

NEWSLETTER 7 11th January 2019

Happy New Year...2019 already!

Thank you for all the kind Christmas gifts, cards and words on behalf of the Hartsfield team. Mrs Cooper, our lollipop person has asked I also say 'thank you' specifically on her behalf too. The chocolate emphasis was appreciated but obviously all had to be consumed quickly to make way for a healthy New Year!!

Friends of Hartsfield School fundraising:

Christmas Fair - The figures are in and we raised an amazing £2950! This is an increase on the £2637 raised in 2017. We are discussing with the Friends as to how to best use the money to benefit all the children. We have lots on our 'wish list' including new tablets/iPads to support/ update our computing in the new financial year but The Friends and I will be keep you informed in the weeks ahead.

Pick-ups - maintaining safeguarding:

Although parents let us know about regular alternative pick up arrangements, it is the adhoc occasions where often it is the child letting us know that another person is picking them up, when problems occur. Although children in Years 5 and 6 often walk home 'alone', we cannot release younger children into the care of others without prior notification. Please let the class teacher know that morning or alternatively ring through to the school office prior to 3.00 pm that day.

Dates: Lots of dates are noted here and on the website (with timings) including parent assemblies for year 2,3 and 5 and parent/teacher consultations.

Music lessons: We have the opportunity to potentially offer Cello lessons here in school, an instrument that hasn't been on offer before. If anybody is interested in their child learning the cello, please ask the office for more information.

Homework: As mentioned in the last newsletter, in response to the results of the recent parent survey, I am seeking parent/carer views on homework to help formulate our approach ongoing. On Monday we will send out links to the short (7 question) survey - please take 5 minutes to complete it - your opinions matter.

Baby news: We are pleased to announce that Mrs Dulai, from Class 8, gave birth to a healthy baby girl over the Christmas holidays. Both are doing well and the school staff are looking forward to their first visit into school in the near future!

Other news: As I shared last term, Mrs Jakes is expecting twins in April and therefore aiming to go on maternity leave at half term. Ms Parsons, an experienced teacher who has been into Hartsfield during the Autumn term, will be taking over class 5 and will be in school from Monday 11th February.

DIARY DATES

January 2019

14 School nurses into Reception class
15 Closing date for Early Years School Applications
15 Class 7 to Baldock library
16 Class 8 to Baldock library
19 District football match
21 School nurses into Reception class
24 Sports Hall athletics heat @ KTS
28 Year 6 watching drama production @KTS
31 Year 5 Maths Challenge heat @Hartsfield

February 2019

2 Herts Cross Country Championships
4 Boys A team football tournament @ St Chris
5 Safer Internet day
5 Year 1 trip to St Mary's Church
9 District football match
12 Girls football tournament @St Johns
14 Year 4 speed-stacking competition @KTS
15 Year 6 Primary Singing Festival @KTS
15 Last day of half term
25 First day back after half term

March 2019

5 Year 2 gymnastics team event
7 A team netball tournament @ St Francis
8 Year 5 parents' assembly @2.45 pm
11 B team netball tournament @ St Francis
11 National Science Week
14 Year 2 parents' assembly @2.45 pm
15 Red Nose Day- non-uniform
18 Book week
20 Year 6 PGL Parents Meeting @6pm
25-29 Bikeability course for Year 5 children
26 Parent/Teacher consultations 4-7pm
27 Year 3 Fossil Workshop
28 Parent/Teacher consultations 4-7 pm
28 Year 6 Fossil Workshop
28 U9 Rugby tournament @LRFC
28 Boys B team football tournament @ St Johns
29 Year 3 Rainforest Alliance cake sale

April 2019

4 Year 3 parents' assembly
4 Last day of term- finishing at 3.15 pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team