

# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Phew! It's blowing a gale out there! Although it would appear the wind seems to have brought the best out of our pupils...I was delighted to be told this morning that the office has received a call from one of our neighbours on Riddings Lane complimenting the behaviour of two of our pupils. The children, on their way to school, had righted an upturned wheelie bin and collected all the spilt rubbish, returning it to the bin. Our neighbour said the children were a credit to our school and we should be very proud of them, which of course I am! Well done Harry and Ruby from Year 6, what fabulous role models you are!

### Year 5 Mini Police Attestation Ceremony

Yesterday twenty of our Year 5 children took part in their Mini Police Attestation Ceremony. PCSO Simon Donnelly welcomed the children and their parents, conducting a uniform inspection before the children took part in their 'promise swearing'. I'm sure they will take their role seriously and I look forward to seeing them take part in local policing initiatives such as speed awareness campaigns.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 visit to Chester Cathedral Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day – school closed to pupils Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens to pupils Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Choir performance at Young Voices 2025 AO Arena Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science week commences Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Visit to Imagine That Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 2EC Visit to Safety Central Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 2NB Visit to Safety Central Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 4 parents' meeting for Tattenhall residential 5pm in the main hall Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 6 parents' meeting for Conway Centre residential 5pm in the main hall

#### Parent Reading Volunteer Needed

Our Year 6 team are looking for a parent (or even a Grandparent!) volunteer to help listen to the children read on a regular basis. If you're interested please contact the office with details of your availability. In line with school policy, all volunteers will be subject to a volunteer DBS check.

## Hartford Parish Council Let's Play Event - Sunday 9th February 2pm – 4pm

Calling all children in Hartford... want to make new friends and have fun? Come along with your parents or carers to Let's Play! The next session is on 9 February 2025 from 2 - 4pm, on Hartford's Green field (behind the Chester Road shops). At the sessions, you will find lots of games and activities on offer, like giant jenga, chess, water-colour paints, hula-hoops, balls, construction blocks and more. It's free of charge to attend, and there's no need to book - just come along on the day. Find out more here: Lets Play - Hartford Parish Council

#### **NHS Pharmacy First**

At this time of year we tend to see a spike in illnesses and so I thought this information about the NHS Pharmacy First service might prove useful to you:

The NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get



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back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common Condition	Patient Eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

More information can also be found at nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst

**Sandiway Pantomime Group's Production of Hercules The Pan Toga - 30<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February** Next week Sandiway Pantomime Group will be staging a production of Hercules – The Pan Toga, please see the attached flyer for further details of show times and how to purchase tickets. You may spot a Hartford pupil or parent or two treading the boards!

#### Cheshire West and Chester's Parent Carer Forum January Newsletter

Attached is this month's newsletter for your information.

#### **STEM Holiday Club**

Please find attached a flyer regarding a STEM holiday club being held for children aged 8-13 at The Grange Sports Centre during half term.

Keep safe in the wind, let's hope it calms down over the weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather Headteacher