

# Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new term, I am delighted to welcome all our children and families back to school and would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our 45 children starting in reception Early Years and the 17 new children joining us throughout the school in Years 1 – 6. I hope the next few weeks go smoothly and would like to reassure you that the children and staff will be doing their utmost to help your child settle in. I would also like to welcome 6 new members of staff joining our teaching and teaching assistant team. Mrs Marzolo is joining Year 1, teaching next door to Miss Cookson, in 1LM. Mrs Erne is joining our Leadership Team as Key Stage 1 Lead and teaching in Year 2 with Mrs Birtwistle in 2EB. Miss Dryhurst is joining Year 4, next door to Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Rowland, in 4FD. Mrs Ovenden is supporting Year 6 and Early Years, Mrs Lenton is supporting Early Years and Miss Thompson is supporting Years 2, 4 and 5. Accompanying this newsletter is a detailed letter to parents of each class with information regarding your child's class. Thanks for your feedback on the Meet the Teacher meetings which have also provided parents with information about each new class. The last of these take place this evening at 5.30pm in your child's classroom. Early Years Meet the Teacher with Mrs Dodd, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Morton will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.**

The new logo representing our location and our core values is now evident throughout the school building, in the grounds and on our new uniform. The previous logo can continue to be worn until new uniform needs to be purchased. The children were busy yesterday spotting all the work that had been done in and around school during the summer holidays, they are like detectives for noticing change! Please ask them what they have noticed that is different as they have returned to school!

If you are new to school you will have seen that school leaders safeguard the children coming into and out of school in the morning and the afternoon, often supported by Mr Matt our Site Maintenance Officer. The front gate is often very busy with cars attending the Big Kids car park and the member of staff on the crossing is there to make sure the children can cross safely. The back gate has pedestrian access only but can still be busy. We now have CCTV installed on both gates linked directly to the office, to ensure the safety of our staff as very occasionally they are subject to some very aggressive behaviour from a very small minority of parents.

## PTA AGM

Our first PTA meeting of the year takes place next week, it is our Annual General Meeting, where our committee will be elected. All parents and staff are automatically members of the PTA so everyone is welcome to attend, the meeting will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** in the school hall.

## Dates for the Academic Year 2017-18

Accompanying this letter are the dates for the academic year, hopefully this will help in the organisation and planning in your household as another school year begins!

## Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

School has had confirmation from CWAC that they will be resuming the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for any unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more during term time. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from CWAC confirming this information. Please note that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time, a leave of absence form must be completed and returned to the school office for my attention. Forms are available on the website or from the office direct.