



Well, one minute it was Christmas and now it is nearly spring with less than 4 weeks until Easter! The spring term is always one of the busiest academically with children making amazing progress and it was great to see parents (and children) at the recent parents' evenings.

Attendance

There is a major Government-led push to improve school attendance as percentages have fallen particularly since Covid.

As a school we monitor attendance closely and I personally look at absence lists daily. I am pleased to say that Hartsfield attendance is high relative to other schools, but we still need your support to ensure children are in school to learn. Attendance less than 95% is seen as a particular concern. Below is data taken from 1.3.24

Year group	Percentage attendance
EYFS	96.9
1	95.5
2	96.7
3	96.7
4	95.9
5	95.9
6	95.6
Whole school	96.2%

We are currently running at 39th out of 337 Hertfordshire schools and in the top 20% Nationally.

World Book Day 7th March 2024

Children have been taking part in a range of book activities this week. Tomorrow, please look out for a free book that is being sent home with each child. Thank you to WHSmith in Letchworth for organising the books.

Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets for this fundraising event organised by the School Council will be available online via Arbor from Monday 11th March ready for the prize draw on Thursday 28th March. All donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received via the school office- the more eggs we have- the more prizes can be won!

Red Nose Day 15th March 2024

Children can wear non-school uniform that day- please donate to this worthy cause through our JustGiving link. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/hartsfield-school-1709117072200?checkoutMode=Headless>

Thank you for your continued support

Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team

DIARY DATES

March 2024

6 Y6 football vs St Marys
7 World Book Day
11 Special assemblies- recycling
12 Year 2 Great Fire of London sessions
13 Boys Football tournament
14 Girls Football tournament
15 Red Nose Day- non-uniform day
15 Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
18-22 National Neurodiversity celebration week
19 Netball @ St Francis
21 Netball @ St Francis
22 Yr 1 Assembly to parents @2.50pm
25 Yr 6 Football @ St Marys
26 Year 5 Hockey festival
26 Year 6 Isle of Wight Parents meeting @6.00-6.30pm
27 Trading Card Club
28 Easter Egg Raffle draw (School Council)
28 End of term @1.30pm

April 2024

15 INSET day
16 First day of term for children
24 FHSA Meeting @7.30pm
27 FHSA Rock n' Roll Bingo night

May 2024

2 EYFS Height and Weight checks
6 Bank holiday
7 Pret-a-portrait- class photographs of Year 6 and EYFS
9 Year 4 Hudnall Park meeting @6.00pm
10 EYFS Height and Weight Checks
10 Non uniform day- chance to win an ipad!
10 FHSA Fun Trail from 3.20 pm
13-16 Year 6 SATs
17 Year 3 to Celtic Harmony
20-24 Year 6 trip to Isle of Wight
20-21 EYFS NHS Height & Weight checks
23 Trading Card Club
27-31 Half term

June 2024

3 INSET day- school closed
5-6 D & T- Inventors and Makers workshops- all years
10-14 Year 1 Phonics Screening tests
10-14 Year 5 Swimming Lessons
24-28 Year 4 to Hudnall Park
26 Year 5 &6 District Sports

July 2024

1-5 Sports week
5 Sports day
11 Transition Day
22 Trading Card Club
23 Last day of term- 1.30pm finish