

# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Another beautiful day today thankfully after Wednesday's dreadful rain, let's hope the sunshine continues into the weekend!

You will have noticed from the dates for your diary section in previous newsletters that the first Parents' Evenings of this academic year will be held after half term. The majority of appointments will be held during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November but due to Years 1 and 2 prior commitment to attend moderation meetings their sessions will be held the following week. Our appointment booking system will go live on School Spider next week and a communication will be sent prior to this. Our office team will be issuing login details to our new Early Years parents shortly. If you're not new to school and need a reminder of your details, please give the ladies in the office a call or send them an email.

## **Start to the School Day**

Just a reminder of the timings for the start of our school day which have been in place since the beginning of term. The gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am please bring them to the main entrance and sign them in on the Entrysign signing in system. This then gives our attendance officer a clear picture of who is in school at the start of the day and allows her to accurately chase reasons for absence for any missing pupils.

## Monday 14th October - Year 5 Gurdwara Visit

Year 5 visited a Gurdwara in Manchester on Monday this week to support their learning in RE. The children had a tour of the Gurdwara and listened to a talk on Sikhism, asking lots of questions throughout to further their knowledge. During their visit the children were very polite, respectful of the customs followed by Sikhs and a credit to school.

## A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns- Football Competition Tuesday 15th October

On Tuesday this week, Hartford Primary School were the only local school to attend the Crewe Alex Utilita Kids Cup. 18 schools were split into groups and played football all morning. Hartford's first two matches were 0-0 draws where the boys defended well but just could not score. Once we got the first goal in game three, they played fantastically well and won the rest of their games.

Charlie, Riley and Jacob were all solid at the back, only conceding 2 goals across 6 games. Our midfield Ted, Thomas, Freddie, Finn played some lovely passing football and Arthur and Freddie scored some amazing goals. They will now play in the next round on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the same venue. Well done boys!

Next Tuesday I'm taking a bigger squad of boys to a competition at Hartford High School and am looking forward to seeing how they all perform.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

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 11<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Afternoons/Evenings



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

As you'll see from these dates, we have two trips going out the first week back after half term: Year 4 are visiting a Synagogue on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Year 3 are off to Chester Zoo on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure you've provided your consent via Parentpay if these trips are relevant to your child.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property will be outside Mrs Moore's Hall every day at drop off and pick up next week. Anything unnamed that is not claimed by Friday will be donated to the PTA or charity.

## Scout/Explorer Fundraiser

A reminder that Patch (aka George's Dad in Year 2) will be running a stall after school this afternoon selling cookbooks to raise funds to help subsidise a trip to Kandersteg in Switzerland next summer. The stall will be under the canopy outside Mrs Moore's Hall/Year 3 & 4 classrooms and the books are priced at £7.50 for one or £10 for two.

Hartford Parish Council/Hartford NSPCC Let's Play Events – 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December Please see the attached flyer and information below regarding some upcoming play sessions run by Hartford Parish Council/Hartford NSPCC:

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's Play! At the sessions, you will find lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more. There will also be a Hartford NSPCC stall selling second hand toys and books.

These play sessions are organised by a group of local parents and Hartford NSPCC and are supported by Hartford Parish Council. The aim of the sessions is to help children feel more at home in Hartford, make new friends and have fun. Play is unstructured - that is to say, there isn't an adult leading the games. It's all about children having the chance to be creative.

The sessions take place from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Hartford's Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). The following dates are in the diary - 3 November and 8 December 2024 - and we hope to set up some more dates for 2025 shortly.

Please note: Children are the responsibility of their parents / carers and must be supervised at all times. This is an outdoor event. If the weather looks bad, we may postpone and will update the Hartford Parish Council Facebook page and website on the day if so. There is no parking on the Green field. There is an accessible toilet inside the Pavilion and ramp access to the front door.

## Primrose Hill Nurseries - Free Pumpkin Picking Event

A reminder that Primrose Hill Nurseries, High Legh are holding a free pumpkin picking event currently. The pumpkin patch is open every day from 10am-4pm from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October with extra activities on weekends.



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## **Superstars Holiday Club**

Superstars Holiday Club is moving to Cloughwood Academy and will have the use of a sports hall, 2g pitches, playground and classroom. To celebrate this move they are doing a 50% off offer which is reflected in the prices for October Half Term 2025. Their days run from 8am – 4.30pm for the main day (£11.50 with the discount) and late pick of £3 until 1800. Superstars will offer the children the opportunity of taking part in Multi Sports, Football and Dance sessions for the day. Superstars accept payments by the following methods: Card, BACS, Childcare Vouchers, Tax free vouchers and Student finance.... to book and pay please follow this link: <a href="https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/943">https://superstars.classforkids.io/camp/943</a>

### **Parent-Carer Forum October Newsletter**

The October newsletter from the CWAC Parent-Carer Forum is now available for your information, please follow this link: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/83159362f11e/pcf-news-and-events-october-2024-17455921">https://mailchi.mp/83159362f11e/pcf-news-and-events-october-2024-17455921</a>

### **Brio Santa Events**

Dare I mention the 'C' word...... please see attached a couple of flyers from Brio Leisure regarding some Santa Events they are holding in December at Northwich Memorial Court in December, Santa Storytime and Santa Breakfast.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Warmest regards

Miss M Fairweather

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