



NEWSLETTER 5 19th December 2023



Christmas Performances

Thank you for everyone's support with our recent performances. I know that learning words and songs can go on into the evenings and costumes are often needed too. Thank you to all the staff for their time, patience and prop-making skills!

Last week's 'Wind in the Willows' theatre show went down really well with the whole school in the hall for an interactive performance. We have already booked 'The Selfish Giant' for December 2024.

Parking

We know that parking can be tricky for those families unable to walk to/from school however please remember to park safely, legally and with consideration for our neighbours.

We have sadly had numerous reports of Hartsfield families parking across the drives and parking spaces of local residences. One recent report last week had a parent parking in the middle of Downlands (Clothall Common) thereby blocking in 12 resident cars. We have asked our neighbours to report inappropriate parking to the Police.

Term dates

Dates for National assessments in Year 6 (SATs, Year 4 (multiplication tables check) and Year 1 (phonics screening) are now on the website.

Term dates for 2024-25 are also available to help with your holiday planning.

End of Term

We finish at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 20th December.

Children will be returning on Friday 5th January 2024 (INSET day is on Thursday 4th January for staff training)

Clubs for Spring term

Please remember to sign up your child for school run clubs by 12.00 noon on 4th January 2024 (INSET day) via the supplied 'google form' link shared through year group specific emails.

School Dinners

Please remember to order your child's school lunches via 'school grid' in readiness for the start of the new term.

PE Kit.

PE kit is not needed tomorrow (20th December). Years 3 and 6 will be doing PE on Friday 5th January as usual so children should come into school in their kit. EYFS will not and therefore children should wear normal school uniform that day.

DIARY DATES

December 2023

19 Trading Card club
20 Last day of term- 1.30 pm finish

January 2024

4 INSET day- school closed
5 First day of term for children
8 EYFS and KS1 Herts Catering sessions
15 EYFS (Sept 2024) application deadline
18 Young Voices

February 2024

13 Parents evening 4.00-7.00 pm
13 Preloved uniform sale
15 Parents evening 4.00-7.00 pm
15-16 KS2 Herts catering sessions
19-23 Half term

March 2024

4-8 Year 5 Bikeability
13 Boys Football tournament
14 Girls football tournament
15 Year 6 K'nex Challenge
19 Netball @ St Francis
21 Netball @ St Francis
28 End of term @1.30pm

April 2024

15 INSET day
16 First day of term for children

May 2024

6 Bank holiday
7 Pret-a-portrait- Year 6 and EYFS
9 Year 4 Hudnall Park meeting @6.00 pm
13-16 Year 6 SATs
17 Year 3 to Celtic Harmony

Many thanks for all the kind words, thoughtful cards and gifts to the Hartsfield team. Although never expected, they are very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish all our families a great Christmas break and a healthy and happy New Year.

Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team

