

# NEWSLETTER 1 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Happy new academic year to you all and I hope everyone had a great summer.

**Site updates-** The last section of artificial grass has been installed near the back gate. EYFS and Year 3 teaching areas have been repainted as part of our ongoing schedule along with other updates behind the scenes.

**Diary Dates-** To aid your planning, the website has been updated with assembly and performance dates for this term. Please note that Years 5 and 6 will be sharing performances later in the academic year. Timings are still to be confirmed but performances and assemblies are in the afternoon and will finish by the end of the school day. Mrs Caldwell's 'Friday Flyer' emails each week are always a great source of information and updates, and exact timings will be confirmed nearer the time.

**Year 1 Parents Phonics session-** Year 1 parents are invited on Tuesday 17.9.24 at 2.30 pm to a session with Mrs Nelson on how we teach phonics and how you can help your child- in anticipation of the Year 1 phonics screening assessment later in the academic year.

**Term dates** for this academic are on the school website. Please note the dates for National assessments across the school. Main dates for 2025-26 are also there to aid holiday booking.

**Attendance** Further to my communication at the end of last term, new National and local government guidance has come into force and therefore our policy has been updated. Please note that under new guidance unauthorised lateness or absence after registers close both contribute towards possible fine thresholds. Your support with avoiding booking holidays in termtime is greatly appreciated and ensures your child does not miss out on vital academic and social development opportunities at school. [Hartsfield JMI School - Attendance](#)

**Snacks** For children in KS2 (years 3-6) we encourage children to bring in fruit and vegetables (no nuts) separate to their packed lunch (if they have one) for morning break. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 are supplied with fruit/vegetable snacks by the school with some alternatives generally available. Please let us know if your child has any medical needs which means they require special arrangements.

**Friends of Hartsfield School (FHSA)** – The Friends have numerous events planned for this term- watch this space. The AGM is on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## DIARY DATES

### September 2024

9 Music lessons start  
13 Year 4 first swimming/HIT session  
16 Outside provider clubs start  
16 Baldock library team into EYFS  
17 Year 1 phonics parents meeting @ 2.30 pm  
20 Flu Vaccinations  
24 New EYFS parents meeting @ 5.45 pm  
25 FHSA AGM @ 7.30pm

### October 2024

1 Individual school photos- Pret-a-Portrait  
2 Year 4 Egyptian Day  
4 Year 6 Height and weight checks  
5 FHSA Quiz Night  
11 Year 5 Airbus visit  
17 FHSA Spooky Disco  
18 Year 4 assembly to parents @ 2.45pm  
22 Parent-teacher consultations 4.00-7.00pm  
24 Parent-teacher consultations 4.00-7.00pm  
24 Trading Card Club  
25 INSET day- school closed  
28-1 Half term

### November 2024

8 Non-school uniform- Winter fair donations  
11-15 Anti-bullying week  
12 Odd socks day  
15 Children in Need- non-school uniform  
15 Year 6 parents assembly @ 2.45 pm  
21 Year 5 parents assembly @ 2.45 pm  
23 FHSA Winter Fair  
29 Occasional day- school closed

### December 2024

9 Years 1 and 2 performance to parents (pm) 1 of 2  
10 9 Years 1 and 2 performance to parents (pm) 2 of 2  
11 EYFS performance to parents  
12 Years 3 and 4 concert to parents (pm) 1 of 2  
13 Years 3 and 4 concert to parents (pm) 2 of 2  
17 Whole school pantomime  
18 Christmas dinner  
20 Last day of term- 1.30 pm finish

### January 2025

6 INSET day  
7 First day back for children

Thank you for your continued support.

*Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team*