



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Thankfully we're ending the week with better weather than we started! As always there's lots going on in school:

Macmillan Cancer Support Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the coffee afternoon/cake sale last Friday 27th September, it was so lovely to see so many people there and catch up. Thank you also for everyone who baked or faked cakes, they were delicious! As a school we raised approximately £800, which is amazing! Mrs Dodd.

PTA AGM – Wednesday 2nd October

Following the PTA AGM this week Governors would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing PTA Chair, Sarah-Jane for her contribution over the last 2.5 years. Sarah-Jane was instrumental in helping the PTA to re-form post Covid and has overseen the fundraising of £80,000 for school. The money that the PTA raise is critical to enhancing the teaching and learning across school as well as the enrichment activities that the children are able to participate in. Thank you, Sarah-Jane, for your commitment and dedication.

We are also delighted that a new PTA committee has been formed for this academic year at the AGM and are already working hard on this year's events which sound brilliant. PTA is a great way to contribute to the school community and as you can see from the funds raised in the last 2.5 years makes a massive difference - if you want to know more or are considering supporting the committee please contact the school office or the PTA directly on pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk Katherine Ottewell, Chair of Governors.

Our new committee are:

Mrs Becky Farley – Mum of Noah Year 4 and Nell Year 2

Mrs Shelley Ford – Mum of Lucas Year 4

Mrs Kate Farmer – Mum of Thomas Year 5 and Izzy Year 1

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 9th October – Year 1 Visit to Hartford Park

Monday 14th October – Year 5 Gurdwara Visit

Monday 21st October – Early Years Stay & Pick Up Session 2pm

Monday 4th November – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 6th November – Early Years Phonics Workshop 2pm

Thursday 7th/Friday 8th November – Dogs Trust Visiting School

Thursday 7th November – Year 4 Synagogue Visit

Friday 8th November – Year 3 Chester Zoo Visit

Monday 11th November – Thursday 14th November – Parents' Afternoons/Evenings

Special Educational Needs Drop In Advice Session – Wednesday 13th November 4-6pm

During the week we're hosting our Parents' Afternoons/Evenings Mrs Rowland, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Senco) and Create Learning Trust's Inclusion Lead, Mrs Williams will be available on Wednesday 13th November 4 - 6 pm if any Parents have a SEND question or want to discuss anything regarding supporting needs within school. They will be based in the main hall should anyone wish to visit.

Year 1 Visit to Hartford Park – Wednesday 9th October

On Wednesday 9th October, our Year 1 pupils will be walking through Hartford to the park. Their Autumn Term curriculum involves a focus on our local area, and the children will be looking at the history and geography of the park and how it has changed over the years. In design and technology, they will also be looking the structure of playground equipment. In class, the children will then design and make their own models of playground equipment. Let's hope the weather stays fine for them!

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Year 5 Gurdwara Visit – Monday 14th October

As part of Hartford Primary School's aim for every child to visit a place of worship every year, a visit has been arranged for Year 5 to visit a Gurdwara in Manchester. The visit will allow the children to learn more about a different religion, from those who follow it in their local place of worship. Whilst there, the children will go on a tour of the Gurdwara, listen to a talk on Sikhism and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. This visit is perfectly timed with the children's current Sikhism learning in class.

Lost Property

Lost property is building up again. If your child has lost anything, please check the clothing rail and boxes in the small hall. Please ensure all items are named so they can be returned to their owner.



Christmas Cards

The proofs of the children's Christmas cards are being sent home with the children today. You can order online at www.order.schoolprintworld.co.uk by entering your personal login details from your proof or by scanning your QR code. **Orders needs to be placed by 12th October.** This is a great fundraiser for school as we receive 30% commission on all orders. (Parents of 2EC please see separate email from the Year 2 team.)

HPS Pupil's Fundraising Challenge

To raise money for 1st Weaverham Sea Scouts adventure trip to Norway in summer 2025, Yasmin in 5CW has started an epic challenge... to 'Swim to Norway'! In local pools and local lakes, Yasi will be swimming the equivalent distance to Norway via the English Channel and across the North Sea from Denmark to Kristiansand in southern Norway. The total distance is a whopping 150km (93.2 miles!) So far, she is 19km in and aims to complete the target by August 2025. If you would like to support Yasi in this mammoth task, please visit the Just Giving page: [Yasi's Fundraiser](#)

Barnton Circus at St. John's Church Hartford - Saturday 5th October

During October St. John's are holding a series of special events to celebrate 200 years of there being a church on the site in Hartford. One of these is Barnton Circus, a small local Christian-run circus who will be doing a circus performance followed by a circus workshop on Saturday 5th October. Please see the attached flyer for further information and details of how to book or follow this link to book your free tickets:

<https://hartford.churchsuite.com/events/czcozorg>

Hartford Parish Council Event - Let's Play 6th October

It was fantastic to see everyone at our first Let's Play event earlier in September. We are going to run the event again on Sunday 6 October. Come and join in!

- The event will take place from 3.00 to 4.45 pm on the Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). We will have games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, construction blocks 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.
- This is an outdoor event. If the weather looks bad, we may postpone and will update this social media page and our website on the day if so
- There is an accessible toilet inside the Pavilion
- Please note, there is no parking on the Green field



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● 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. Thank you.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Memorial Court 23rd - 26th October

Please see the attached flyer for information about a local theatre production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory taking place at Northwich Memorial Court in a couple of weeks' time. If you go you might even spot a HPS parent or two!

Finally, our first sporting event of the year is next Tuesday at Hartford High School when a group of Year 5 and 6 girls take part in a football competition, good luck girls!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher