

## HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024



### Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, I hope you all had a lovely break last week and that the children enjoyed any Halloween activities that they might have been involved in.

## Parents' Evenings

I'm looking forward to seeing parents in school over the next couple of weeks for their Parents' Evening appointments. The booking system has now closed, If you've not managed to make an appointment, please contact the ladies in the office who will be able to assist you.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Next week, during Parents' Evening, there will be a Scholastic book fair at school. The fair will be open from 3:30pm until 5:30pm on both Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. It's an excellent opportunity to purchase high quality books and the money you spend goes towards purchasing new books for school as well. The fair will take place in the area outside the office as you enter the school.

#### A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns - Football Competition Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

On Tuesday this week, the Year 3 and 4 football teams went to Hartford High School for a friendly tournament. The teams were split evenly and this showed in the results, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with only one point difference between them. They played against Whitegate, Barnton, Charles Darwin and Winnington Park and even played each other, which ended in a close 2-1 result. All the children had a fantastic attitude and showed great skills and sportsmanship, well done everyone!

### Year 6 Geograpy Field Trips

Earlier in the week our Year 6 classes took part in a walk around the village as part of their new Geography unit "How will our world look in the future?" The children identified which parts of our community they would like to preserve for the future, considering the needs of the whole community. During the walk, the children talked to local residents and as a reward for showing our keys values of respect and responsibility they enjoyed a visit to the park to round off their morning.

#### Year 4 Synagogue Visit – Thursday 7th November

Yesterday our Year 4 children visited Bowden Synagogue as part of the school's place of worship visit programme. The visit allowed the children to learn more about a different religion, from those who follow it, in their local place of worship. The children had a tour of the synagogue and listened to a talk on Judaism. The children behaved very respectfully throughout their visit and were a credit to school.

#### Year 3 Visit to Chester Zoo – Friday 8th November

I've joined our Year 3 children on their trip to the zoo today and we will be consolidating the children's learning from their Science topic of Animals, Including Humans and also their English topic of the Environment and Conservation. I'm sure it will be a fabulous day, and the children will have lots to tell you this evening!

### Remembrance Service St. John's Church – Friday 8th November

Six of our Year 6 children have accompanied Mrs Wheeler to a remembrance service at St. John's Church this morning. The service was held to remember and appreciate the sacrifice made by those Hartford residents named on the village's war memorial. Jensen, Lewis, William, Nell, Leila and Georgia M were excellent ambassadors for school and represented our school community in accordance with our core values.



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## **Dates For Your Diary**

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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 1CW Visit Reaseheath Zoo Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 1JD Visit Reaseheath Zoo Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Wings and Things Visit Year 2 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 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme 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

### Odd Socks Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

As part of Anti Bullying Week we will be asking the children to wear odd socks next Friday. Further details will follow separately.

### Nasal Flu Programme – Wednesday 4th December

As you'll have noticed from the dates for your diary above, we have booked the school nursing team to come into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to administer the nasal flu vaccine to the children. More information regarding this and how to consent/opt out will be sent out nearer the time.

#### **PTA News**

We're delighted to inform you that we raised £360.00 from the spooky sweet sale we held before half term, thank you for your support.

#### Winter Wonderland Tickets

Just a reminder that parents can buy early bird tickets to our Winter Wonderland planned for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at £5 each until Friday 29th November on Parent Pay. It promises to be another amazing night with market stalls, games, food and a child friendly (no big bang) fireworks display along with much more! Tickets will be available on the night as well but you will save £2 per adult pre-ordering and it allows us to plan the numbers more easily. Please note that pre-ordered tickets are non-refundable.

### Elfrdiges!

Continuing on the Christmas theme we will be having an "Elfridges" sale before the end of term, where the children will be able to select a present/s for a family member from a range of gifts. Each gift will then come home pre-wrapped so as not to spoil any surprises. Parents will be asked to pre-order the number of gifts each child requires on Parent Pay. This will be launched on ParentPay next week, look out for our communication.

#### **Silly Stick Competition**

Let your child's imagination run wild with our PTA Silly Sticks competition for World Children's Day! Each child will be coming home tonight with a lolly stick for them to get creative with and turn into anything they want! There will be a form to complete with a £1 entry fee to be returned back to class by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, with a winner for each year group announced on Wednesday 20th November!

### **Uniform Shop**

You may have noticed a new shed appear in the grounds over the half term, this is to allow us and the PTA to set up a proper pre-loved uniform area so you can regularly look by age, type of clothing for anything that you need. As always, it is only any donation if you wish to contribute but is not necessary. The PTA will be sorting through all the existing items and getting it all organised in the next few weeks and any volunteers



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willing to help would be greatly appreciated to do this or offer to open it up on the occasional pick up from school day! Please just email the PTA if you can spare any time no matter how small - <a href="mailto:pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk">pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

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

A reminder that we're collecting for the Foodbank's Harvest Appeal. They are short of these items in particular but any donations are welcome:

UHT milk Tinned Ham Corned beef Tinned tomatoes Toilet paper

The collection trolleys will be outside Mrs Moore's Hall up until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### Early Years Class Photograph Northwich Guardian

Our Early Years classes of 2024 are in print this week if you'd like to get a copy of the latest edition of the Northwich Guardian.

### Secondhand Children's Book Stall

A reminder that 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.)

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards

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