



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

There's been a lovely atmosphere around school today, with a hint of the festive season to come, as the children have taken part in their Elf Run in aid of St. Luke's Hospice. We've even had a surprise visit from Father Christmas, who has been cheering our little elves on! Thank you so much to all our children and families for their sponsorship and support for this event.

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

On Monday, our Early Years pupils visited St John's Church and had a lovely time listening to stories and taking part in a Christmas craft activity. It was the perfect way to start off their Christmas preparations. Rehearsals for the Early Years nativity are also now in full swing! Thank you to all our parent helpers who supported the children on their visit.

Hindu Visitor Early Years and Year 3

We welcomed visitors of Hindu faith to school yesterday, our Early Years and Year 3 children had a great time learning about Hindu customs, listening to music and dancing. Lots of the children also dressed up in traditional costumes and had their hands or face painted. It was a very vibrant way to learn about the Hindu faith as part of our Religious Education curriculum.

A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

On Friday 22nd November, the Boccia and New Age Kurling teams went to St. Nicholas' High School for a tournament. The six children decided to split into a girls and boys team to play the matches. Both teams were fantastic at Boccia and finished 3rd and 4th overall. They were even better at New Age Kurling! Both teams won every game in their group and semifinals and went into a Hartford v Hartford final. It was very tense as Amber, Abigail and Chloe took on Lewis, Max and Daniel. On the final end, Max showed his stone towards the target and, after a VAR check, won the competition by 1mm! Well done everyone!

A brand new event called the Panathlon took place on Tuesday this week at Hartford High School. Our team of children from Year 4 and 6 moved between some really fun activities and had an amazing time. They were awarded hand drawn certificates and lovely medals at the end. Overall, it was a great experience, and we hope to take more children to the event the next time it's held.

Also on Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team headed off to Crewe for the EFL Cup. They were a bit nervous beforehand as they knew the quality of the other teams competing would be very high. The girls played 8 matches in the group, winning 7 and drawing 1. They conceded no goals in the 8 matches and breezed into the quarter finals. In the quarter final, they kept a clean sheet again but just couldn't score so they went to penalties. It was even a draw after this, so they then went to sudden death penalties where unfortunately they lost. Well done to Roxy, Sarah, Olivia, Nell, Elsie, Lily and Emily S, who represented the school so brilliantly.

Notices

It has been brought to my attention that a number of vehicles are parking either in the car park or on the roads surrounding school and leaving their engines running. This has led to a particularly unpleasant atmosphere for those parents and children waiting to enter school by the front gate in the morning. Please switch off your engines when parking and I'd like to remind parents that the car park should only be used for those parents dropping children off at Kidscount. A reminder too that we have two disabled parking bays which should only be used by vehicle owners who possess a blue badge unless a prior arrangement has been made with school. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Dates For Your Diary

There's lots going on over the next few weeks, please make a note of those dates relevant to you:

Monday 2nd December – School Photographer – Individual and Sibling Photographs

Tuesday 3rd December – Early Years Stay and Pick Up 2pm

Wednesday 4th December – Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme

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Thursday 5th December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit
Friday 6th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6th December – PTA Christmas Winter Wonder Lights Event – 5pm – 7.30pm
Monday 9th December – Year 3 and 5 Christmas Celebration at St. John's Church 2pm
Tuesday 10th December – Year 4 and 6 Christmas Celebration at St. John's Church 2pm
Wednesday 11th December – KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm
Thursday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December – Early Years Christmas Nativity 2pm
Monday 16th December – Elfridges PTA Christmas Gift Event
Tuesday 17th December – Early Years and KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December – Whole school Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Party

Young Voices Choir Performance - Hartford Village Christmas Fayre - Saturday 30th November 2024

Our Young Voices School Choir will be singing in the village hall at 11am on Saturday 30th November as part of the village's Christmas Fayre. We have a selection of Christmas carols that will start the festivities off very well. Please come and support us, we would love to see you! - Mrs Dodd and Mrs Oldfield.

Individual and Sibling School Photos Monday 2nd December

Further to our communication earlier this week, Academy Photography will be in school on Monday to take individual and sibling photographs of the children – just in time for a Christmas gift to family!

Nasal Flu Programme – Wednesday 4th December

A reminder to provide your consent for your child to be vaccinated by noon on Monday 2nd December.

