



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Wow! Where have the last eight weeks gone? It never ceases to amaze me how quickly each half term passes by, and time is only going to go more quickly as we head towards Christmas after the break next week.

## Parents' Evening Bookings Now Live

The booking system for next half term's Parents' Evening appointments went live on Wednesday evening. The teaching staff are looking forward to sharing news of how your child is progressing in their new year group. If you need a reminder of your login details for School Spider, please give the ladies in the office a call or send them an email.

## A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns- Football Competition Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

On Tuesday this week I took 19 boys to Hartford High School for a football tournament. The B team started slowly, losing their first few games without scoring a goal. When they finally grabbed a goal in a 1-1 draw, they then went onto win two games. They had a fantastic attitude throughout and improved with every game.

The A team started like they finished in Crewe, winning their first three games, including a very close 1-0 win against the B team. Across the 9 games they played some good football, finishing third overall. Well done to all the boys who took part and thank you to Mrs Coxon and Mrs Williams for helping walk the boys to the high school.

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – INSET DAY – School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 6LW Geography Field Trip  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 6LO Geography Field Trip  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Early Years Phonics Workshop 2pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>/Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Dogs Trust Visiting School  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Synagogue Visit  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - PTA Meeting 6pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Chester Zoo Visit  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November & Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> November – Parents' Afternoons/Evenings  
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  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Early Years Visit to St. John's Hartford – Christmas Craft Activities  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Winter Wonder Lights Event – 5pm – 7.30pm

## PTA News

Don't forget we have our PTA Spooky Sweet sale after school today outside Mrs Moore's Hall! We have £1 and £2 bag options available.

Our next **PTA meeting is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**, all welcome.

## Winter Wonder Lights Event

Tickets for our Christmas Winter Wonder Lights event on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** are now available via ParentPay and we are offering a special **EARLY BIRD** ticket price for all pre-booked tickets.

It promises to be a fabulous event with a Christmas Market, games, food, a stunning fireworks display (No big bangs, child friendly) and much more.

Tickets: Early Bird Tickets are £5 each and are available until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November (U2's are free). These are now available to purchase on your ParentPay account.

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Tickets will be available on the night priced at £7 an adult and £5 a child (Under 2's free).

Early Bird purchase also helps us plan the numbers we are expecting, so we really appreciate your support with this. Please note that all pre-purchased tickets are non-refundable.

Tokens: In order to make things simple and easy for everyone, we have decided to make most of our games/stalls cash free and payable with tokens. Tokens will be available after school on the run up to the event to save queuing on the night. They will also be available to purchase on the night when additional ones are needed.

All games will be 1 token per play (You will also be able to use the tokens on all PTA stalls but please note these will be individually priced with some items being more than 1 token. Please note you can't use tokens to buy Food/Bar or items purchased from the external market stalls)

Tokens are non-refundable but if you have any left, you will be able to save them and use them at our next event.

Thank you for your continued support of our school's PTA, we really couldn't achieve our ambitious fundraising targets and provide the school with the additional resources without your support. If you are able to volunteer to help out on the night, please contact your child's class teacher or email [pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

#### **Collection for the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank**

Over the last couple of years, we have been hugely successful in collecting for the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank. We made a massive donation of essentials, thanks to the good will and kindness of all our families and once again, the foodbank has made a call for help.

The generosity of our community is vital for the food bank, ensuring they can meet the ongoing demand for help. They give a household 5 days' worth of food including fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs (which are purchased weekly with monetary donations) but the cost of living crisis has seen a drop in donations and levels of stock in the warehouse have decreased.

We have decided once again to hold a collection at school to provide items for the Foodbank's Harvest Appeal (see attached flyer). This will take place from Tuesday 5th November to Friday 15th November. We will have trolleys available during the collection times for you to drop off donations; please avoid bringing items into the office or into school before the collection window opens. The trolleys will be outside Mrs Moore's Hall.

These are the items that the Foodbank are short of:

UHT milk  
Tinned Ham  
Corned beef  
Tinned tomatoes  
Toilet paper

Thank you for your support, Miss Wheeler (Year 5) and Mrs Dodd (Year 1)

#### **Secondhand Children's Book Stall**

Miss Crouch will be running a secondhand children's book stall at the PTA Christmas Event and is looking for donations of good quality preloved books. Please send these in either directly to 2EC or via the office. Thank you for your support. (Children's books only please.)

#### **Half Term Activities At Cheshire Museums**

Please see below for some inspiration to keep the children entertained this half term:

##### **Weaver Hall Museum**

Starting Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Weaver Hall Museum has a **Trick or Treat Trail** that lasts all week.

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Free drop in Spooky crafts will also be provided by the Library and Museum Teams Monday – Friday  
Northwich Explorers Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October £5 per session – places must be booked. To book call 01606 271646.

## Lion Salt Works

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Lion Salt Works has **Free Spooky Crafts, Haunted Stories and a Trick or Treat Trail** between 11am – 4pm. Northwich Explorers runs the same day exploring spooky science £5 per session – places must be booked call 01606 275066.

## Grosvenor Museum

9<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November - **Deadly Museum Trail** - Discover the deadly things at the Grosvenor Museum this October with our special trail.

29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - 12.30pm **Frankenstein's Museum** - Create your own creature inspired by Frankenstein's monster using 'body parts' from the museum's collections! Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

30<sup>th</sup> October 1.00pm - 4.00pm **Jump Scares at the Old Time Cinema** - Take part in our cinema-themed handling session from 1-2:30pm, and then join us to watch Frankenstein's Monster (1931) on the big screen of the lecture theatre. There will be popcorn. Free, drop in. Donations welcome.

29<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm - 7.00pm £10 **Children's Ghost Walk** - Join guide Ann Coward for a family friendly Children's Ghost Walk.

## FACE Family Advice Sessions

Please see the attached newsletter from FACE Family Advice and details of their October/November timetable of advice sessions.

## October Half Term Holiday Club At St. Wilfrid's

Attached is a flyer regarding a sporting half term holiday club being held locally.

A reminder that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET DAY and school will be closed to pupils. We reopen for Autumn 2 at 8.45am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a lovely half term.

Warmest regards

Miss M Fairweather  
**Headteacher**