

# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



# Dear Parents/Carers and Families

A massive well done to our amazing Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week. They were calm and confident tackling Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, Reading, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning with positivity. Thanks to the Year 6 team of staff, Mrs Cade and Mrs Rowland (Senco) for making this week as normal as possible for the children. We are now making our final preparations for our Year 6 residential to the Conway Centre on the Isle of Anglesey next week, which couldn't be better timed! Well done Year 6, enjoy your weekend.

Our Year 4 children are also off on their residential next Wednesday and Thursday, let's hope all the children have some of the lovely weather we've been enjoying recently. School will be much quieter than usual for latter part of the week with four classes being off site. Thank you in advance to all the staff involved in these visits, your commitment is very much appreciated.

#### **PTA News**

#### **Silent Discos**

We had an amazing two nights this week at the silent discos, we hope that the children all enjoyed them as much as we did. We have had lots of feedback about how this disco format was so much more inclusive for children that would perhaps normally have struggled with the discos, and it was so lovely that everyone was able to take part, we didn't even need the chill out zones that we usually have so the silent disco will definitely be back. We have raised just over £1,000 from the event which will go towards our 'outdoor spaces' improvement plans. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped us to run the event.

We do want to take this opportunity to make a request of all of you, please try and book your child on to an event before the deadline – there is a lot that goes into planning an event like this and the deadlines set on ParentPay are always for a good reason. We had over 60 children (that is 15% of the entire school) added on as extras for this event, and whilst we never want a child to miss out it does make it really difficult to make sure everything is in place (from ordering headsets & snacks and even making sure we have enough adults to supervise the event) and also creates a lot of extra work for the admin team, sending out payment links, tracking all of the extra children etc. so we would like to avoid, or at least minimise this where possible.

# Frozen Friday – Friday 24th May

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding the first frozen Friday of the year selling ice creams and frozen treats in the playground after school. We will be accepting cash, tokens, and card payments. Please see attached poster.

# Donut Day - Friday 14th June

Donut Day is back again!! Join us for our popular Krispy Kreme donut sale! We will be selling these delicious treats on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. You can pre-order a box of 12 glazed donuts for £10; or 6 glazed donuts for £5 via parent pay to guarantee your order. We can't guarantee boxes on the day so order now to avoid disappointment! All boxes pre-ordered will be available to collect from the stall at 2.30pm on the day. We will also be selling a limited number of individual donuts on the day for £1 each. Please note pre-orders will close at lunchtime on 6<sup>th</sup> June

# A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, the school field was finally ready to host Davenham in a football match. The girls continued their fantastic form with a 4-0 win. Our defence and goalkeeper worked hard to keep another clean sheet and the midfield and strikers played some lovely passing football.

The boys' team had some new additions for this game who all performed well. It was a very close game with Hartford opening the scoring. The Davenham goalkeeper kept them in it with a string of good saves. A Davenham equaliser then set up a tense finish where both teams could have won it. Overall, a 1-1 draw was a fair result and leaves the girls and boys top of their leagues. Well done everyone.

Next week we have some more sporting fixtures, this time Dodgeball and cricket:

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May a group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a Dodgeball Tournament at Hartford High School. Whilst on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May we have two teams taking part in a cricket tournament. Our Year 3/4 team will compete in the morning followed by our Year 5/6 team in the afternoon. Let's hope the weather stays dry!

#### Sports Day 2024

Another reminder of our Sports Day dates for this year:

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Key Stage 2 (Years 3 6)

Sports Day begins at 1.30pm on the school field. Children should come to school in their PE kit so that they are ready for the event. Any parents/carers who would like to attend must arrive at the front gate; no other entrance to the school will be open. The front gate will open at 1.20pm until 1.30pm, reopening at the end of Sports Day once the children are back in class. Collection at the end of the day will be from your child's classroom as normal. Our lovely PTA will be running a refreshment stall throughout the afternoon and are looking for parent volunteers to assist them with this. If you can help please email them on pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

# Hartford Picnic in the Park - Sunday 9th June 2024

A reminder that The Parish Council will be holding a Picnic in the Park on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is taking place from 1pm to 4pm 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.

#### **Five Rivers Child Care**

Attached is a flyer from Five Rivers Fostering Agency who are currently looking for carers in our area.

#### **Upcoming Road Closures**

The Highways Department at CWAC have advised us of some upcoming roadworks which are likely to impact on your journey to and from school. Please see the attached letter for full details of where exactly the works will be located. Please see overleaf for details of the dates concerned:

A556 - Chester Road, Cuddington/Sandiway - 28th May, 1st June & 6th-7th June 2024 - 9:00 – 15:30 – 18:00- 20:00
A556 – Chester Road, Oakmere – 29th May, 2nd June, 10th June - 09:00 – 15:30 – 18:00-20:00 A559 – Chester Road, Hartford – 23rd-28th May, 30th May-1st June, 3rd-6th June 2024 09:00 – 15:30 – 18:00-20:00
Finally, a reminder that we break up for May half term next Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May and return to school on <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.</b> School is closed to pupils on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June as staff have an Inset Day.
Have a lovely weekend.
Warm regards
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