



NEWSLETTER 4 20th December 2022



Well after a couple of action packed weeks, we are on the eve of the end of term!

EYFS, Year 1, Years 3, 4 and Year 5 have treated us to brilliant festive performances. All the children enjoyed their Christmas dinner last week and a live pantomime show 'The Sword in the Stone' from a theatre company on Thursday. The show featured lots of audience participation (with 10 children actually involved in the show), singing, drama and talking animals!

Hot Dog Friday update

Thank you to all who have supported our weekly event throughout the last term. Mr Darcy and his team have done a great job raising additional funds however we will not be having 'Hot Dog Fridays' each week in the Spring term. The weather is so unpredictable and we need to rebuild demand! There will be a one off sale in the first weeks of the year to clear hot dog stock- watch this space!

Fundraising thank you

Thank you to all who have supported The Friends fundraising this term. In these tough times it is even more appreciated than ever. Money raised will be used to provide some whole-school events during the Science Week in the spring term in addition to contributing to the cost of the artificial grass laid across the grounds- these all-weather areas have transformed breaks and lunch times when the main field cannot be used.

Christmas Break checklist

Over the break please ensure you order lunches for your child via SchoolGrid. Orders should be placed online by 8.50 am each day at the latest to ensure that the correct quantities are cooked for that day. From January any child requiring a school meal, without a specific order placed for that day will be supplied with a filled roll plus pasta/veg/salad and a dessert of the day.

The EYFS application deadline for September 2023 is January 15th 2023

Merry-go-round building works

Merry-go-round are having some building works, that started on 19.12.22 and will be completed over the Christmas break.

Music lessons restart week commencing 9th January 2023

Advance Notice- CAB session

We will be hosting a free session run by the Citizens Advice Bureau in the New Year to provide 'practical advice & resources to help families understand the government support package, and save money & energy during this current cost of living crisis'. Details to follow.

DIARY DATES

December 2022

21 Last day of term- 1.30 pm finish

January 2023

5 INSET day- school closed
6 First day back for Children
12 Prospective Parent tour @10.00am
15 Deadline for EYFS September 2023 entry
16-20 Year 5 Bikeability sessions
28 Girls Football County tournament

February 2023

7 Cake sale by year 6 girls for years 5 and 6
7 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7 pm
9 Herts Catering Pizza sauce making sessions
9 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7 pm
13-17 Half term

March 2023

2 World Book day
13-17 Science Week
30 Year 4 parents meeting re Hudnall trip @5.30pm
31 Last day of term -1.30 pm finish

April 2023

17 INSET day- school closed
18 First day back for children
19 Year 6 K'Nex challenge

May 2023

6 King's Coronation
8 Bank Holiday linked to Coronation
9-12 KS2 SATs
9-12 Year 4 Hudnall Park one night residential
19 Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony

Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts and words shared with the Hartsfield team- they are never expected but always well received and appreciated.

As a final reminder- please remember that we finish at 1.30 pm tomorrow. And after an INSET day (for staff training) on Thursday 5th January, the children should return to school on **Friday 6th January 2023.**

We wish all our families, staff and our local community a great break and a happy Christmas and New Year.

Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team

