



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It's been a week of topsy-turvy weather and a week full of activity here at Hartford – there's a real buzz around the school as the children settle in fully to their classes. I've really enjoyed walking around the school site and seeing everything the children are doing; there is some brilliant work going on across the entire building. We've had another busy week – I'm pleased to share it here with you.

Meet the Teachers

This week has seen the remaining Meet the Teacher events taking place, and they've been fantastic. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend; we really value your time and support. Thank you also to the staff, who work tirelessly to ensure these events run smoothly. Just as I said last week, the resources from these meetings will be uploaded to the school website, where you will be able to view and download them if you were not able to make the event.

Music from the Movies

Earlier this term, we were privileged to have Edsential's Magical Musical Roadshow visit our school to perform some classic songs from movies throughout history. The children were treated to musical renditions of songs from The Super Mario Movie, Star Wars, Toy Story and lots more – and when asked to sing along, they did so with enthusiasm! As always, the children were impeccably behaved, and it was lovely to see them all having so much fun with music.

Year 6 School Sports Organising Crew

This week, Mr. Cairns and the SSOC met for the first time to discuss the upcoming year. This brilliant group will be responsible for running events and competitions, organising World Cup Week, and promoting healthy choices around the school. A massive thank you to Rafferty, Tom, Seb, Connor, Max R, Isaac, Bea, Lucas, Josh, Jacob, Izzy, Tommy, Elliott, Jasmine, Harry, Bobby, Reggie, Olivia, Cameron, and Max F for agreeing to be part of the crew, and to Mr. Cairns for taking the time to put the entire operation together.

Early Years Open Afternoon

We had our first Open Afternoon session on Thursday, where prospective parents were able to visit the school, meet children and staff and see what Hartford Primary School is all about in advance of the next academic year. As always, our Year 6 Ambassadors were a credit to the school, candidly answering questions and creating a wonderful and warm atmosphere. We have two more sessions that prospective parents and carers are still able to book on to. These are on Wednesday 11th October, 10.00am and Monday 13th November, 2.00pm – please contact the office if you wish to book a place.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that on Friday 6th October, we are holding a coffee afternoon and cake sale to raise awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support. This will be a non-uniform day; the children can wear their own clothes for a donation of £1 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our coffee afternoon will be held in the small hall from 2.15pm; please come along for a slice of cake and a catch

up with friends old and new! This will then be followed by a cake sale, which will be held under the shelter of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms at the end of the school day – the proceeds of which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. All cake donations can be brought into school on the morning of the day, to your child's classrooms. These can be home-made or shop bought but please remember that we are a nut- and kiwi-free school. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Dodd.

Safety in the Car Park

This week, the office staff have witnessed several unsupervised children running through the car park before school, into the path of cars coming through the car park and around staff cars. The school day begins when our gates open at 8.45am; until this time, there is no staff presence in the car park to keep children safe. Please consider this when making early drop-offs, and remind children that if they are early, they must wait safely by the gate and out of the line of traffic.

Children Walking Home

We appreciate that more Year 6 children are beginning to want to walk home alone. If you would like to authorise this for your child, please contact the front office, who will make a note for your child's teacher – remember to specify whether it is just for that day or long-term. Children without express written permission will not be allowed to leave the site without a guardian.

Soccer Superstars – FREE Session

Soccer Stars football program, designed for children aged 18 months to 9 years, is now offering a FREE trial session on Saturday 30th September at Weaverham Community Centre. Times are:

- BRIGHT STARS - 3 to 4 years: 10-10:45
- SHOOTING STARS - 5 to 6 years: 11-11:45
- SUPER STARS - 7 to 9 years: 12-12:45

See the attached flyer for more information.

From Our PTA



Frozen Friday

It turns out that lots of you love a cool snack on a warm day, as last week's Frozen Friday raised a whopping £128.00 for the PTA! The funds we raise from our Frozen Fridays go towards important projects and events for the benefit of the school, including bigger projects like the pens, and we appreciate all of your support in helping us to raise as much as possible.

Uniform

We still have lots of pre-loved uniform available if you are in need of spares or extras. They are all good quality items, and we only ask for a donation in return. Please email us on pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like something in particular and we will see what we are able to organise.

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Save the Date: AGM

Our next AGM date is on Thursday 12th October at 6.00pm and will be held in the main school hall. All are invited to join us. This is an opportunity to hear all of the fundraising things that we completed throughout the last academic year and what our plans are for this coming year. More details will follow next week!

Summer Reading Competition: Winners!

We are really pleased to announce the winners of our Summer Reading Competition – it was a very tough choice, but we think our judges Mr. Harris and Miss Miller have chosen the most inventive photos from an absolutely brilliant bunch. Please see the attached photos, and join me in offering a huge well done to:

EYKR: trampoline – Noah

2NB: with pilot – William

4LO: with kangaroo – Arlo

EYMM: Go Ape – Fin

4MH: with tank – Lillian

5CW: paddle board – Emma

1CW: wooden books – Isaac

3MG: the biker one – Christian

5ES: lighthouse – Poppy

1JD: Gruffalo – Nell

3JO: snorkelling – Amy

6LW: mountain top – Owen

2EC: with the koala – Otis

I then went on to choose our overall winner from the above list – a HUGE congratulations to Amy, for her incredible snorkelling picture!

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Warm regards,

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Headteacher