



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What a glorious day! However, there was a definite chill in the air this morning, please ensure you send your child to school with a warm coat and layers now that the weather is turning colder. As always don't forget those all important name labels.

School Leaders are looking to move away from X (Twitter) as our social media platform and are considering using Instagram going forwards. We'd like to seek parental views on this and will be conducting a short survey on School Spider in the near future. For those parents who are new to school, School Spider is the system we use to run our website, parents' evening booking system and parental surveys. We'll be sending details of logins to our new parents ahead of the survey.

Big Sing

On Monday 30th September our Year 6 children, staff and parents attended the 'Big Sing' at St. John's Church which was hosted by Hartford Church of England High School. With Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts at Hartford High, leading us, we showed off our ukulele and singing skills playing 'Let it Be'. We then went on to rock the church with 'Livin' On A Prayer' and 'Happy' where the parents could not help themselves but to join in. We also had amazing solo performances from Bradley, Akira, Freddie, Summer, and Zara. Well done to all involved.

Year 1 Visit To Hartford Park

Our Year 1 visit to Hartford Park was delayed by a day due to the inclement weather this Wednesday. I'm pleased to report that the visit went ahead yesterday, and the children had a great time learning about the history and geography of our local area. Thank you to the Year 1 team for organising the visit and to all our parent helpers for their support on the day.

Girls Football Competition Tuesday 8th October

A report from Mr Cairns - This Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 girls football team travelled to Hartford High School for the first tournament of the year. The two teams might have been the most excited I have ever seen to attend a tournament and were certainly the loudest!

In the first game the two teams played each other in a close match which the A team just edged. The A team then went unbeaten throughout the afternoon to win the tournament and qualify for the Vale Royal Partnership Final in November. The B came 6th overall. They kept trying and improved throughout. They never stopped being positive and supporting each other. Well done to all the girls who took part.

PTA NEWS

Please find attached the minutes from our recent AGM for your information. Plans are already underway for our **Christmas Fair**, put the date in your diary – **Friday 6th December**, more details to follow over the coming weeks.

As you may recall, during our Summer event we did not include a bar, this is because the rules around licencing mean that we can only have 499 people at an event if we want to have a bar if we just have a temporary license. The PTA committee took a decision that we did not want to be in a position where we had to turn people away, so instead we have been trying to apply to license the school site which would mean that this limit would not apply. In order to do this, we need to have a personal license holder who is prepared to be named as our Designated Premises Supervisor. If there are any parents or members of our school community that would be prepared to take on this role (there is no requirement to attend every event, but the person would need to act as our representative if the police or local government had any

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concerns, and would need to be contactable) please let us know - we would really appreciate this support in order to be able to offer a bar at our future events. If anyone has any legal experience and could help us to complete the license application, we would also be extremely grateful. Please contact us via pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you're able to help.

We're excited to share some fundraising news – we've been selected to participate in Tesco's Blue Tokens initiative and we're currently in all the local express stores as well as the main store in town. We have a fantastic opportunity to win £1500 for school. Next time you're in Tesco's please grab a handful of blue tokens and support us, every token counts! Our project is called Blooming Delicious, and we want to build planters for the children to grow things that they can eat.

Dates For Your Diary

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
Monday 18th November – 1CW Visit Reaseheath Zoo
Wednesday 20th November – 1JD Visit Reaseheath Zoo
Thursday 21st November – KS2 (Years 3-6) Theatre Trip
Thursday 5th December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit
Friday 6th December – PTA Christmas Fair

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.

Scout/Explorer Fundraiser

You may be aware that Hartford Explorers are taking 50 Scouts/ Explorers to Kandersteg in Switzerland next summer and are fundraising to raise as much money as possible in order to subsidise as many of the young people's places as possible. As part of their lead up to Christmas they have made a lovely cookbook, with artwork from the young people. Patch, Explorer Leader, (aka George's Dad in Year 2) will be running a stall after school next Friday selling the cookbooks which will cost £7.50 for one or £10 for two.

Pharmacy First

Please see the attached flyer regarding the advice and support available from your local Pharmacy.

Primrose Hill Nurseries – Free Pumpkin Picking Event

Please see the attached flyer for a free event at Primrose Hill Nurseries, High Legh. The pumpkin patch is open every day from 10am-4pm from 1st October to 31st October with extra activities on weekends.



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

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, a local theatre production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is taking place at Northwich Memorial Court in a couple of weeks' time. If you go you might even spot a HPS parent or two!

Face Family Advice Sessions

Information about upcoming sessions attached for your information.

FunFest Half Term & Wirral Arts Holiday Club

Details of some October half term holiday clubs attached.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine!

Warmest regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher