



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
15th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

I'd like to start by offering a huge thank you to everybody for the extremely positive response to our request for healthy snacks and water. The children have been proud to show off their healthy choices and it's started some lovely in-class conversations about healthy choices and what these mean. As usual, it's been a busy week – please do read on to see what we've been up to:

A Generous Donation

I'd like to open this week's newsletter with some wonderful news – on Thursday, we took delivery of a number of brand-new balance bikes and scooters, generously given to Early Years by The Hart of Hartford in response to our call-out for sets of wheels for our Early Years children who don't have their own bike or scooter. It was a beautiful surprise and we put Mr. Matt to work immediately, assembling them ready for the children to enjoy. A huge thank you to The Hart of Hartford for such a lovely donation that I know is thoroughly appreciated by all.

Meet the Teacher

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who came in to school this week for the first of our Meet the Teacher sessions. These are always really positive, and it's been great to see so many of you here. Thank you also to the staff, for taking the time to prepare and deliver these informative sessions. As I said in last week's newsletter, the presentations will shortly be uploaded to the school website for any of you who were unable to make it. A reminder of next week's meetings: Early Years: 20th September, Year 1: 21st September, Year 2: 18th September and Year 3: 19th September.

Car Park Safety

Following on from Miss Fairweather's notices last year, I would again like to raise the issue of driving and parking on and around the school site. I must remind you that the school car park is for staff only and must not be driven on to during drop-off and pick-up – many parents seem to be using the space as a turning circle or private drop-off point and this is making the area very unsafe for the children who are waiting to enter the school gates. The only vehicles that should be using the car park at drop-off and pick-up times are parents using Kids Count Nursery.

In addition to this, there have been concerns raised by parents, children, and neighbours about the speed at which cars are moving along Riddings Lane. Whilst I appreciate that drop-offs and pick ups can be stressful, it is very important that the speed limit of 20mph is adhered to, to keep the children safe. Our local PCSO Simon Donnelly has done spot checks this week and we expect these to continue to ensure the area around school remains safe. If you are dropping your child off via car, please be mindful of driveways, corners, garages, and crossings. Please do not block these, and please do not park on the zig-zag lines.

Year 6 Responsibilities

This week, the Year 6 children were assigned their final-year responsibilities. We have a whole range of responsibilities open to the children, including Reading Buddies, Gardeners, Year 6 Monitors, Year 6 Ambassadors and more; most of the year group have their own role and these provide valuable experience and preparation for secondary education! The children are already enthusiastic about these roles and I know they will do the school proud.

Sickness and Absence

A reminder to all parents that we have specific rules regarding absence due to sickness and diarrhoea. If a child has either, they are required to remain off school for a period of no less than 48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is Cheshire West protocol and applies to all schools in the area.

Calling All Bakers: We Need You!

On Friday 5th October, we are holding a coffee afternoon and cake sale to raise awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support. This will be a non-uniform day; the children can wear their own clothes for a donation of £1 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our coffee afternoon will be held in the small hall from 2.15pm; please come along for a slice of cake and a catch up with friends old and new! This will then be followed by a cake sale, which will be held under the shelter of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms at the end of the school day – the proceeds of which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. All cake donations can be brought into school on the morning of the day, to your child's classrooms. These can be home-made or shop bought but please remember that we are a nut- and kiwi-free school. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Dodd.

From our PTA



Frozen Friday

Due to the predicted higher temperatures this afternoon, today marks the first Frozen Friday of the year! At the end of the day, our PTA will be on the back playground selling ice-lollies and ice-creams. You will be able to pay by both cash and card; items are priced at 50p for a lolly and £1.00 for an ice-cream.

Save the Date: Christmas Event

Our school's Christmas event has been penciled in the diary for 8th December. Save the date! More information to follow.

Information for Fundraising

EASY FUNDRAISING



Did you know there's an easy way to support the school when you shop online?

JOIN Sign up Easy Fundraising & Link your account to Hartford Primary School - Northwich

SHOP Shop as normal with over 6,000 retailers. Just start your shopping journey via the Easyfundraising site or app

RAISE Once you have shopped, the retailer will make a free donation to our cause & it doesn't cost you a penny extra

Remember go to Easyfundraising before you shop to keep collecting donations. You can also add a donation reminder to your browser and mobile so you don't forget.

Did you know that you can help the PTA's fundraising efforts without even really trying? We have linked up with Easy Fundraising to enable you to raise funds by simply shopping online as normal.

Every transaction completed results in a donation for the school - and it costs you nothing.

All you need to do is follow the instructions on this graphic - or scan the QR code - and register with Easy Fundraising. Once you're registered, all you need to do is visit your chosen retailer via the Easy Fundraising website, and they will do the rest.

Funds raised have contributed towards the new pens, our school discos and social events, trips, equipment and more.

Every little helps, and we appreciate your support!

Half-Term Activity at Cheshire Forest School

Cheshire Forest School are running a half-term Room on the Broom event. Please see details below:



Halloween and The Room on the Broom Family Event

Wednesday 25th October 12.30-1.15pm

Tuesday 31st October 10-11.15am

Book here



In our decorated woodland you can:

- Make a magic wand
- Create potions in the mud kitchen
- Make conker eyeballs
- Spidery Printing
- Pumpkin Hammering
- Campfire

Pantomime Auditions!

Sandiway Pantomime Group are holding their winter pantomime from 25th-28th January 2024. They are holding a read-through and auditions on the 1st and 8th October respectively; these are open to anyone aged 8 and above to audition for lead roles or to join the chorus. Both the read-through and auditions take place at St. John's Church Hall in Sandiway; for more information email sandiwaypantogroup@gmail.com

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Warm regards,

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Headteacher