

# Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

## **Pupil Parliament**

After half term Miss Jones is going to start 'Pupil Parliament', which is an exciting opportunity for children to have their say about issues in school, and put forward their opinions on their experiences in school. In each meeting Miss Jones will ask the children to think of 2 stars and a wish about our school – things that are really good and something that could help to make it an even better place.

Each week a group of children will receive an invite to attend the meetings. These children will meet with Miss Jones and Mrs Bushell (who will take minutes) over a drink and a biscuit. The children will be chosen at random but it will be from a range of year groups. This is going to replace our School Council. We will feed the outcomes back to parents with my newsletter.

## **PTA News and PTA Minutes**

Please find attached minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Christmas Wrap and Cards**

You should have received your Northbrook Fundraising leaflet. 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.

## **Year 4 Cake Sale - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October \* Please note the cake sale will now take place in the small hall \***

A reminder that the first cake sale of the year will take place on Friday (note the change of venue - now in the small hall). Please come along if you can and support Year 4 to raise money that will go directly to their year group. Year 4 parents please send in homemade/shop-bought cakes etc. with children in the morning (nut and kiwi fruit free please). Dates for all other cake sales will follow in next week's newsletter.

## **2SG**

Mrs Graham has been signed off work and so we wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be back in class very soon. In the meantime the class is being taught by teachers known to the children and supported by Mrs Lovatt and Mrs Adlington to ensure continuity.

## **Parents' Appointments**

Today and tomorrow are our Parents' Appointments. I would welcome any feedback as we trial our new system of an afternoon and an evening. Mrs Rowland and Miss Wheeler will now conduct their appointments next Wednesday as communicated to parents in both classes last Friday; both members of staff are completing the first day of their National Award for SEN co-ordination with Manchester Metropolitan University today. Apologies for this inconvenience.

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### **Gates and Parking**

When myself and Miss Jones, and other staff, are on the gate in the morning and the afternoon our prime concern is to safeguard the children, on the front making sure it is safe to cross and on both gates making sure no children exit the site after their parents have left. Whilst we are always available for a quick chat at this point, we are keen to remind parents that if we are distracted for too long, we could miss the opportunity to safeguard a child or family, we would very much appreciate your support with this. Thank you for your understanding.

Unfortunately, no one came forward to help us make the staff car park, crossing and surrounding areas safer at the start and end of the day as per my request in my newsletter 2 weeks ago (5<sup>th</sup> October). I am going to be working with Mr Simon Beckman our Governor responsible for Health and Safety and Mrs Laura Platt our newly appointed School Business Manager after half term to try and resolve these ongoing issues. If there are any parents who would like to join us and have any suggestions or practical ways forward please contact Mrs Natalie Bushell in the school office so we can meet after half term and progress this together. I am really concerned that despite a staff presence each morning and afternoon, the staff car park remains an accident waiting to happen and the parking in the nearby roads (some examples of which have been again shared on social media recently) pose a huge risk to our children and families. Once again, please contact our local PCSO with photographs of cars and registrations or to report inappropriate driving or parking – PCSO Neil Wharmby can be contacted on 101 or email [neil.wharmby@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neil.wharmby@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **Young Writers Competition**

Last Autumn our Year 1 and 2 children (now Year 2 and 3 children) were entered into a Young Writers competition – Key Stage One staff at the time decided to let the children enter so that they could write for a different purpose. This decision was made in good faith. Some of our current Year 2 and 3 parents have been contacted by the company running the competition offering an opportunity to purchase the book in which some of the children's work will be published. This has prompted a mixed response from parents some of whom are delighted that their child's work is being published and some of whom are concerned about the integrity of the company publishing the work. It is parental choice whether to purchase the book or not, school do not profit from the competition unless they win the winning entry overall and then school would receive £500 worth of books as 1st prize. As a school we will not be participating in this again. Parents with any concerns or queries can contact me directly or the company on [info@youngwriters.co.uk](mailto:info@youngwriters.co.uk) or 01733 890066.

### **Fundraising and Non Uniform Day**

A reminder from Mrs Dodd that next Friday is a non-uniform fundraising day for The Joshua Tree and Macmillan. We are asking the children to wear green and bring £1, there will be a cake sale straight after school.

### **Staffing**

We are delighted to welcome Ms Livia Sevcikova to our MDA team, we look forward to working with her as she settles into her new role. Recently Mrs Cashin in our school office has been successful in securing a post in another local school, her last working day will be 28<sup>th</sup> October. She will be very much missed; I know many parents are highly complimentary about Mrs Cashin's efficiency and organisation!

### **Golden Table**

6JL are the Key Stage 2 winners of this Fridays Golden Table (separate letter has gone home); we look forward to waiting on 6JL this Friday with Fish and Chips, no need to queue and the trophy for Golden Table and certificates to follow. Well done.

### **Celebration Assembly**

This Friday its Year 4's turn to host our weekly Celebration Assembly which will start promptly in the hall at 2.45pm. Mrs Rowland, Mrs Speed and I look forward to seeing you then.

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**Readers of the Week**

<u>EYJD</u> Annabelle D and Rita H	<u>1SM</u> Lydia M and Sadie L	<u>2RB</u> Zac B and Phoebe M	<u>3AP</u> Sam M and James P	<u>4NS</u> Tilly L-R and Tegan A	<u>5MH</u> Emma R-W and Jasmine T	<u>6JL</u> Oliver C and Mille H
<u>EYKR</u> Gracie H and Jessica L	<u>1NC</u> Evan W and Olly W	<u>2SG</u> Noah R and James S	<u>3LM</u> Ava W and Ivy H	<u>4HR</u> Philip A and Matthew S	<u>5SH</u> Not chosen	<u>6MW</u> Joe H and Harry B

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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