



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st October 2021



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Well, what an eventful start to the week with the power cut that lasted until Monday lunchtime! Thank you to all the staff, in particular, our Kitchen team, who kept calm and carried on! The power cut led us to make the decision to postpone our Open Afternoon for prospective Early Years 2022 parents. I'm pleased to advise that a new date has been confirmed as Wednesday 3rd November at 2pm in addition to our original date of Thursday 14th October at 2pm.

Covid Update

We continue to have positive cases of Covid being reported for both pupils and staff. Please continue to be vigilant and take your child for a PCR test should they be unwell. This will help us minimise the spread of the virus within school. I'm pleased to see that we are starting to see the majority of our Year 6 children, who have been poorly, return to school.

Girls Football Competition – Friday 24th September – An Update from Mr Cairns

It has been a long time since schools were able to attend competitions and it was fantastic to get started again. We took two teams of Y5 girls down to Hartford High School on Friday 24th September and they were very excited! The girls started very nervously against Y6 teams from Charles Darwin and Barnton but then improved steadily throughout the tournament. Our goalkeeping and defending got a lot better and Rita and Sydney even managed to score wonderful goals. The teams were so supportive of each other and showed great sportsmanship towards the other teams. Well done to all those who took part.

First Aiders

Following a recent training course, our qualified First Aiders are now a team of 13! Congratulations to Mr Beesley, Mrs Cade, Mrs Lovatt, Mrs Ovenden, Mrs Parr and Miss Thompson who have completed their 3-day First Aid at Work course and are now qualified First Aiders.

International Day of Languages – Friday 24th September

Last Friday Mrs Gatiss arranged for all the children to celebrate International Day of Languages. Years 2 and 6 studied Germany, Early Years – Spain, Year 1 – France, Year 3 – Italy, Year 4 – Greece and Year 5 - French Canada. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day in particular the food tasting! They also studied an artist from their chosen country and produced work in the same style. They looked at the geography of the country and some sample postcards. They also learnt key words and phrases and made a self portrait using the phrase 'my name is' the relevant language. These will all be compiled to make a mural which will be displayed in school. Thank you Mrs Gatiss, the staff and children had an amazing day.

Staffing Update

Miss Gallimore has stepped down from her role as Midday Supervisor, as her Teaching Assistant hours have increased. So, I'm very pleased to announce that Mrs Yeats, one of our Midday Assistants, has taken up the position. A big thank you to Miss Gallimore for all her hard work and commitment over the years in this role.

Mrs Gordon, one of our Teaching Assistants, left on Wednesday to take up a new role in finance at Cransley School. She will be much missed by the staff and the children. Mrs Gordon worked 1:1 with two of our pupils and I'm very pleased that we've been able to offer additional hours to Miss Gallimore and Miss Deakin, meaning that the children concerned have continuity of care with staff they already know. We will be welcoming a new member to the Teaching Assistant team next week however, as we've appointed Mrs Hughes, to work 1:1 with another child.

Flu Immunisation Wednesday 20th October 2021

The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 20th October to administer the Flu nasal spray vaccine to all the children. A separate communication will be sent out about this next week with full details of how the programme will work this year and how you can provide your consent.

School Meal Ordering System

After a false start on Monday due to the power cut, the new system for ordering school meals is up and running and working well. Thank you for your support with this. Just a reminder that if your KS2 child (Year 3 up) is selecting their meal in class they need to have credit on their ParentPay account.

Roberts Bakery Visitors

On Tuesday and Thursday next week, Year 6 will be welcoming our annual visitors from Roberts Bakery. The children will learn all about the company, its history and get hands on making their own loaf of bread. This is always a lovely experience for the children, and we all enjoy the smell of baking bread!

Young Voices – Monday 7th February 2022

I'm delighted to announce that we will once again be taking part in Young Voices at the MEN Arena. This is an amazing experience for the children, where they will join other school choirs from around the Northwest to perform with a live band and professional performance artists. This year is the 25th anniversary of Young Voices and so is set to be extra special. The date for our performance is Monday 7th February 2022. Shortly I'll be inviting Year 5 and 6 children to take part in an after-school Young Voices club to prepare for the event. Whilst the club is free, there are costs involved with attending the concert and your child must be prepared to commit to rehearsals. The staff and I can't wait to get started and find out which songs we'll be singing and who the artists will be.

Flyers

Please find attached two flyers regarding local activities that are available to the children.

Parking Issues

I regret to inform you that a local resident of Needham Drive has rung school to complain about the inconsiderate parking of some of our parents at the rear of school. This included reports of parents using resident's private driveways to turn round in the road. Please be respectful to our neighbours whilst you are dropping off or collecting your child from school.

Reminder - Year 7 High School Place Applications – Closing Date 31st October

Just another reminder to our Year 6 parents to submit their Year 7 High School place application. Here is a link to the application page on CWAC's website:

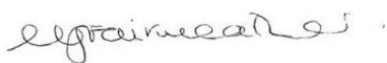
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-secondary/secondary-admissions.aspx>

National Mental Health Day – Friday 8th October – Say Hello to Yellow

School will be supporting National Mental Health Day next Friday by wearing Yellow and donating a £1. The funds raised will be split 50/50 between a Mental Health Charity and our PTA. Don't worry if your child doesn't have an item of yellow clothing, something with yellow on or anything brightly coloured will be fine. No football kits please. I'm looking forward to a bright and colourful day.

I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



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