Early Years Visit to The Ice Cream Farm – Thursday 5th December

Our Early Years children will definitely be getting excited for Christmas after their trip next week! They are heading off to the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm in Tattenhall on Thursday 5th December, where they will get to explore the play area, meet Father Christmas in his Grotto, visit the elf workshop, and of course have an ice cream treat!

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 6th December

Next Friday will be non-uniform day for the children with a Christmas theme! They are invited to attend school wearing their favourite Christmas jumper in exchange for bringing a donation for the PTA tombolas – more details below.

PTA News

Raffle Tickets

Today, Friday 29th November, is the deadline for tickets to be entered into the PTA Annual Christmas Raffle. We will endeavour to include any tickets handed in next week, however **the raffle will be drawn by the children at 12PM on Friday 6th of December**. This allows the children to be involved and frees up staff and helpers during the fair itself. Meaning tickets handed in after this time cannot be entered into the draw. We really don't want you to miss the opportunity to win big with one of our 45 fabulous prizes (full listing attached) so please return all completed stubs and money in an envelope to the school office asap.

Elfridges

The PTA Elfridges shop is still available on ParentPay for anyone wanting to take part who has not yet made their purchase. The children will be visiting the shop on 16th December to select their pre-paid gift from a fantastic range of items that the PTA have sourced. Gifts will come home wrapped and ready for Christmas day. There is no ability to pay on the day for this one, so if your child wants to take part please ensure you have selected and paid for the number of gifts on parent pay.

Christmas Jumpers

We are going to be running a small Christmas jumper stall where you can pick up a pre-loved item. If anyone has any jumpers that no longer fit we would love to have them to add to our stock, you can even come along and swap for a

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'new' item that is the right size. The jumper stall will be available until Thursday next week alongside the Wonderlights ticket collection during afternoon pickup outside Mrs Moore's Hall.

Winter Wonderlights

The big event of the year is fast approaching and there are lots of things to update you on:

1. Tickets and Tokens

- Pre-ordered Tickets can be collected each day during afternoon pickup outside Mrs Moore's Hall. The team will have a list so we will just need your child's name and class to collect. Please remember to bring your wristbands with you on the night - you will need them to gain entry
- We will also have tokens available to pre-purchase to avoid queuing on the night (packs of 5 for £5 or 10 for £10, cash or card accepted)
- If you have not yet purchased a ticket but still want to come, you will be able to purchase on the night (we would love to see you!)

2. Christmas Jumper Day and Tombola Donations

- Friday 6th December is Christmas Jumper Day where the children can attend school in their own clothes. In exchange we would kindly ask for a donation for our tombolas. Please deliver your donation directly to Mrs Moore's Hall on the morning of Friday 6th December only, as school do not have anywhere to store these items
 - Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 - please bring a gift for our adult tombola
 - Years 3-6 - please bring a bottle for our bottle tombola

3. Volunteers

- We would be incredibly grateful if you would be able to spare 30 minutes on Friday to support us by volunteering on one of the stalls. We want to make sure that we have lots of fun games and activities for everyone to take part in but we can only do this with your support. Huge thank you to the few that have already offered to help.

Secondhand Children's Book Stall

Thank you for all the donations that have been sent in so far for Miss Crouch's secondhand children's book stall that she will be running at the PTA Christmas Event. Donations of good quality preloved books are still welcome. Please send these in either directly to 2EC or via the office. Thank you for your support. (Children's books only please.)

Donations for Mid Cheshire Foodbank

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for the foodbank. All the classes have been learning about food poverty and the need for foodbanks in our local area. Last year, in Mid Cheshire 108,309 meals were provided. We have got a great selection of food so far and will be collecting next week as well up until Thursday.

The food items we are short of:

- Jam
- Long life fruit juice
- Coffee
- Desserts - Jelly, Rice Pudding
- Long Life Milk
- Custard
- Tinned/Mashed Potatoes
- Instant Noodle Meals

But all other donations are very welcomed and appreciated too!

FACE Family Support Sessions

Please see the attached flyers for information on the Winter timetable for support sessions and newsletter.



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Hartford Parish Council - Let's Play Event – 8th December

A reminder that the Parish Council are running a Let's Play event next weekend:

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 8 December. The event will take place from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Hartford's Green field (near the allotments, behind the Chester Road shops). There will be 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 2nd 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. This 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 the weather looks bad, we may postpone and 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, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather
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