



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER  
Friday 11th September 2020



### **What a fabulous start!**

We've had a wonderful first full week and it's been lovely to see the children's confidence build as they come in to school each morning. We're very proud of you all. We can't wait to have you in with us full time from Monday.

### **Our learning this week**

We have begun our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **s** and **a**. You may have noticed the actions and sounds they are sharing at home. The children are responding very well to the phonics teaching. In our phonics sessions we look at the "sound" and the words related to the sound. We are beginning to introduce how to blend the letter sounds together to form words, eg **s – a – t – sat**. This is the start of the reading process and as our sessions continue we will introduce more opportunities to support reading and writing.

In our maths lessons we have looked at matching. The children have worked together to look for the similarities and differences between objects. They then looked to match objects based on their similarities and looked for matching pairs. We have introduced Numicon (a maths resource used to help with number) and looked at the different pieces and counted the holes to find out which number each piece represented. All the children were engaged and active learners.

Our first PE lesson on Tuesday morning was great fun! Thank you to all our families for helping us by sending your children in ready for PE. Our sessions will continue on Tuesdays, so please continue to send them in their PE kits each week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Spanish sessions with Mrs Gatiss. They enjoyed some Spanish songs and learnt some new words and can now answer the register with 'Hola'!

### **Red books and information packs**

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their red books. It's not too late if you haven't sent yours back yet. We will soon be sharing these in small groups. The children love to talk through all their photographs and pictures and to tell us all about their families.

If you haven't already, please send in your completed information packs which include contact details, medical and dietary information.

### **Lunches**

Next week it will be week 1 on the lunch menu. The lunchtimes are going really well and the children are enjoying sitting together and getting to know each other. Please don't worry, we will let you know if your child is not eating their lunch. So far, everyone is having a good try! If you feel they will not eat the meal available you are able to send a packed lunch in with your child in the morning. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is clearly labelled and they will need a drink including in their lunch bag in addition to their water bottle for the classroom.

### **Snack Time**

We will be moving our snack time to the afternoons from next week. Please send your child in with a healthy snack which they can put in their tray ready for the afternoon. Please remember we are a nut and kiwi free school so please be thoughtful when purchasing snacks items.

In the water bottles we ask for water only. This drink is accessible throughout the day and we will re-fill when empty.

### **School bags**

Each child will need a blue school reading bag for any letters and pictures and eventually their own reading books. The children do not need to bring in extra bags each day as the space is very limited.

Please ensure that no toys or stationary items are brought in from home. We find that they often get lost, accidently broken, or go missing which can cause unnecessary distress.

### **Contacting us**

Please remember that as a team we work in partnership with our parents at all times. If you have any queries, worries or concerns please talk to your class teacher. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at [earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can contact the office at [admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Richardson Mrs Gillett Mrs Eccles Mrs Baynes