



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th September 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What a mixed bag of weather we've had this week! I'm so pleased that the sun is shining whilst I write this and the forecast for the weekend looks reasonable.....fingers crossed! Our Early Years children have spent their first full week with us this week and have settled in brilliantly, their behaviour has been fabulous. It almost feels as if they've always been here!

It was lovely to see our Early Years and Year 6 parents in school yesterday evening for their Meet The Teacher sessions. Thank you to all the teaching staff for holding these informative sessions for parents. A reminder of the dates for the other year groups is below.

I'd also like to thank Roger Pickering from Reach First Aid for the two days of high quality first aid training that he delivered in school this week. This has enabled myself, Mrs Cade, Mrs Parr, Mrs Lovatt, Miss Thompson, Mrs Ovenden, Mrs Wheeler and Miss Gallimore to renew our First Aid at work qualifications.

Year 6 Visit to St. John's – Tuesday 10th September

Year 6 visited St. John's Church this Tuesday to launch their first history unit. They are learning about the impact of WW1 and WW2 on their locality. While at the Church, the children explored war graves and the war memorial and learnt about the lives of those who lived and died at these times. Year 6 made HPS very proud by showing great respect when moving around the graves and listening to the stories of local people.

Dates For Your Diary

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 Afternoon/Non Uniform Day

Wednesday 2nd October 6pm – PTA AGM

Macmillan Cancer Support Day – Friday 27th September – Coffee Afternoon/Cake Sale & Non Uniform Day

Mrs Dodd is organising a day to raise awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support. It will be a non-uniform day where we will ask that the children wear green to support the charity. We ask that the children bring £1 on the day, which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Calling all bakers, we need you!!

We will be hosting a coffee afternoon in the small hall from 2.15pm on Friday 27th September, please come along for a slice of cake and a catch up with friends old and new. This will then be followed by a cake sale, under the shelter of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms at the end of the school day, the proceeds of which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. All cake donations can be brought into school on the morning of Friday 27th September, or to your child's classroom. Cakes can be home-made, or shop bought but please remember that we are a nut-free school. The cake sale will start at 3.15pm. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Dodd.

Recycling scheme to raise money for the PTA

We are continuing to take part in a recycling scheme to raise money for the PTA. We are accepting:

- All brands of (rigid) **plastic food storage containers and lids.**
- All brands of reusable **plastic water bottles and caps.**

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As it is the start of term, have a cupboard clear out and send any broken or unwanted items to 2EC. We are close to our first payout so please continue to support this initiative - help reduce waste and raise money for the PTA.

Dangerous Driving

Sadly, I've had a report of a couple of incidents of dangerous driving by a parent in the area of the back gate on Grosvenor Avenue. I've passed on the details of the incidents to our local PCSO and would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to exercise extreme care when dropping their children off at school, be respectful of other road users, pedestrians, and our neighbours.

Appeal for Glasses

On 8th October, a friend of Miss Gallimore's (Teaching Assistant Year 6) is going to South Africa with a charity called The Footprints Foundations. This charity helps to tackle the problems and issues facing disadvantaged and vulnerable young and elderly with significant health problems. Anne-Marie and a group of Ophthalmologists will be helping to improve the lives of local children by completing free vision checks and issuing them with donated glasses. If anyone has any old prescription children's glasses or low prescription reading glasses, it would be amazing if you could donate them by bringing them into school by Friday 27th September. To find out more about this charity and what they do the link is <https://www.thefootprintsfoundation.co.uk>

Let's Play Hartford Village Event – Sunday 15th September 2024 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's Play on Sunday 15 September 2024.

The event will take place from 2.30 to 4.30 pm on Hartford's Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). We will have lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, construction blocks, hula hoops and more. There will also be a [Hartford NSPCC](#) stall selling 2nd hand toys, books and treats.

The aim of the event is to help children feel more at home in Hartford, make new friends and have fun. Play will be unstructured - that is to say, there won't be an adult leading the games.

It's free of charge to attend. No need to book - just come along on the day.

We are keen to ensure the event is welcoming for everyone. If your child has any SEND needs, please let us know in advance (email asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Please note, children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times. Please see the attached flyer.

The event is being held outside and the forecast looks fine for Sunday. However, if there is bad weather, the event will be postponed. Please check the Hartford Parish Council website [Home Main - Hartford Parish Council](#) or [Facebook](#) page in case of bad weather. '

Free Girls Cricket Sessions – Saturday 14th September



Winington Park Cricket Club are hosting FREE Dynamos Cricket sessions for girls in Hartford (Bradburns Lane) commencing on Saturday 14th September.

Dynamos Cricket is open to children aged between 8-11 years old. Every child who registers will receive a New Balance t-shirt personalised with their name and number!

Sessions will run for an initial six weeks block between 10:00am -11:00am.

To book a place, click the link below and use the Voucher Code: WXAKB, at checkout. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/7cb6bd59-4f03-48d6-960d-1cb7f0e03b98>

For more information contact; kerry.hartnett@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk

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Cheshire Forest School Holiday Club – Thursday 31st October

Cheshire Forest School are running an October holiday club on Thursday 31st October – please see the attached flyer for further details.

Rudheath Senior Academy Open Evening – Tuesday 24th September

Year 6 pupils are invited to attend Rudheath Senior Academy's annual open evening in September, please see the attached flyer. Please complete the following form, to let us them know you are attending:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ccXae9zJ5V>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher