



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
10th May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Wow! What fabulous weather we've had this week, long may it continue! It's a bumper edition of the newsletter this week so I'll get started:

Year 5 Visit to Chester Zoo – Tuesday 7th May

On Tuesday, Year 5 travelled to Chester Zoo for an inspiring day learning all about animal habitats on a very special walking workshop led by one of the members of the zoo team. The children got to see lots of different animals and where they live, learning about what and how they eat, how they interact and immersing themselves in the sights, sounds and smells of nature. The walking workshop was all about different animal categories, and the children worked to divide the animals they saw into different groups.

Afterwards, they all got to enjoy some free time at the zoo. A huge well done to Year 5 for behaving so beautifully and a massive thanks to the Year 5 team for their work in putting this trip together.

Our Year 4 and Year 6 children (and staff!) are gearing up for their forthcoming residential which take place in the last week of this half term. Year 4 are going to Tattenhall on Wednesday 22nd May – Thursday 23rd May and Year 6 are going to Conway on Wednesday 22nd May – Friday 24th May. Let's hope this weather continues for them.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs from Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May. These examinations are an important part of the children's transition to secondary education as the results give their Year 7 teachers a solid baseline from which to predict future success. However, we do not want our children to feel any stress or anxiety; it is important that they understand that trying their best is enough. I know that our Year 6 children have been working hard on their practice and revision; I wish every one of them the best of luck and know they will do exceptionally well. A huge thank you goes to Miss Miller, Miss Lee, Mrs Wheeler and all the Year 6 team for their hard work in preparing the children for this important next step.

Census Day Lunch – Thursday 16th May

Next Thursday is another Census Day. To mark it, the kitchen will be serving the following menu (also see attached flyer):

- Southern Fried Chicken Tacos or Bean & Cheese Quesadilla with Tangy Mexican Slaw served with Mexican Fiesta Curly Fries & Sweetcorn
- Mexican Inspired Cinnamon Cookie or Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter

Photographer Plea

Do we have any amazing photographers in our family community? We are currently revamping our website and would love some brilliant new photos featured. So, we're looking for someone to donate their time to help us with this. (By donate, it means unfortunately we don't have the budget to pay for it. 😊)

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 cross country teams went to Hartford High School on Friday 3rd May to compete against other local schools. The course was over a mile long and all the children who took part did extremely well. They all kept going all the way round, well supported by the children who were watching waiting for their race to happen. The Year 3/4 girls, Year 3/4 boys, Year 5/6 girls and Year 5/6 boys all won their competitions, and some children will race again at the finals later in the year. A special well done goes to Bea and Max R who won their races.

So far this week our Year 5 and 6 football teams have played three matches. On Tuesday the teams travelled to Davenham. The pitch had not been cut in a while which made for very difficult playing conditions. Both teams worked hard to dig the ball out of the long grass and try to play some football. The girls' and boys' teams both won 2-1.

On Wednesday we played Charles Darwin on the 4G at Hartford High School. This surface was much better for our passing game and both teams were amazing. The boys won 6-0 and the girls won 8-1.

Our final game of the week is this afternoon, against Davenham again, but at home this time. Good luck to all the players who will hopefully make it 6 wins in a week.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the parents who sent in their child's swim times in order for them to be considered for the HPS swim team. The team will be taking part in the Jack Denton Swimming Gala on Saturday 15th June. I've spoken to all the children today and will be in contact with the parents of those who've been selected with further details about the Gala in due course.

National PTA Awards

The National PTA Awards 2024 are a celebration of the time, hard work and dedication that PTAs and supporters volunteer to raise vital funds for their school community. This year's PTA Awards will take place in the autumn term and give PTAs the chance to receive local and national recognition for their achievements and a chance to win up to £2,000!

I'd like to encourage you to nominate our very own wonderful PTA by using the link below. I'm sure you'll agree with me when I say they embody hard work, dedication and commitment to HPS fundraising and our children's experience of life here at Hartford is greatly enhanced by all their efforts.

[National PTA Awards 2024 | Parentkind](#)

PTA Silent Discos

Final arrangements are underway for the PTA's first Silent Disco's next week. Please remember collection after the discos will be from your child's classroom and the playground will be accessible from the front gate only.

Early Years, Year 1 and 2's disco on 15th May finishes at 4.30pm. Year 3 and 4's disco on 16th May also finishes at 4.30pm. Year 5 and 6's disco on 16th May finishes at 6pm.

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Northwich Riverfest – Saturday 20th July

You may be aware that Northwich's Rotary Club organise a River Festival each year on the River Weaver. They have Dragon Boat Racing and water based entertainment and also hold a duck race on the River Dane nearby. There are 2,000 plastic ducks in the race, with cash prizes for the winners and any surplus income going to local charities and good causes. This year the club are giving each school in the area 8 free ducks – wish HPS' ducks good luck!

Hartford Picnic in the Park - Sunday 9th June 2024

The Parish Council have been in touch to invite you all to this year's Picnic in the Park. It is taking place from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday 9th June at Hartford's Grange Park on Bradburns Lane. There will be music, fun activities, and entertainment to enjoy, plus there will be a BBQ, a licensed bar, and other stalls. See attached flyer.

Lost Property



Unfortunately, our collection of lost property is building up again. If your child has lost anything, lost property is located in the corner of Mrs Moore's Hall.

FACE Family Advice Sessions

Please find attached some flyers from FACE Family Advice Service regarding some upcoming talks which may be of interest to you.

Also attached is some information from Koala North West Sleep Support regarding how parents of children with Autism and ADHD can access help to support their child's sleep.

CWAC Parent Carer Forum News and Events May 2024

The latest newsletter from the CWAC Parent Carer Forum is available on our website for your information.

Whit Holiday Activity Sessions – Weaverhall Museum and The Lion Salt Works

Please find attached some flyers about some local half term activities that you may be interested in for your child.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine!

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Miss M Fairweather'.

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher