



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th December 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

There's a real buzz of excitement around school with preparations in full swing for this evening's PTA Winter Wonderlights Event. It's lovely to see all the children (and staff!) in their Christmas jumpers and festive accessories. Thank you for your generous donations for the tombolas and for supporting our raffle with your ticket purchases. The raffle is due to be drawn at lunchtime today so you may find this evening that you are one of the lucky winners!

The last couple of weeks of term are always packed with events and activities, here's what we've been up to this week and what we've got coming up:

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

Members of our Young Voices Choir sang at Hartford Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It was a wonderful event in St. John's Church, and kick started the village's Christmas celebrations. The children sang a selection of Christmas favourites for the local community. Mrs Dodd, Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Birtwistle and Mrs Tomkinson were so proud of them all.

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

We've just received the proofs of the children's photographs from their photo shoot this Monday and will aim to send these home with the children today. As we've previously communicated, all orders need to be placed online directly with Academy Photography, instructions will be detailed on your child's proof. This includes the deadline date of **9am 13th December** for ordering for delivery to be made back to school before we break up.

Wednesday 4th December – Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme

We've had some lovely feedback from the school nursing team after their visit this Wednesday to administer the nasal flu vaccine 'a huge **WELL DONE** to the children who were all amazing today and all so brave and polite!' The team immunised 296 children during their visit. For any children that may have missed their vaccination in school the team are running several catch-up clinics. Parents can book an appointment by calling the team on 01244 397470. The local clinics which are as follows but there are also ones available in the Chester/Ellesmere Port area if the dates below don't suit you.

Saturday 7th December - Northwich

Monday 16th December (After School Clinic) - Winsford

Tuesday 17th December (After School Clinic) - Northwich

Saturday 21st December - Winsford

Thursday 5th December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit

Yesterday our Early Years children experienced their first educational visit, and what a magical one it was! They travelled by coach to the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm and explored the vast play area and visited Santa and his elves in the grotto. The elves allowed the children into their toy workshop and the children were able to select their own gift. The children went on to have lunch before exploring the honeycomb canyon (sand and water play) and of course having an ice cream to finish off the day. Miss Hall and Mrs Rowland are so proud of the children, they were a credit to Hartford Primary. Miss Fairweather was also really impressed by our youngest children and their manners and behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank you to the six parent helpers who supported the visit, we really appreciate your time. Christmas is definitely on its way now!



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A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns

After school on Tuesday, the Year 5/6 basketball team travelled to Rudheath Academy for the Vale Royal Partnership Basketball Final. In the first round they did not concede a single basket, and they continued this within the group stages, beating Lostock Gralam and St. Wilfs. These two fantastic performances put them straight through to the final where they met Davenham. In a very tightly fought final Hartford finally conceded a basket. They fought back to level the scores but in the last minute Davenham scored to win the tournament. 10 wins, one draw and one loss in their 12 matches is a fantastic performance by the team. Well done Ella G, George H, George P, James, and Nell.

Dates For Your Diary

Here's what the final couple of weeks in school look like:

- 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

PTA News

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. The shop will close on the morning of Monday 9th December so get your last minute orders in over the weekend.

House of Dance Theatre School Launching in Northwich

House of Dance, who run our after school dance club on Fridays, are excited to announce that they are expanding this January and will be offering classes in Northwich. Their popular HOD Theatre School will be running every Saturday 10-1pm with a super FUN FREE TASTER session launching on 11th January @ The Grange School. If you'd like to book your free taster session, please email info@houseofdance.co.uk

Family Advice and Support Sessions

Autism Transition to High School Online Event 11th February 2025 – please see the attached flyer for an online event being run by Cheshire West and Chester's Autism Service. It aims to help to support parents of children in years 4, 5 and 6. Please note that the closing date to book a place for this online event is 4th February 2025.

ADHD Foundation Training Link

This is a free link from The ADHD Foundation which is aimed at families and provides information and support regarding supporting a child with executive functioning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9FkUwrrnqc>

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Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Attached is a booklet which gives details of the holiday activity and food programme for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) who are eligible through benefits-related free school meals. The SEND specific offer includes sessions such as sports, sensory play, arts and crafts, problem solving activities, plus a family day that will include shelter building, forest art and crafts, campfire, problem solving activities, games, forest skills.

Brio Holiday Fun Activities

Please see the attached flyer for Brio's timetable of events over the Christmas break.

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

A reminder that the Parish Council are running a Let's Play event this Sunday – flyer attached. 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. This is an outdoor event. If the weather looks bad, we may postpone and will update the Hartford Parish Council website.

Finally, I hope to see you all later at our PTA Christmas Wonderlights Event, it promises to be a fabulous evening!

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher