

# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 31st January 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Just like that January is coming to a close, let's hope signs of Spring are around the corner! Talking of Spring and nature, we were very lucky to welcome a visitor from Cheshire Wildlife Trust this week. She had a look at our grounds with a view to installing a wildlife camera in a suitable spot! She also mapped out the grounds to help us develop our outdoor area further. Next week she will be working with 5ES to help school complete our Wild School Award. Thank you, Miss Shepherd, for developing this important link.

#### **Parents and Carers Survey**

Thank you to all our families who have taken the time to complete our recent survey. We are busy collating the information provided and will report back to you in detail in due course. I'm delighted with the overwhelming positive response and look forward to sharing the results with you as soon as possible.

#### **Sports News**

Mr Cairns has been busy so far this term with a number of sporting events for the children, including dodgeball, football, hockey, and netball. In fact, as I write this, he's just left with our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team who are taking part in a competition at the Crewe Alexander Soccer Centre, good luck girls! I look forward to reading his report about this and all the other events in next week's newsletter.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Zoom meeting for Year 3 and 4 parents re Year 4 multiplication check, 5pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 visit to Chester Cathedral

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term holiday

Monday 24th February – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 25th February – School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Choir performance at Young Voices 2025 AO Arena

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 4 Park in the Past Visit

Monday 10th March - Science week commences

Thursday 20th March – Year 3 Visit to Imagine That

Monday 24th March – 2EC Visit to Safety Central

Tuesday 25th March – 2NB Visit to Safety Central

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 parents' meeting for Conway residential 5pm in the main hall **(please note this has been rescheduled from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April)** 

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 4 parents' meeting for Tattenhall residential 5pm in the main hall

#### Safety Around School/Car Park

A reminder that the school car park is for **staff only** and should only be accessed by those parents who are driving through to drop younger siblings off at Kidscount. We've noticed an increasing number of parents coming on to the car park to drop their children off before the school gate closes. This causes a lot of congestion and poses a potential safety hazard to the children arriving on foot. Our two disabled parking bays should also only be used by blue badge holders or by prior arrangement with the office.

I appreciate it is very busy at drop off and pick up times and would urge all parents to exercise care and consideration to other road users and pedestrians when driving around the estate. This week alone we've had numerous reports of people driving without due care and attention, thankfully no one has been hurt.



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### 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: <a href="Lets Play - Hartford Parish Council">Lets Play - Hartford Parish Council</a>

#### World Book Day - Fancy Dress Swaps Available At Public Libraries

Public libraries are hosting their highly successful Fancy Dress Swaps again this year from 1<sup>st</sup> February in preparation for World Book Day. Using the scheme could not be easier: donate any unwanted costumes to the library or see what outfits they have and take them for no charge, it's that simple. Participating libraries are Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Weaverham, Wharton and Winsford. And why not use the opportunity to borrow a book or join the library while you're there? Joining a child is free and easy and does not require ID. There are no late charges for Under 13s.

#### **FACE Newsletter**

Please find attached the latest newsletter and information from FACE Family Support.

A reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> is an Inset Day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher