



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

The temperatures this week have given us a reminder that we're not quite out of Winter yet! Thankfully though the sun has still shone for the most part. There's been a real buzz around school as the children have immersed themselves in all things science related, read more about this, from Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd our Science Leads, below.

Science Week

We've have been celebrating British Science Week in school this week and what a wonderful celebration of science it has been! We have been lucky enough to have had many inspirational scientists visit all our year groups.

The week began with Science Week assemblies by Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd where we launched our whole school scientific enquiry for the week. We have all been investigating the question 'How does height change over time' and look forward to finding out our results.

EY and KS1 enjoyed experiments with 'Super Little Scientists' and KS2 watched the brilliant Adrian Bowden's interactive Travelling Science Show! Year 6 went to Hartford C of E High School and had a lesson in a Science Laboratory led by the High School teachers. Farmer Jack and Farmer Alex from the National Farmers Union brought a tractor into EY and they are also having a visit next Monday from The Willows Vets in Hartford.

We'd like to give a big 'shout out' to members of our school community who volunteered their time this week to run workshops and talks for us connected to their jobs in science. Thank you to Gareth Williams (Edward's Dad, Year 5), Valerie Decraene-Maw (Blake's Mum, Year 3), Lou Walker (Zoe's Mum, Year 4), Lindsey Hickey (Finlay and Aoife's Mum, Year 5 and 2), Andrew Jackson (Adam's Dad, Year 6) and Kevin Dean (past parent!).

We could not run our week without the help of these fabulous people! We love Science Week at Hartford Primary! We believe it is a great opportunity outside of the usual curriculum to enthuse our children about science and to learn more about science related jobs. Please look at our X page, if you have time, for some super photos of the week.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 18th March – 3GC, 4JO, 5CW, 6LO visiting St. John's Church - Easter Trail
Wednesday 19th March – 3HE, 4MH, 5ES, 6LW visiting St. John's Church – Easter Trail
Thursday 20th March – Year 3 visit to Imagine That
Thursday 20th March – Year 5 visit to Hartford High School – The Wizard of Oz
Monday 24th March – Class Photos – Academy Photography
Monday 24th March – 2EC visit to Safety Central
Tuesday 25th March – 2NB visit to Safety Central
Thursday 27th March – Year 6 parents' meeting for Conway residential 5pm in the main hall
Friday 28th March – Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank
Friday 28th March – Early Years visit to St. John's - Easter Trail
Friday 28th March – Year 1 visit to St. John's – Easter Trail
Wednesday 2nd April – Year 4 parents' meeting for Tattenhall residential 5pm in the main hall

As you'll see from the dates for the diary section, we've got a busy week ahead next week with several year groups on visits locally and further afield. KS2 are visiting the Easter trail at St. John's, Year 5 are off to the High School for a performance of The Wizard of Oz and Year 3 are heading to Liverpool for their visit to Imagine That. Mr Cairns is also taking a group of Year 5 and 6 athletes to a competition in Ellesmere Port and our Year 5 and 6 netball team to a competition at Cuddington Primary. Phew! Such a lot going on!

If you'd like to visit the Easter trail at St. John's yourself, they are holding several sessions for the public, please see the attached flyer for details.



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Academy Photography – Class Photographs – Monday 24th March

Academy Photography will be in school on Monday 24th March to take class photographs. Please refer to the communication sent yesterday for further information, especially families of 2EC, whose children will need to be in school at 8.35am.

Picture News Assemblies

During assemblies each week the children have started to learn about a current news topic. This week we've been talking about how we connect with others and how we can develop skills to do this. Here's a brief summary and some suggested discussion points for you at home:

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In the news this week

Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?

The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures, drawn by her son, Prince George, Prince Charlotte, and Prince Louis, of each other. The pictures, shared on social media, are part of the Prince and Princess of Wales' new initiative, 'How we connect', which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age. The pictures also aim to raise awareness of an exhibition, 'The Princess of the Nation', at the National Portrait Gallery in London, encouraging children to explore their relationships and feelings.

Things to talk about at home...

- Share your thoughts on the drawings. How do you feel about a picture of someone? Do you think this type of activity could help build connections with others?
- Can you think of any other ways you can connect with others around you? Talk to someone at home about some of the people you are connected to.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Cheshire Autism Practical Support Coffee Morning at Sandiway Primary School – 3rd April 9am

Sandiway Primary School will be welcoming CHAPS (Cheshire Autism Practical Support) on Thursday 3rd April to help support parents in their understanding of autism and neurodiversity. We are very grateful that an invitation has been extended to Hartford parents for this event. As a charity, CHAPS helps and supports a number of autistic individuals across all different ages, and they would like to offer more support within the local community. They support families whether diagnosed or not. If you would like to attend, please email the admin team at Sandiway Primary school admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk so that they know numbers for catering purposes.

Hartford Parish Council – Village Events

A reminder of upcoming events in the village for children:

Let's Play Sunday 23rd March (2-4pm Hartford Green)

Craft for Kids Wednesday 9th April (Hartford Village Hall 10am-12pm or 2-4pm).

The 1st Hartford Scouts Group Bedding Plant Sale

The 1st Hartford Scouts Group Bedding Plant Sale is back for another year! This year's sale will be held on Saturday 17th May. Plants can be ordered via their website: https://1sthartfordscouts.co.uk/?page_id=202 and collected from The Grange Junior School car park on 17th May between 12 and 2pm. All orders must be received by **25th April**. The bedding plant sale is a vital part of the groups fundraising efforts and they really hope that you'll be able to support all of their Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts again this year.

Winnington Park Rugby Football Club

A number of our children already play Rugby at Winnington Park, and I've been asked by a parent to share the attached information as the club are keen to encourage more children to take part.

Easter Holiday Clubs

Please see the attached flyer for details of holiday clubs available this Easter.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher