



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
19th April 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Welcome back to school, I hope you've all had a lovely Easter break despite the challenging weather conditions at times! The Summer term is always a busy one with lots to look forward to including residentials for Years 2, 4 and 6, various PTA events including the Summer Fair, and our transition days when we welcome our new Early Years cohort, and our current children spend time with their teacher for next year. Read on for details of forthcoming events over the next couple of weeks.

4MH Swimming Lessons

4MH started their swimming lessons today, which forms part of the national curriculum. These will run until Friday 12th July.

Year 4 Visits to Lion Salt Works - 22nd April 4LO and 25th April 4MH

Year 4 are the first year group this term with a curriculum linked day trip. They will be visiting Lion Salt Works Museum and Exhibition next week to continue their learning of their history topic about The Romans. The visit will also give them first-hand experience of how the salt industry has affected our local area. Whilst there, the children will see how salt was mined and prepared to be exported all over the world. They will discover how the industry affected our landscape and how, over the past 20 years, Northwich has dealt with the problems caused.

Year 5 Northwich Sings – Thursday 2nd May

Year 5 are busy rehearsing for 'Northwich Sings' which is taking place on Thursday 2nd May. This is the fifth occasion that the singing festival has taken place where children in each of the schools within the Northwich Education Partnership come together to perform. This year they will be performing "Wind in the Willows" a musical by Mark and Helen Johnson.

Year 5 Visit to Chester Zoo – Tuesday 7th May

Year 5 also have a trip to Chester Zoo to look forward to on 7th May. The visit will consolidate their learning from their Science topic of Living Things and their Habitats and also their English topic of the Environment and Conservation. Whilst there, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a walking tour workshop - studying some of the different habitats at Chester Zoo. They will observe common characteristics of animals in order to classify them, decide on an animal's relative position in a food chain by determining the function of its teeth and compare lifecycles of some of the zoo animals. It promises to be a fun and interesting way to find out about the animals that live there.

Parents' Afternoons/Evenings – Week Commencing 29th April

The booking system for Parents' Evening appointments is now open on School Spider. Please contact a member of the office team if you require a reminder of your login details. Bookings will close at 9pm on 25th April. Bookings are face to face in school as they were in the Autumn term.

RSE Week – 10th – 14th June

During the week commencing 10th June, class teachers will be delivering the Relationship and Sex Education

programme, in accordance with the guidance from the Department for Education. The topic coverage for each year group will be available for you to look at during the upcoming Parents' Evenings. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher through their year group email address.

Science Selfie Competition

Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who entered our 'Science Selfie' competition last term. We were overwhelmed by the response and loved looking at all the amazing science that everyone got involved with!

It really was incredibly hard to pick a winner and a runner up from each year group! Well done to everyone who entered and we hope you all keep enjoying your science at home!

| Year Group | Winner | Runner Up |
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| EY | Eleanor | Nola |
| Year 1 | Harvey | Clover |
| Year 2 | Alice | Oliver |
| Year 3 | Leonard | Zoe |
| Year 4 | Jasper | Iniya |
| Year 5 | Jacob B | Emma |
| Year 6 | Eva P | Louisa |



The Big Battery Hunt competition update.

So far, we have collected **1400** batteries, which have been taken to be recycled rather than ending up in landfill. The BIG BATTERY HUNT is a nationwide recycling challenge, inspiring pupils to recycle and make a difference. It is open until Wednesday 12th June 2024 so keep on collecting and sending them in. We are collecting used AAA, AA, C and D batteries. Used batteries can be placed in the Big Battery Bucket by the Year 2 classrooms. Please help us as there are prizes for the schools that collect the most!

PTA – Silent Discos

Tickets for the discos are now on sale via your ParentPay account. Please refer to the communication sent on 15th April for full details. Here's a reminder of the dates:

EY, Year 1 & 2 will be on 15th May 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Year 3 & 4 are scheduled for 16th May 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Year 5 & 6 will have their disco in line with the end of their SATs tests
on 16th May 5pm – 6pm what better way to celebrate!

The deadline to order tickets is 6th May.

Cheshire Kids Fund Duathlon and Triathlon – 18th May, 15th June and 21st September

Please see the attached flyer regarding three upcoming sporting events for children over the next few months, which are being held in Nantwich and Whitchurch. The events offer achievable distances tailored to accommodate children aged 5 to 16, ensuring there's a challenge suitable for everyone.

Now Northwich 2024, Cheshire's FREE International Dance Festival

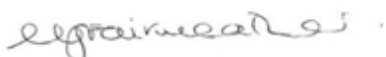
Please find attached a flyer about Cheshire's FREE International Dance and Street Arts Festival for all the family. Now Northwich, is taking place on Saturday 27th April with performances starting at 12 noon and running throughout the afternoon and evening. Shows and experiences will be spread out across Northwich town centre and Barons Quay.

FACE Family Advice Sessions

Please find attached the April newsletter and some flyers from FACE Family Advice Service which may be of interest to you.

Have a lovely weekend, here's hoping for some sunshine!

Warm regards,



Miss M Fairweather

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