



I hope everyone had a great break (where did those 2 weeks go!) and are now ready for 2023! This term may be short but from experience, children can make significant progress with their learning in the weeks ahead.

Punctuality- The new term and getting back into routines is always a challenge. We have however a significant minority of families arriving late into school after 8.50 am. Being on time provides a really positive and calm start to the day for your child. Conversely, it is upsetting for children to be the last ones in along the corridor when their classmates are already settled and ready to learn. Please support your child/ren by being on site for 8.45 when the classroom doors open for a prompt start to learning at 8.50 am. We will be reaching out to families struggling with punctuality and attendance to offer support in the weeks ahead.

Uniform- The children have returned to school looking smart in their Hartsfield uniform. Please ensure that on PE days they also wear the relevant PE uniform items in the school colours (e.g. black joggers/leggings and a green school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt over a white T-shirt and black/green shorts), rather than randomly coloured sports clothes, as noted on our website.
<https://www.hartsfield.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=171>

Year 5 will be using the school field for Lacrosse this term and so will also need a spare pair of shoes/trainers in school with them on PE days.

Citizens Advice Cost of Living Session @Hartsfield

31.1.23 at 9.00 am- like many local schools, we will be hosting a session here for our parents 'offering practical advice & resources to help **everyone** save money & energy during this current crisis.'

While numbers are not limited, we want to plan the space and refreshments needed. Therefore, if you are interested in attending please go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/eventlist/eventListingURL?aid=4942> to book a place or contact the school office team.

September 2023 intake

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

Our Year 6 Ambassadors have done an amazing job showing prospective parents around throughout last term. We have a final tour set up on Thursday 12th January for any local parents making their final decisions. Bookings are via the school office team.

DIARY DATES

January 2023

11 Year 3 science walk
12 Last Prospective Parent tour @10.00am
12 Year 6 girls football vs Lordship Farm School (away)
15 Deadline for EYFS September 2023 entry
16-20 Year 5 Bikeability sessions
25 Year 6 netball vs Pixmore School (away)
28 Girls Football County tournament
31 CAB Cost of living workshop @9.00 am

February 2023

7 Cake sale by year 6 girls for years 5 and 6
7 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7 pm
7 Safer Internet Day
9 Herts Catering Pizza sauce making sessions
9 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7 pm
13-17 Half term
20 Boys Football vs St Christopher's School (home)

March 2023

1 NSPCC sessions with Years 5/ 6
2 NSPCC sessions with years 5/6
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
17 EYFS trip to Herrings Green Farm
19 Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony

Website update

We are currently finalising upgrades to our website and will be launching a new updated site shortly- you may have noticed the slight changes to headings and organisation of the current website made to help smooth the transition. Watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support.

Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team