



# Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and families,

## Social media

I am once again concerned to find school business, including the specific naming of children, parents and staff, being discussed at length on Facebook. The advice Headteachers receive from our legal department is to report any instances of what could be construed as defamatory or slander to the appropriate officers; my advice to parents contributing to these threads is to think carefully before liking or commenting, as if you do not have the full and accurate details of something that took place in school it is difficult to offer an accurate opinion. Any threats made to school or any of the staff employed by school will also be taken extremely seriously. Thanks for your understanding.

## Parents Questionnaire

I've included a number of direct quotes from the recent questionnaires:

"kind, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff, always approachable", "happy, safe environment – my child wants and loves to go to school", "lovely school atmosphere that installs your core values".

Some common concerns were the lunch menu, homework – too much and too little, after school club provision and the back gate. A couple of direct quotes include "more robust dealing with bullying", "I would like the gates to be opened on time each morning".

I am contacting a sample of parents who completed named questionnaires to follow up their feedback, both positive and negative.

## Current Year 2

In previous years school have taken the decision to mix up the Year 2 classes as they go into Year 3, for many different reasons. School leaders have already made the decision not to do this with the current Year 2, they will move into Year 3 as they are. This was raised at Parents Appointments last week so I wanted to respond as early as possible.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been baking with Roberts Bakery this week. It was 6MW's turn yesterday and 6CL have their session tomorrow.



Please see Twitter for more pictures of the bakers looking very professional!

## Cricket

Northwich Cricket Club are having a FREE cricket taster session on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 6.30pm, inviting girls and boys from the local primary schools to come and join them for lots of games, including Kwik Cricket. Girls and boys aged from 8

years old are more than welcome to go along. If they enjoy it, then they can register an interest in Friday junior sessions, the club will take details from interested parents on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **PTA**

Thanks for the amazing entries into the PTA decorate an egg competition – what a creative talented bunch! The winning entries are pictured below – well done to all those who entered it was very tough judging! The competition raised £80.00.

<b>Easter Egg Competition Winners</b>			
EYJD	Ben W	EYHR	Lily P
1SM	Emma S	1NC	Fred V
2RB	Maisie C	2SG	Scarlett J
3AP	Alice F	3LM	Mia B
4HR	Nancy C	4NS	Grace C
5MH	Imogen G	5SH	Lilly C
6CL	Oliver C	6MW	James M



### **Staffing**

Mrs Fenton is leaving our Midday Team to start work in our school kitchen after the holiday – if you are interested in joining our Midday Team please contact Wendy Gallimore via the school office. Huge thanks to Mrs Fenton for 5 years of fantastic service on our Midday Team – we are glad you won't be far away!

### **Site Maintenance Officer**

This week we welcomed, Mr Harris, our new Site Maintenance Officer, to our staff. He joined us on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and many of you may have already seen him out and about on gate duty.

### **Healthy snacks**

We are currently reviewing our policy around healthy snacks as we have noticed an increasing number of children bringing chocolate or crisps. We would appreciate your support in discouraging these snacks and providing your child with a healthy alternative. We will share our new policy with you in due course.

### **Pupil Parliament**

There was no Pupil Parliament meeting held in school this week. However, Tilly and Thomas from Year 6 attended the Northwich Pupil Parliament at The Memorial Court yesterday afternoon. A wide range of issues were discussed with children from other local schools following a presentation from the police and PCSO's . These included anti-social behaviour and how to report it, littering and its effect on wildlife.

**Readers of the Week**

<u>EYJD</u> Alice S and Isabelle S	<u>1SM</u> Francesca W and Thomas R	<u>2RB</u> Isla O and Lucas W	<u>3AP</u> Ella M and Aidan T	<u>4NS</u> Seth C and Grace C	<u>5MH</u> Rachel M and Ben C	<u>6CL</u> Daisy G and Eliza
<u>EYKR</u> Isobella H and Joseph D	<u>1NC</u> Cole S and Evan W	<u>2SG</u> Caitlin P and Isaac M	<u>3LM</u> Isabella M and James S	<u>4HR</u> John S and Nancy C	<u>5SH</u> James S and Oscar	<u>6MW</u> Toby C and Lee S

**Celebration Assembly**

Its Year 1's turn to host this week's Celebration Assembly, Mrs Morton, Miss Cookson and I look forward to welcoming you on Friday at 2.45pm in the main hall.

Finally, have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

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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