



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th July 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What a lovely week it has been in school with not one but three performances of the Year 6 production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. I've thoroughly enjoyed watching every single one and can honestly say the children just got better and better. I'm sure the staff and parents will agree with me when I say the children were absolutely fabulous! Well done each and every one of you, you've done yourselves and school proud! It was joy to hear the some of the boys give an impromptu performance of 'Piratical Style' (Yo ho heave ho!) with real gusto whilst they were helping to tidy away the play's props in the hall this morning. A huge thank you to the whole Year 6 team for their hard work and to all our parents/grandparents who came along to watch and support the children. Year 6 have now moved on to final preparations for their leavers' assembly next Friday – I can guarantee there will be more than a few tears shed by staff and parents that afternoon!

Reports

I hope you've all enjoyed reading your child's/children's reports yesterday and seeing what they've been up to this academic year. Well done to our Year 6 children for their SATs results and to our Year 1 and Year 4 children for their phonics and multiplication results respectively. Thank you to all the teaching staff and the office team for their hard work producing a whopping 417 reports this year! It was a privilege to comment on each one. Thank you also to parents for the lovely feedback which has already started to come in, it is very much appreciated.

PTA Summer Social – Saturday 6th July

Another huge thank you to our amazing PTA for running our Summer Social event last Saturday despite some rather challenging weather conditions. It was great to see so many of you there supporting this event and I'm pleased to confirm that a total of £3240 was taken on the day with a possible £3000 match funding from Barclays.

Bag2School Collection – Tuesday 16th July

The PTA have organized a Bag2School collection to help raise funds for school. Collection will take place on Tuesday 16th July and more information will be sent home next week. Donations of old clothes should be left under the window of the office on Tuesday 16th July before 9am. Please do not leave anything before the day as we do not have the capacity to store bags in school.

National Book Token Annual Prize – Nominate HPS For A Chance to Win

National Book Tokens' annual prize gives schools the chance to rebuild their library by winning £1,000 plus a year's free membership to the School Library Association. One overall winner will also get £500 to help them rejuvenate their library space.

The PTA would like to encourage parents (and staff!) to nominate HPS. Nominate us at [Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens](#) If your entry is picked you will win a £100 book token. Please see the attached flyer for details.

A Sporting Update

On Tuesday 9th July, the fencing team went to Hartford Manor Primary School to take on Davenham and Hartford Manor. It was a fantastic experience for Ellie F (Year 4), Lily and Akira (Year 5), and Kai, Seb and William P (Year 6). They got to use all the electronic fencing equipment which was great to see. Overall, the team won 8 matches and lost 6, well done everyone!

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The Year 5 cross country team went to Leftwich High School this Wednesday for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. The course was 1.75 miles which was much further than they ran in the first round. The children all tried their hardest and were a credit to the school. They came in 5th place overall, well done everyone!

Early Years Picnic – Friday 12th July

It was lovely to see so many of our Early Years parents attending our Early Years picnic this morning on the school field. This was their final 'Come and Play' session with the children and a great way to bring what has been a fabulous year for our youngest cohort to an end.

Year 10 High School Pupils – Work Experience

We've enjoyed hosting eight Hartford High School pupils for their work experience this week. They've got stuck in, helping out across the school, taking part in lessons and supporting the daily routine of life at a Primary School.

The last few days of term are looking very busy, here's what coming up:

Year 6 Personal Safety Awareness Course – Monday 15th July

As part of our end of year activities for the Year 6 children we have arranged for them to take part in a Personal Safety Awareness Course. Just a reminder for Year 6 parents to provide their consent via ParentPay for their child to take part.

Story Tent Visitors – Early Years – Monday 15th July

Our rescheduled visit from Story Tent will take place for our Early Years children on Monday afternoon.

Leavers' Lunch - Tuesday 16th July – Change of Menu for the Whole School

As part of our Year 6 leavers' celebrations the Year 6 children have been allowed to select a menu for their Leavers' Lunch which is being held on Tuesday 16th July. The menu for the **whole school** will be:

Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Chicken Strips served with Curly Fries, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Chocolate Brownie/Crispy Cake/Fresh Fruit

Year 6 also have lovely activities booked for the rest of the week with Bubble Football and Drumz Aloud on Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of their trip to Warrington Tenpin for bowling on Thursday. Their final celebration will be their Leavers Assembly at 2pm on Friday 19th July where we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to school for the final time.

Governor Goodbye

Mr Mike Watson's term of office as a Governor on our Local Governing Board is coming to an end. I'd like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of myself, staff and governors to Mike for his time and commitment as a Governor over the last eight years. Mike has taken on many roles during his time as a Governor including a four year term as Chair, Vice Chair and various Link Governor positions. His tenure included the challenging time of the Covid Pandemic and also our Ofsted Inspection. Mike's holds the CWGA Chair of the Year 2022 in recognition of his exceptional dedication to the role. Thank you Mike and I wish you and your family all the best for the future.

Staff Leavers

As you're aware we have a number of staff sadly leaving us at the end of this academic year and moving on to pastures new, I'll give full details in my final newsletter next Friday.

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FACE Family Support Sessions

Please find attached a flyer detailing the current online courses available from FACE Family Advice.

Brio Swimming Crash Course and Summer Fun

Brio will be running 'crash courses' in Swimming over the Summer break as well as holding fun sessions and pool parties, see the attached flyers for further details including information about a Splash Pass - £20 for unlimited junior swimming (T&Cs apply).

Summer Holiday Activities at Local Museums

Please see the attached leaflets for information about activities taking place locally over the Summer holidays.

Finally, if you're stuck for something to do this weekend, please see the attached flyer for a Creative Arts Mini Workshop being held tomorrow in Little Neston, run by Wirral Arts Academy.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher