



# NEWSLETTER 3 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Firstly a big thank you for your support- we have been very needy in the last few weeks (!! ) and have been asking for donations, action and help and I wanted to say a big thank you. Together we have shared food with the local food bank, raised money for Children in Need, gathered clothes for recycling, sent in contributions for the Winter Fair, bought tickets for the raffle.....and most recently we had amazing support for the FHSA's Winter Fair on Saturday. The money has been counted and together we have raised an incredible **£4400** - thank you to all that attended and to the Friends, volunteers and staff who made it such a successful event.

We have the first wreath- making session next week and then wrap-a present on Friday 6.12.24.

If you have any spare wrapping paper or ribbons that you would like to donate for the wrap-a- present day- please hand them into the school office. Details of how to ensure your child can take part on the day have been sent out by separate email today.

**Performances-** Rehearsals are underway for numerous performances coming up and dates are noted on the website and here. Nearer the time we will share more exact timings and arrangements.

**Christmas Dinner-** We will be having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December. These need to be ordered in the normal way, via School Grid by 3.30pm on Wednesday 11th December. If children are not having a school Christmas dinner, they are welcome to bring a festive themed packed lunch. (please remember no nuts to be included).

### **Staffing Update-**

One of our teaching assistants, Mrs Allin, will be leaving Hartsfield at Christmas – we wish her well as she leaves to spend more time with her family. As notified early in the term, Mrs Dearn, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO, is retiring at Christmas. Mrs Dearn has been at Hartsfield for over 30 years and although we understand she wishes to spend more time with her grandchildren and her family, we are so sad to see her go and she will be missed by parents , children and staff.

From January I am pleased to announce that Miss Laura Gregory, will be Assistant Headteacher with a focus on KS2 (juniors), alongside Mrs Nelson (EYFS/KS1- Infants)

## DIARY DATES

### **November 2024**

28 Magical Maths sessions  
29 Occasional day- school closed

### **December 2024**

5 FHSA Wreath-making  
6 Wrap-a-Present  
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  
17 Y2 Creative Chef sessions  
18 Christmas dinner  
20 Last day of term- 1.30 pm finish

### **January 2025**

6 INSET day  
7 First day back for children

Mrs Lauren Nosal will be joining us from a school in North London as SENCO. Mrs Nosal is an experienced SENCO and will be working Wednesday-Friday from January 2025. She can be contacted via the school office or via email [SENCO@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:SENCO@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding:** Please note that, alongside me - as Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Nosal will be Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads from January 2025.

**Parent Governors-** please return any completed ballot papers in a sealed envelope to the school office by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45 pm.

Please note that the school is closed this Friday- 29.11.24 for an occasional day with both staff and children having a day off from school.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Philippa Smith and the Hartsfield Team*