



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
3rd November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

The first week back has already been a busy one! We've got a lot going on in the run-up to Christmas; read on to see what's coming up:

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening dates have been set for next week and appointments are bookable via School Spider. If you have any issues logging into your School Spider account, please contact the front office, who will be happy to assist you. Bookings close at 11am on Monday 6th November; all appointments are **in school**.

Dates For Your Diary

We've lots of important dates coming up – make sure you mark them in your calendars early! Please note that the KS1 production and the Christmas church visits overlap, so bear this in mind when booking tickets.

- 23rd November: Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre to see The Nutcracker
- 30th November: School photographs – individual and sibling
- 5th December: Early Years visit to the Ice Cream Farm
- 8th December: Key Stage 1 *Sing a Christmas Story* at Chester Cathedral
- 8th December: PTA Christmas Wonderlights Spectacular
- 12th and 13th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2pm
- 12th December: Year 3 and 5 Church Visit for Christmas – parents welcome
- 13th December: Year 4 and 6 Church Visit for Christmas – parents welcome
- 14th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- 15th December: Early Years Christmas Performance, 2pm
- 18th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Party with Music and Magic – during school hours
- 19th December: Key Stage 2 Christmas Party with Music and Magic – during school hours
- 19th December: Last day of term
- 4th January 2024: Return to school

Academy Conversion Update

I'm delighted to announce that as of 1st December Hartford Primary will be part of Create Learning Trust. The staff and I are looking forward to working with the Trust and their current schools in the future for the benefit of our children. Further information will follow in due course.

Year 2 Visit to Weaver Hall

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited Weaver Hall Museum to support their learning of The Great Fire of London. Whilst there, they got to hear first-hand accounts of the Great Fire from the archives and also got to make their own fire mark. As always, the children behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school. A huge thank you to the Year 2 team for organising such an enriching trip.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! Next Tuesday and Wednesday the 7th and 8th of November, we will be running our book fair from 3.30pm until the end of Parents' Evening. You will have the chance to browse the books and perhaps make a purchase or two – card payments are accepted via QR code. Please do come along and take a look at what we have on offer this year.

Dogs' Trust Visit

Next Monday November 6th, Years 1 and 4 are being visited by Dogs' Trust, who will be giving a presentation and workshop on dog welfare, behaviours, and safety around dogs. These visits are always a lot of fun and the children enjoy them thoroughly – we look forward to welcoming the team back to Hartford.

Year 4 Visit to Bowdon Synagogue

Next Tuesday, November 7th the Year 4 children will be visiting Bowdon Synagogue in South Manchester as part of our school's Place of Worship Visit Programme. Whilst there, the children will have the opportunity to meet members of the synagogue, tour the space and listen to a presentation on Judaism. These visits help our children understand the different customs and routines attached to different religions and always prove to be highly interesting and educational. We look forward to seeing what the Year 4 children learn from their experience!

Nasal Flu Vaccines

A reminder that the school nursing team are coming into school to deliver the nasal flu vaccine on Thursday, November 9th; please refer to the recent communication sent out. The deadline for consent is midday on 7th November; you must advise the team regarding whether you consent or decline for your child to be vaccinated.

Please do not contact the front office as we are unable to register consent; you must advise the team of your choice by following the instructions in the email.

Midday Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant to join our school team. The midday shift runs between 11.45am and 1.30pm, 5 days a week, 8.75 hours a week. The role involves ensuring the safety and welfare of all children during the lunchtime period alongside helping to maintain a safe and fun environment in the dinner hall and outside play areas. The person will also be involved in setting up the lunch hall and supervising the behaviour of the children.

If you would like some more information about the role, and how to apply, please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Kerry Parr on admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

PTA Quiz Night – 10th November

Are you a keen quizzier wanting to show off your talents? Do you have what it takes to win the cash prize? Or do you fancy a night out with some friends? Well, we have you covered, as Hartford Primary School's PTA proudly brings you our first grown-up event in years - our very own Quiz Night! Tickets are just £5 per person and can be purchased using the link below. We are also pleased to offer the option to add a Ploughman's Box to your order, which will be delivered fresh from Hartford Sandwich Shop on the evening.

We will need team names on the night, and we ask that there be at most eight people at each table due to safety and fire regulations. There will be a bar to purchase both alcoholic and soft drinks using cash or card payments, as well as a small raffle on the night. Doors will open at 6.30 pm, with the quiz starting at approximately 7.00pm. There will be a short interval with the quiz champions taking the Grand Prize home around 9.30pm.

If you would like to come along, please book your tickets and food boxes below, but be quick - we only have a limited number due to the size of the hall: <https://hartford-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>.

Christmas Fayre – Volunteer Call!

Please keep your eyes on your email inbox as class teachers will shortly be sending out requests for volunteers for our Christmas Fayre on 8th December. This year, we have a wonderful light show alongside our usual stalls and games; it promises to be a wonderful evening.

Cheshire Autism Practical Support

CHAPS are running Sygnet Courses for Families on the Autism Pathway. The 6-week training course is aimed at parents whose children are on the pathway to diagnosis, or who have a child that has recently received an autism diagnosis. On completion of the course, parents are also able to attend any number of 6 specialist courses on subjects such as PDA, sensory processing, and masking – further information and opportunity to book on these courses will be given on completion of the 6-week course. To book your free place, click the link: https://www.cheshireautism.org.uk/ccg_parent-training/

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

Warm regards,



Mrs L Cade

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