



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th September 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back! It's been a lovely start to the school year this week and I've thoroughly enjoyed hearing what the children have been up to over the Summer break. I'd like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new Early Years families to school as well as the children who have joined us across the school in Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. I'd also like to welcome Miss Eyre (3HE) and Miss Hall (EYEH) to our teaching team.

So, without further ado let's see been going on this week and what's coming up....

Early Years 2024 Parents' Coffee Morning – Thursday 5th September

Members of our PTA kindly hosted a coffee morning for our new parents yesterday. It was lovely to see so many families represented, chatting, and getting to know each other.

I'm delighted to confirm our Early Years children have settled extremely well this week, staying for lunch yesterday and today as part of their phased start to school. Next week they'll be with us full time and their school day will end at 3.10pm along with our KS1 children.

PTA News

The PTA have registered school with Asda's new Cashpot for Schools initiative. Asda will donate cash to school each time you shop and scan instore or online. Please see the attached poster for further details or follow this link: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> To coin the phrase of another supermarket every little helps when schools are faced with every increasing demands on their tight budgets, thank you for your support.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 10th September – Year 6 visit to St. John's Church Hartford
Thursday 12th September 5pm – Early Years Meet The Teacher
Thursday 12th September 5pm – Year 6 Meet The Teacher
Monday 16th September 5pm – SALT and Phonics workshop for Early Years parents
Tuesday 17th September 5pm – Year 5 Meet The Teacher
Thursday 19th September 5pm – Year 3 Meet The Teacher
Monday 23rd September 5pm – Year 4 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday 24th September 11.30am – Come Dine With Me for Early Years parents
Tuesday 24th September 5pm – Year 2 Meet The Teacher
Thursday 26th September 5pm – Year 1 Meet The Teacher
Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2nd October 6pm – PTA AGM

More details will follow regarding the scheduled Meet The Teacher meetings.

Residential Visits 2024/25

As you many of you will already know, the children in Years 2, 4 and 6 take part in residential visits during the school year. The dates for your diary are as follows:

Year 2 Burwardsley Residential – Tuesday 24th June & Wednesday 25th June (1 night) – 2NB

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Wednesday 25th June & Thursday 26th June (1 night) – 2EC

Year 4 Tattenhall Residential – Thursday 22nd May & Friday 23rd May (1 night) – both classes

Year 6 Conway Residential – Wednesday 21st May – Friday 23rd May (2 nights) – both classes

Start to the School Day

Thank you for your support with our new timings for the start of the school day. The gates now open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. It has been very noticeable throughout school that this has had a significantly positive impact, with the children settled, focused and ready to learn by 9am.

Attendance

A reminder that pupils arriving at school after 8.55am will be classed as late and this will impact their attendance. Should your child need to attend a medical appointment (GP, Dentist, hospital) that can't be made outside of school hours you will need to supply proof of the appointment details to our office team. If your child is unwell, please report their absence on our dedicated absence line 01606 74164 option 1. You may find the information on this link helpful when trying to decide whether your child is well enough for school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

For absences which don't fit the above criteria, please submit an 'Application for Absence' form to the school office either in person or via email. This form can be found on our website or hard copies are available from the entrance foyer.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for this half term start next week. Please ensure your child's place is confirmed before you send them to a club and that you collect them promptly afterwards. The majority of clubs finish at 4.20pm, please check the club grid for specific details. Clubs will be dismissed from the small playground outside the Year 5 classrooms.

Early Years 2025

No sooner have we started this academic year and we're thinking about our Early Years 2025 prospective children and parents. The applications process has already started, and parents can apply for a place between now and 15th January 2025. To assist parents in making their decision we're holding a number of open events, these are as follows:

Open Days: A chance for Parents and Carers to meet our Senior Leadership and Teaching Team and enjoy a tour of our school during the school day. These will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 19th September at 2.00pm

Monday 14th October at 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th November at 10.00am

Thursday 9th January at 2.00pm

Come and Play Events: A chance for you and your child to experience our Early Years classroom and outdoor area, meet our teaching team, have fun, and play with new friends. These will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 26th September 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 17th October 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 21st November 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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You can book on any of these events by using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/xLTWTKnvpL>

We've also had a new film made 'Welcome to Hartford Primary School – Early Years which can be viewed via this link: <https://youtu.be/ECU6-Ht6mE4> Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Butler (parents of Abigail Year 6 and Max Year 4) for their expertise and the services of their company, Movement and Light Films, in making this.

Hartford News – September 2024 Edition

You may have already spotted our very own Mrs Cade and Mrs Williams alongside some of our pupils in this month's edition of Hartford News. The article celebrates our success in the 'If you were an Engineer' competition which 276 of our pupils took part in last year as part of Science week. Five of our pupils were invited to Edge Hill University to collect awards for their exceptional entries. Well done to Bea (now Year 7), Heidi, Leonora, and Jesse (now Year 2) and Olivia (now Year 4). I'd like to thank Mr Hickey (Dad of Finlay Year 5 and Aoife Year 2) for his support with this initiative. I'd also like to thank the HPS teaching team for their involvement with engaging the children in the project, especially Mrs Cade and Mrs Williams.

Winnington Park Rugby Club Open Day – Sunday 8th September

Please see the attached flyer for further details about an Open Day that Winnington Park Rugby Club are holding this Sunday. The event is aimed at children in Years 1 – 6.

Buckley Theatre School – Dance Classes in Weaverham

Please see the attached flyer regarding local dance classes.

Have a lovely weekend, make the most of this sunshine 😊!

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher