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Dear Parents and Families

On Monday morning we evacuated the building on hearing the Fire Alarm in less than 2 minutes and all registers were taken and every child and adult accounted for in less than 5 minutes. The children understand the need for speed and silence when we exit the building and older children, particularly Year 6 set a great example to younger children. This is a termly, unannounced drill to make sure we are always prepared in the event of a real fire.

Changes to the Governing Body

We have recently elected a new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors following Mrs Parker- Clarke stepping down as Chair after a 2 year term of office. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Parker-Clarke for her commitment, support and challenge during her time as Chair and I would like to welcome Mrs Russell as Chair and Mr Beckman as Vice Chair. Both Mrs Russell and Mr Beckman are experienced members of the Governing Body with seven years between them. I look forward to continuing to working with them and the other members of the Governing Body during the course of this academic year.

Parent's Evenings – 25th and 26th October 2017

Our first Parents' Appointments of this academic year will take place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October – the school office will coordinate the time of your appointment, next week the newsletter will explain which teachers are available on which days and at what times.

Collaboration

You will know that Hartford Primary works collaboratively with many other schools within the Northwich Education Partnership. Our collaborative work is to improve outcomes for children and as schools we also support one another with staff development and expertise. The Governors at five successful local schools, including ours, have all begun exploring the benefits of working together. In order to future proof the identity of Hartford Primary School and retain its ethos and core values, we are considering forming a Multi Academy Trust with Comberbach, Little Leigh, Sandiway and Cuddington schools. This option is favoured by all 5 schools as we already have successful working relationships, we share similar aspirations for our children and our visions and values are all based around best possible outcomes for children in our localities. All five schools have the capacity to continue to improve and progress through dynamic leadership and management, fully committed and forward thinking staff and the sharing of high quality expertise. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about this proposal during a formal consultation process which will take place well ahead of the final decision making process.

PTA Update

Last week's PTA meeting was very well attended with twenty three members present. Thanks to Mrs Richardson for running the accompanying crèche. The minutes from the meeting and the actions are attached to this letter. Our next meeting is on 15th November 2017 at 6.30pm in school. Please note the dates of the Film Nights (KS1 – 20th October and KS2 – 1st December) and our annual Christmas Fair (Friday 8th December). Thanks to all who attended and contributed. What a great start for our new Committee!

Tempest Photography

Tempest photos are in school on Friday this week for individual portraits and siblings photographs. The proofs usually go home the same day and we ask all orders in for Monday 23rd so all orders are placed by the half term holiday.

Open Morning

Our final Open Morning is tomorrow at 09.30am, if you know anyone with a child due to start in Early Years in September 2018, please encourage them to come and have a look around school, our Year 6 Ambassadors are doing a marvellous job of showing prospective parents around!

£1.00 Coins

School will no longer accept old pound coins as of this Friday so please check your change for snack money and any payments so that it includes only the new £1 coin.

Parking Incidents

I regret to have to report two incidents that have happened outside school in the last twenty four hours. In one a parent narrowly escaped being run over by another parent and in another, one of our neighbours has been subject to some unpleasant verbal abuse. Please can I once again remind you to drive, park and behave responsibly and respectfully to one another and to our neighbours. As adults we need to be modelling behaviour for our children. As a school we are becoming increasingly concerned that we will soon be faced with a distressing incident involving one of our community. I am continuing to work with our local PCSO with regards to parking issues, in particular the development of a Parents Parking Charter. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Readers of the Week

<u>EYJD</u> Daniel N William M	<u>1LM</u> Esmee B Freya A	<u>2EB</u> Lydia M Eden M	<u>3AP</u> Ziggy L Alfie V	<u>4FD</u> Rory J Millie R	<u>5MH</u> Freddie C Anna K	<u>6CL</u> Millie B Rachel M
<u>EYMR</u> Jasmine L Sebastian H-M	<u>1NC</u> Monisha G Zara G	<u>2SG</u> Sam K Fred V	<u>3LM</u> Seb F Sam K	<u>4NR</u> Kenzie A Gabrielle W	<u>5SH</u> Alfie A Katie F	<u>6MW</u> Olivia D

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher

Responsibility, Respect, Aspiration and Pride

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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL RECORDS

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Please amend details for my child as follows (e.g. phone number, address, contact details):

