

# Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families

To start with, a reminder to all families we are a *nut free and kiwi free school*, please don't send any nut products or products containing kiwi into school for snacks or as part of packed lunches as these cause significant medical risk to some of our children. Thank you.

## Website Concern

We have been alerted to the risks posed by a mobile app called musical.ly which runs on Android and iOS. The following link is a good site that reviews the app: <https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/musically-your-music-video-community> Please be aware of the content; we know that many of our children regularly use this app. The app has been downloaded more than 60 million times worldwide. It has been brought to our attention that despite parents making sure their children's accounts are set to private – which means that only friends and approved people can view their videos – strangers regularly make requests to 'follow' their children.

## Parents Appointments - 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March

A reminder that our Parents Appointments to meet with class teachers and review your child's progress and attainment will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March with details of afternoon and evening slots available in next week's newsletter.

## KS2 Theatre Visit

Thanks to Mr Harris for organising a great visit to the Theatre last Thursday. The children in KS2 thoroughly enjoyed watching the Snow Queen performance. Thanks to all staff who accompanied the children and for the positive responses from so many parents.

## Twitter

We are pleased with the response we have had as our Twitter account has launched; thanks for your follows and for your positive feedback about the tweets we have shared.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will celebrate World Book Day – we will recognise this national event by asking the children (and staff!) to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring the book to school to share on that day.

## Entrance to School each morning

All our classrooms have an external door by which the children should enter and exit the school each day. The only two classes that are 'landlocked' are in Year 2 and currently the Year 2 children exit at the end of the day via Year 1. After half term the spacious corridor between the playgrounds is going to be used as an additional small group area for learning and so the cloakroom for 2SG will move into the Year 2 area and the children in Year 2 will enter the building in the morning via Year 1 (2SG will come through 1NC and 2RB will come through 1SM). If you need to leave a message for the teachers we will endeavour to have a member of the Y2 team available at the door of both Year 1 classes. Alternatively, please leave a message at the office with a member of the office team and this will be passed on. We appreciate your help and support with this.

The corridor between playgrounds will be closed to parents from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

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At the same time, we are encouraging all parents to drop their child off at the classroom external door to minimise the safeguarding risk of not knowing who is in the building after the gates have been locked at 9.00am. Staff and children are concerned about the number of parents in school after registration and particularly while children are getting changed for PE. Please support us with these changes ahead of half term and as we return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

The changes for Year 2 will be fully explained to both classes well before the end of term.

### PTA News

#### Non-uniform Day – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate/wine donations which will be used as prizes for the Bingo night that evening. Please bring your donations into the office in the morning. Thank you.

#### Bingo Night – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Please bring your requests for entry tickets, together with your payment of £1 per adult and 50p per child, by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Bingo tickets will be on sale on the night, 20p each or 6 for £1. No refreshments will be for sale so bring you own with you.

#### Pamper Evening – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We are on the lookout for beauty therapists and beauty/pamper inspired stall holders who might be interested in having a space on the night. To find out more, please get in touch via [hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com) or enquire at the school office.

**Hoodies** – Thank you Year 6 for the fabulous response for additional hoodies. It won't be long now!

#### Year 2 SATs Meeting

We would like to invite Year 2 parents to a meeting about SATs on 15<sup>th</sup> February. It will start at 6.00pm for approximately 20 to 30 minutes. We will be discussing how the papers will be administered, we will show you some past papers and explain how the children are assessed through the SATs papers and teacher assessment. We ask that you do not bring any children please.

#### Year 6

Thanks to Mrs Cade, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Lewis for leading our Year 6 SATs meeting on Monday evening which was very well attended. The PowerPoint is available on the Year 6 page of the website. Next Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>) we welcome Year 6 families back to the small hall for a meeting about our Year 6 Conway Centre residential meeting ahead of our visit to Anglesey 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (2 nights, 3 days). This will start at 3.45pm. Children (and younger siblings) will need to sit with their adult during the meeting. Mr John Brookes from the Conway Centre, who I have worked with for many years, will lead the meeting. There will be opportunities for questions and a chance to meet the staff who will be accompanying the children on the residential.

#### Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Finley M and Jacob A	<u>1SM</u> Lydia M and Isaac J	<u>2RB</u> Elizabeth J and Sophie E	<u>3AP</u> Kenzie A and Sam M	<u>4NS</u> Alfie T and Sophie H	<u>5MH</u> Amy A and Thomas D	<u>6CL</u> Sam F and Katie W
<u>EYKR</u> Charlotte M-L and Jessica L	<u>1NC</u> Olly W and Caleb G	<u>2SG</u> Fin B and Bethany K	<u>3LM</u> Jamie S and Leon H	<u>4HR</u> Louis P and Jack H	<u>5SH</u> Charlotte S and Molly R	<u>6MW</u> Rebecca S and Lee S

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**Celebration Assembly**

Finally, Celebration Assembly this week will be hosted by Year 1 – Mrs Morton, Miss Cookson and I look forward to seeing you on Friday afternoon at 2.45pm.

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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