

# Hartford Primary School



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Dear Parents and Families

## Book Banding

Our fantastic Teaching Assistant team have recently book banded all our school books to make sure they are all pitched at the appropriate colour band for the children's reading abilities. This has been a huge piece of work going on behind the scenes, so massive thanks to our TA team – thank you ladies!

## Parents Appointments

Over the last couple of years we have had many complaints from parents whose appointment at Parents Evening has started much later than the booked time. We appreciate that ten minutes is not long to discuss your child's progress, however with so many appointments to book, these have invariably run over, much to your frustration. Last year we trialled both afternoon and evening appointments in Year 6 and had very positive feedback from parents and staff. The afternoon appointments proved very popular with many parents, eliminating those last appointments in the evening running late. Next week the appointment system will go out to parents for the afternoons and evenings of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October so you are able to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher.

## Parking and Road Safety

An increasing number of parents, staff and local residents are concerned about parking and road safety. There have been some very unsafe parking incidents captured and shared widely on social media and with the local PCSO. The speed at which cars are travelling through the staff car park to the nursery car park has also caused concern. If any parents have 15 minutes spare at 08.45am in the morning and at 3.10pm in the afternoon to patrol the car park and therefore make school a safer place for our children to arrive and leave please contact the school office. Hi-viz jackets will be supplied! We are ensuring that Hartford's PC Neil Wharmby is aware of our concerns and will be asking him to help make school safety a priority. Any parents with concerns about parking or driving should call him directly with vehicle registrations. He can be contacted by email at [Neil.wharmby@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Neil.wharmby@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or by telephoning 101.

## E-Cadets (message from Mrs Graham Computing and E-Safety Lead)

Throughout the school children are being invited to apply to become this year's e-cadets. This exciting initiative is designed to put children at the heart of promoting how we all need to stay safe on the internet and when using any digital devices.

We want the children to be able to use the internet to extend their learning but we want them to do it safely and with the knowledge of what to do if any problems are encountered. Each year group will have two representatives (one from each class) and they will become ambassadors for their class.

If children are interested they will need to design a poster to promote e-safety in school. Please hand posters in to Mrs Graham by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

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Do you want to help your peers to make the internet a safer place? Join the e-cadets!

If you are interested in becoming an e-cadet you must design a poster to promote e-safety in school. Please hand this in to Mrs Graham by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **What I'm Looking For**

Is it colourful and does it stand out?

Does it have clear text?

Does it use pictures?

Does it talk about internet safety and its importance?

Is it suitable for all ages?

Is there something unique?

Here are some websites to help you:

1. [http://www.cybersmile.org/downloadable\\_resources/workshops-5-8](http://www.cybersmile.org/downloadable_resources/workshops-5-8)
2. [http://www.cybersmile.org/downloadable\\_resources/workshops-8-11](http://www.cybersmile.org/downloadable_resources/workshops-8-11)

#### **Mrs Clague**

Enormous congratulations to Lou Clague (mum of Louie in Year 6) who completed the Barcelona Ironman triathlon last weekend in an incredible time of 11 hours and 20 minutes. Lou was representing the Knutsford Triathlon Club and completed a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile ride and 26.2 mile run. It's a phenomenal achievement for Lou who has been training for the event all year.

#### **A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns**

The girls' football teams went to Hartford High School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. They played against teams from Winnington Park, Barnton, Whitegate and Charles Darwin. The girls in the B team showed great skills and teamwork and managed to win every game apart from the one against the A team, finishing second overall. The A team won every match and have now qualified for the Vale Royal final.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October two boys' teams also went to Hartford High School. We worked on being positive even when things went wrong and supporting our teammates. Both teams played each other as well as teams from Winnington Park, Barnton, Hartford Manor and Whitegate. The A team won every match and have qualified for the Vale Royal final. The B team lost to the A team but had fantastic results in the rest of the tournament, especially a 3-0 win against Charles Darwin. They finished 2nd overall.

Finally congratulations to Alex Plank in Year 6. At the recent Cheshire cricket awards he won an award for the best batsman in the Under 11 age group and then won the best bowler as well. Watch out for him in the 2026 Ashes!

#### **Stand Up to Cancer Awareness Day – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

We are organising a day to raise awareness of two charities that have supported our families and staff on a number of occasions – The Joshua Tree and Macmillan Cancer Support. The Joshua Tree, a local charity, have supported the Phoenix family while Ruby (now in Year 6 and back in school full time) was having her treatment for a very rare type of leukaemia. Macmillan are supporting Mrs Harper (Mrs Harper left in July) who is currently being treated for breast cancer. It will be a non-uniform day where we will ask the children to wear green to support both of the charities. We ask that the children bring £1 which will be donated to the Joshua Tree. There will also be a cake sale, under the shelter of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms at the end of the school day, the proceeds of which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. All cake donations can be brought into school on the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October to your child's classrooms. They can be home-made or shop bought but please remember that we are a nut and kiwi free school. The cake sale will start at 3.15pm. If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Dodd who is organising this event.

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### PTA update

The new committee are currently settling into their roles - thanks to the previous committee for their help with handover meetings and ongoing support.

### Christmas Wrap and Cards

Today your child will bring home a small brochure from Northbrook Fundraising. It offers a selection of really good quality Christmas wrapping paper and cards. The PTA gets 22% of all our sales, which will be used to buy equipment and subsidise trips throughout the year. Please support if you can; orders need to be back in school before the half term holiday. If you have any questions, please ring Estelle Watts on 07590 040904 or Debra Piper on 07732 498203. Thank you.

### PTA Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October

The next PTA meeting is to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am in school (crèche available) - the agenda is attached and all are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

### Cake Sale (Year 4) – 21<sup>st</sup> October

The first cake sale of the year will be hosted by Year 4 and will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October straight after school under the canopy outside the small hall. This is the same day as the Year 4 Celebration Assembly so hopefully there will be many parents/family members available to attend. Could Year 4 parents please send in homemade or shop bought cakes etc. with children in the morning remembering that we are a nut and kiwi fruit free school? All donations will be gratefully received. Cake sales are a great fundraising opportunity and all money raised goes directly to that year group so please do show your support. Also, we need volunteers to run the cake sale on the day - please get in touch if you are able to help.

### Christmas Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> December

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00 -8.00pm. We are on the lookout for:

- Match funding - do you work for a company that may be able to provide match funding?
- Businesses that would like to have a commercial stall and/or an advert in the fair brochure
- Raffle prize donations
- Volunteers to help out on the night

If you can help with any of the above or would like more information please get in touch via [hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com) or speak to one of the PTA committee members. Thank you.

### Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to Jeanette Pope who will be taking on the role of co-ordinating second hand uniform. If you have any good quality items of uniform that you would like to donate or you would like to buy any uniform, please contact Jeanette directly via e-mail at [jeanettepope@sky.com](mailto:jeanettepope@sky.com) and reference 'uniform' in the email subject.

### Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Alfie S and Jacob A	<u>1SM</u> Eden M and Isla R	<u>2RB</u> Hollie H and Charlie N	<u>3AP</u> Sophie B and Oliver M	<u>4NS</u> Mia S and Sophie H	<u>5MH</u> Elliot M and Lilly O	<u>6JL</u> Molly R and Matthew J
<u>EYKR</u> Jacob M and Zoe C	<u>1NC</u> Maisie A and Josh M	<u>2SG</u> None chosen	<u>3LM</u> Beth C and William S	<u>4HR</u> Finley H Jasmine W	<u>5SH</u> Harry W and Charlotte S	<u>6MW</u> Oliver J and Shelby-Lea J

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**Piano transport required**

Is there anyone who can provide transport and help to move a piano we have been offered? If you can, please contact the office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher

*Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility and Pride*

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**AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL RECORDS**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Please amend details for my child as follows (e.g. phone number, address, contact details):**

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