



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th November 2021



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the return of our After School Clubs this week. I particularly enjoyed my first Young Voices Choir rehearsal on Monday with the cast of HPS Young Voices 2022. Mrs Hodkinson from the school office is about to place our T-Shirt and Audience Tickets order, please ensure you have returned your order forms to her and made payment for these items (via ParentPay) by Monday 8th November at the very latest. Orders after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Parents' Evening Appointments – Week Commencing Monday 8th November

A reminder that the booking system is open for Parents' Evening appointments next week. The appointments will be a phone call to the mobile of the parent who has booked the appointment. If you are experiencing any difficulties booking an appointment, please contact the office team.

PTA Fundraiser – Halloween Balloon Race

Thank you to those of you who supported our latest fundraiser. £90 profit has been raised to go towards the purchase of new Glockenspiels for the children. The winners of the race will be announced next week after the race finishes on Sunday.

Antibullying Week and Interfaith Week

Week beginning 15th November it is Antibullying Week and Interfaith Week. To end the week on Friday 19th, we will be holding a non-uniform day to celebrate our diversity. We would like the children to come in clashing outfits on what we are calling Diverse Friday! This could be odd socks, clashing patterns and colours or materials. To raise money for charity we ask for a £1 donation which will be split between the Anti-Bullying Alliance and our PTA.

The Knitted Bible – St. John's Church Hartford

Year 1, 2 and 3 have all been to visit St. John's church this week to learn about various stories from the Bible through an exhibition called The Knitted Bible. This is an exhibition of 33 scenes from the Bible; it features many of the best-known Old Testament and New Testament stories, created out of knitted figures. The staff and children have really enjoyed their visits and were very impressed with the exhibition. If you'd like to visit as a family, please see the attached flyer for information about visiting times.

WW1 & WW2 Display – Weaverhall Museum – Sunday 14th November 2-4pm

Weaverhall Museum are hosting a display of artefacts from the First and Second World War, including items from the home front and beyond. This is a free event on the above date and might interest our Year 6 pupils in particular, and support their current learning in their topic of World War 2.

Visit from Cheshire Young Carers

Year 3 and 4 had a visit from Sarah of Cheshire Young Carers in assembly this week and learnt about their work to support young carers in our community. They displayed beautiful manners and were impeccably behaved. Well done Year 3 and 4 you are a credit to HPS.

Open Afternoon for Prospective Early Years 2022 Parents – Wednesday 3rd November

We held our second Open Afternoon for prospective EY 2022 parents this Wednesday, which was well attended. Our visitors got to see school in action including examples of our PE and Spanish curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Birtwistle, Mrs Cade, Mrs Dodd, Mrs Parr, Mrs Wheeler and Miss Mullins for their support during the afternoon and for helping to show parents around school. Thank you also to Mike Watson (Chair of Governors) for his support at the welcome meeting.

As school is still receiving requests for prospective parents to visit, we will be holding a further Open Afternoon in due course. We will advertise the date for this as soon as it has been set.

National Roast Dinner Day – Wednesday 10th November 2021

To celebrate Roast Dinner Day next Wednesday, Mrs Jones, our school cook, will be offering Roast Gammon and Roast Chicken (vegetarian options will be available) as a change to the normal menu. (For the full menu see the attached flyer.) The menu change has been updated on ParentPay.

Message from Cheshire Police

Due to a number of recent reports and concerns around children being exposed to inappropriate material online on all sorts of different platforms including You Tube, Netflix, Roblox and Tik Tok, Cheshire Police have asked us to share the following information with you:

National Online Safety offers free online safety guidance for parents on the latest apps, games, platforms, and devices. It can be accessed online at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> and followed on Facebook and Instagram. We would encourage parents to visit the site and use the guidance to understand what their children are accessing and to apply parental settings to all apps and games as well as regularly checking devices including images, installed apps and conversations.



Golden Table – 6CB

Congratulations to 6CB, who are winners of the Golden Table today, having earned the most golden tokens for good manners and behaviour in the dining hall recently. I hope you enjoyed your Bonfire themed lunch, served to you in style!

Have a lovely weekend and I hope you and your family enjoy Bonfire Night this evening. Stay safe.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
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