



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

It's starting to get really busy in school and there's lots to look forward to as we head towards the festive season. Odd socks day today has been a great success, it's been fabulous to see the wacky combinations that the children have come up with. There's a serious message behind the craziness though, and there have been some great conversations across school about celebrating our uniqueness.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents who have attended their Parents' Evening appointments this week. A reminder of next week's schedule is below:

Monday 18th November – 1JD

Tuesday 19th November – 1JD/1CW/2NB/2EC

Wednesday 20th November – 2NB/2EC/6LW

Thursday 21st November – 1CW

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

It's been a busy week sports wise! On Monday this week, the Year 5 and 6 girls football team went to Winsford Academy for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. The team played extremely well, coming joint second overall. They enjoyed the experience of playing against very good teams and are now going to Crewe Alex Soccer Centre on Tuesday to play against the best teams in Cheshire.

The Year 3 and 4 boys' teams went to Hartford High School on Tuesday afternoon and had a fantastic time. They played matches against each other and Whitegate and also did skills sessions with leaders from the high school. All the boys had a brilliant attitude and improved throughout the afternoon.

On Tuesday morning, the Year 5 and 6 boys team went to the EFL Crewe Final. They were competing against all the other top teams who qualified over the past two weeks. The boys started a bit nervously, losing their first two games. They then knew they had to go unbeaten for the rest of the group stages to have any chance of getting through. They started to play much better passing football and had two draws and a win to get to the quarter finals. Unfortunately they were drawn against the strongest team in the competition and, even though they gave it everything they had, the opposition proved to be too strong on this occasion and we lost 2-0.

Well done to all the children who took part in these competitions.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th November – 1CW Visit Reaseheath Zoo

Wednesday 20th November – 1JD Visit Reaseheath Zoo

Wednesday 20th November – Wings and Things Visit Year 2

Thursday 21st November – KS2 (Years 3-6) Theatre Trip

Monday 25th November – Early Years Visit to St. John's Hartford – Christmas Craft Activities

Wednesday 4th December – Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme

Thursday 5th December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit

Friday 6th December – PTA Christmas Winter Wonder Lights Event – 5pm – 7.30pm

Year 1 Visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo – 18th and 20th November

Year 1 will be visiting Reaseheath Zoo next week, with 1CW going first on Monday, followed by 1JD on Wednesday. The visit will consolidate the children's learning from their Science topic Animals. Whilst there, the children will have a tour of the zoo, play some games and learn some fun animal facts. They will also have the opportunity to take part in a workshop where they will learn about how animals can be classified into different groups such as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. It promises to be a fun and interesting way to find out about the animals that live at the Mini Zoo!



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KS2 Theatre Trip – The Three Musketeers – Thursday 21st November

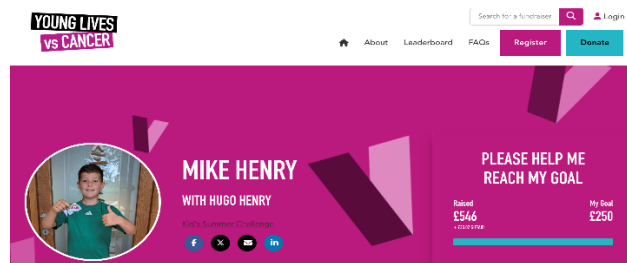
Our Key Stage 2 children will be travelling to The New Vic Theatre in Staffordshire to watch The Three Musketeers next Thursday. Previous productions have always been of a superb quality and we're really looking forward to this year's performance. Please ensure you have provided your consent (which includes details of who will be collecting the children on our return to school in the evening) via ParentPay for their child to attend this event.

Nasal Flu Programme – Wednesday 4th December

A communication was sent out earlier this week detailing how you can consent for your child to be vaccinated on 4th December. Please note the deadline to provide your consent is noon on Monday 2nd December.

Fundraising Achievement – Well done Hugo!

I'm delighted to share some news about one of our Year 5 pupils recent fundraising achievement. Following a family member's fight with cancer, Hugo, in Year 5, asked his parents if he could take part in a Young Lives V Cancer fundraising event. Hugo rose to the challenge of running/walking/hiking at least a mile a day and raised £546, smashing his target of £250. Well done Hugo, what an inspiration!



PTA News

Winter Wonderland Tickets

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

The PTA Annual Christmas Raffle

Further to the email earlier in the week, the raffle is upon us once more and we have been busy securing a host of fabulous prizes to be won. Our sponsors "**Euro Camp**" has donated the star prize of a **7-night family holiday** and we also have **42** other prizes

Your child should have come home with one book of raffle tickets to sell. Each book contains 5 tickets, each ticket cost's £1 and additional books can be collected from the school office (total cost per book is £5).

Once sold please seal completed stubs and money in an envelope and return to the school office by **Friday the 29th of November** to be entered into the draw which will take place on Friday 6th of December.

Elfrdiges!

This is now open on ParentPay where you can pre order male/female gifts which the children can choose on Monday 16th December. There will be a range of gifts available for children to select from which will all come home on the day pre-wrapped so not to spoil any surprises!

Silly Stick Competition

A reminder that the competition is still open to the most creative lolly stick for each year group. There have been some amazing creations so far, from dachshunds to fairies, Christmas trees to monsters and even a certain Headteacher! If your child forgot to bring theirs into class today, we will accept any final submissions on Monday 18th November. A winner for each year group announced on Wednesday 20th November



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Uniform Shop

We have started to work through all the donations of preloved uniform. We have had some requests about PE tops but don't have many currently available therefore if you have any that are no longer any good for your children, please do pop them into one of our uniform bins.

Also if you can spare any time no matter how small to support the uniform shop please email - pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Hartford Parish Council Events – Christmas Light Switch On & Community Play Event

Hartford Parish Council are holding a Christmas Light up event on 23rd November 2024. We are also supporting a community play event on 8th December.

Join the Hartford Christmas Light Up on Saturday 23rd November

Christmas is coming to Hartford! Celebrate Hartford's Christmas lights switch on with free mince pies, mulled wine and entertainment... plus Santa will be coming on his sleigh!

Join us at 5.30pm on the Chester Road car park opposite the shops. Please note, the car park will be closed from 3pm to 8pm on this date. If there are any issues with the weather and we need to postpone, we will update the [Hartford Parish Council website](#). Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Let's play on Sunday 8th December

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's play on Sunday 8th December.

The event will take place from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm on Hartford's Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). We will have lots of games and activities on offer, like giant Jenga, chess, water-colour paints, construction blocks, hula hoops and more. There will also be a [Hartford NSPCC](#) stall selling second 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. The event is organised by local parents and Hartford NSPCC with the support of Hartford Parish Council. It's free of charge to attend. No need to book – just come along on the day. This is an outdoor event. If we need to postpone due to the weather, we will update the [Hartford Parish Council website](#).

If your child has any SEND needs, please 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.

Breakfast With Santa At The Coachman – Sunday 1st December

Please see the attached flyer regarding an event being held locally which you may be interested in.

FACE Family Support Sessions

Please see the attached flyer which might be of interest to those families with older children.

Cheshire Forest School – Christmas Holiday Club – Friday 20th December

Cheshire Forest School are running a Christmas Holiday Club on Friday 20th December, please see the attached flyer for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher