

Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families

Thanks for your very positive feedback about your Parents Appointments last week and the trialled system of an afternoon and an evening. Also, we had a lot of positive comments about the level of information shared about your child's progress and attainment, and also the work in their books. Thank you for taking the time to email, call in or feedback to me on the gate. Much appreciated.

Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

Another tournament, another victory for Hartford Primary School!

19 schools entered the Vale Royal Tag Rugby Tournament on Friday and the standard was very high. The A team beat St. Wilf's, Charles Darwin and Great Budworth to qualify for the semi-finals. The B team also won all their games against Barnton, Cuddington, Comberbach and Weaverham Forest. In the semi-final the two Hartford teams were drawn against each other! In a 5-5 classic the A team won on account of scoring the first try and progressed to the final against Wincham. The game was again 5-5 and the narrowest of victories was secured on the same rule as the semi-final. An amazing performance from Jack, Harvey, Jacques, Joel, Sam, Alex P, Alex M, James, Millie, Tilly, Joanna and Alicia. Hartford Primary will now represent Vale Royal at the County Final.

The boys football teams have played two matches recently. The first match was at home against Winnington Park. The A team played some fantastic football and won the game 3-1. The B team conceded an early goal but showed fighting spirit to come back and win 2-1.

The second matches were against Hartford Manor. The A team started slowly and conceded to an excellent dribble and finish. In the second half they were much improved and had all the possession but could not manage to score, losing 1-0 to a team they had beaten 3-0 in last week's tournament.

The B team continued their impressive run. They scored first and then conceded and were under a little bit of pressure until up popped Jack to score the winner and run the length of the field in celebration. The B team never moan when they are beaten, stay positive at all times and support each other which greatly helps their results. Well done boys.

Lost Property

We have a number of good quality coats in lost property which are unnamed. If you think they could be your child's, please come and check. It is so much easier to return lost items to children if they are named!

Golden Table

Big thanks to Mrs Kreissl in the kitchen and Miss Gallimore and her MDA team for fitting in a special extra Golden Table for the children from 6JL who missed out last Friday as they represented school at the Tag Rugby.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Clark and Mrs Bryson to our Teaching Assistant team; both ladies will be working predominantly in Year 6. We also wish Mrs Turner well as she begins a new role in data protection. The children and staff will miss you very much Mrs Turner; thank you for all you have done for the children and families at our school.

Miss Jones is getting married in half term – congratulations in advance!! Miss Jones will be Mrs Cade when we come back to school after the holiday and 6JL will be known as 6CL. Have a brilliant wedding day Miss Jones - everyone wishes you good luck for your big day!

Year 3 Stone Age Experience day

Earlier in the week, Year 3 took part in a Stone Age day to immerse themselves in the life of Stone Age man. They had a fantastic day and took part in multiple cross curricular activities such as ordering on a timeline, discussing different rock forms, sketching and handling artefacts and much more. The children's faces were a picture when they turned around to be greeted by a man dressed head to toe in Stone Age dress, complete with spear! The day really gave the children a chance to experience what different elements of Stone Age life would have been like and has now sparked a love of learning around this topic ready for our next half term. Well done Year 3!



PTA News

Urgent Update - Christmas Card Art Project:

We have been advised by Arts Projects for Schools that they are still experiencing difficulties with their servers and this is continuing to impact their ability to process orders via the online ordering system. Whilst we have had our deadline extended to 7th November, orders cannot be placed until 4 days prior to this date therefore orders need to be placed from 3rd November. You should keep hold of your artwork until your order has been placed online, but it must be returned to your child's teacher, with the order form securely taped to the top on the reverse of it, no later than the end of the day MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER. We cannot take responsibility for any artwork that is printed incorrectly if the order form is not attached as required. Despite the issues being experienced, orders must be placed online, we cannot accept other forms of payment.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding the status of the ordering system, although the above time frames are unlikely to change and as mentioned in our earlier update' the change in deadline means less time to process orders before they are collected. We would reassure you that the collection date for the cards has not changed and delivery of the printed cards is anticipated to be on or around 25th November, which is the same date as previous years.

Dates for all cake sales have been agreed and will take place as follows (as with Year 4, they have been scheduled to take place on the same day as the celebration assembly):

Year 1 Friday 18th November **Year 6** Friday 2nd December **Year 3** Friday 20th January 2017
Early Years Friday 10th February **Year 5** Friday 3rd March **Year 2** Friday 24th March

A brilliant start to this year's Cake Sale results for Year 4! The Cake Sale on Friday raised £103.63 for Mrs Rowland, Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Speed to spend on their fantastic classes – well done Year 4! Thanks to Sue Fenton our PTA Chair for organising second hand uniform sale at the same time; this raised a further £43. As a result of positive feedback, we will continue to have a uniform stall at each cake sale.

Thank you to Jeanette Pope and Helen Eaton who are now co-ordinating 2nd hand uniform. Please continue to donate your good quality 2nd hand uniform items – they can be handed in at the office. If you would like to buy any uniform, please contact Jeanette via e-mail at jeanette.pope@sky.com and reference 'uniform' in the email subject.

A **Bags2School collection** will be taking place on Friday 25th November. It's a great opportunity to raise funds for school whilst also recycling your unwanted textiles. More information to follow closer to the date.

Christmas Wrap and Cards

Friday is the last day to hand in any orders for Northbrook Christmas wrapping paper and other items in the leaflet that was given out to all children. 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 and get any orders in by Friday. If you have any questions, please ring Estelle Watts on 07590 040904 or Debra Piper on 07732 498203. Thank you.

Car Park

We have had a couple of parents offer to work with school and with Kids Count to attempt to reduce the misuse of the staff car park at the start and end of the school day; Mr Matt Johnston and Mrs Louise Clague will be helping monitor the area.

Fundraising Friday

A reminder that it is non uniform day on Friday. We are fundraising for The Joshua Tree and Macmillan and are asking the children to donate £1 and wear green (The Joshua Tree's colour) there will also be a Macmillan cake sale after school. Thanks to Mrs Dodd for organising this day and leading Friday's fundraising assembly for the children.

Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Anika H and William M	<u>1SM</u> Isaac J and Sam R	<u>2RB</u> Matthew L and Dan M	<u>3AP</u> Morgan J and Eden W	<u>4NS</u> Charlie F and Grace C	<u>5MH</u> Jasmine McCM and Harriet S	<u>6JL</u> Katie W and Jacques T
<u>EYKR</u> Benjamin S and Charlotte M-L	<u>1NC</u> Max W and Summer T-S	<u>2SG</u> Finn B and Sam C	<u>3LM</u> Beth F and Jamie S	<u>4HR</u> Leland S and John S	<u>5SH</u> Imogen G and Alex G	<u>6MW</u> Teacher not available to choose

Celebration Assembly

This Friday its Year 3's turn to host our weekly Celebration Assembly which will start promptly in the hall at 2.45pm. Miss Pilgrim, Miss Mullins and I look forward to seeing you then.

Have a great half term holiday.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher

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