download the 'school news' app. (orange symbol) You will be sent alerts on your 'phone when information is added. See the app store to download for free.

**Personnel changes:** As many of you may have noticed, Mrs Jakes is expecting twins next spring and is planning to go on maternity leave in February. We will keep the Reception parents informed of the changing teaching arrangements and other personnel changes.

## DIARY DATES

### November 2018

30 Occasional Day- school closed

### December 2018

4 Flu Vaccinations

5 Prospective parent tour

7 FHS Wrap-a-present

8 KS2 Choir performing in Stevenage

11 Year 1 Christmas performance to parents 2.30 pm

11 Wheelchair basketball @Priory

12 Years 3/ 4 Christmas celebration to parents 2.30pm

13 Reception Christmas performance to parents 2.15 pm

13 KS2 choir performing @ Holy Trinity Church

14 Years 3/ 4 Christmas celebration to parents 9.30 am

18 Year 5 Christmas performance to parents (2.30 pm)

19 Christmas Dinner

21 Last day of term- finish at 1.30

### January 2019

7 INSET day- school closed

8 First day back

9 Prospective parent tours

15 Closing date for Early Years School Applications

19 District football match

**Science Homework Competition** – We had some wonderful entries thank you, the winners were:

Class 5: Cyril K

Class 6: Athur K

Class 3: Prem L

Class 4: Lacey C

Class 1: Ben C

Class 2: Edward F

Class 7 Isaac B

Class 8 Lucas L

Class 9: Niall T

Class 10: Oliver B

Class 12: Naiomi T

Class 13: Anmol L

Class 14: Alice R

**Good bye for now** – Mrs Dulai, class 8 teacher (year 3) leaves us today to go on maternity leave. She thanks everyone for their kind words and gifts. We wish her well and we will keep you all informed of her news. Mrs Ward will be teaching class 8 full-time from next week.

**Remember – we are CLOSED tomorrow!!!!**

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Philippa Smith  
and the Hartsfield Team*