



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
13th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It's been another eventful week at Hartford, with lots of events going on across the entire school site. Read on to see what we've been up to, and what's to come!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be taking place in the week commencing 6th November. Appointment bookings will be through School Spider as usual. For those parents and carers new to school, the office team will be sending out a communication before the half-term break with information about how to access the system.

If you have used the system before and require a reminder of your log-in details, please contact a member of the office team. More information will follow in due course with regards to the format and timings of the evenings/afternoons.

EY Parents Phonics Information Evening

Would you like to find out more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child with phonics at home? Come along to our Phonics evening on Thursday 2nd November from 5:30 – 6pm with Mrs Birtwistle, where we will talk you through the Phonics programme and how you can work with this at home.

Year 1 Park Walk

After having to cancel our Year 1 park walk last week due to the poor weather, we finally made it out of school on Monday to head to the park for a morning of fun. Mrs Clinkard's class were the first out, returning with muddy feet and smiles, followed by Mrs Dodd's class. The weather held and the children all had a brilliant time. A huge thank you to the Year 1 team for organising the new date and to our parent helpers for working so hard to support us.

KS2 Visits to St. John's Church

All through this week, the Key Stage 2 children have visited St. John's Church for their interactive installation, Imagining Eternity. The children got to take part in the exhibition, which uses art, poetry, textiles, and music to encourage them to think about the beauty of creation and what they might hope life could be like in the future.

The children have behaved exceptionally, both during the walk to the church and whilst visiting the exhibition – once again a credit to our school. I'd like to offer my thanks to the team at St. John's for welcoming us so kindly, and to Mrs Wheeler for organising such a wonderful set of events.

Anderton Boat Lift Visit – 16th October

On Monday, Year 3 will be visiting the Anderton Boat Lift to tie in with their Autumn topic, which focuses on Water in the Environment. The visit will enrich the children's knowledge of local plants and insects that are attracted to this local environment, something we are also learning in Science. The day will include a 'build a canal' art workshop where they will become navvies and engineers to design and build their own canal, looking at how they were used and how they are different to rivers. The children will also enjoy a boat trip along the River Weaver. We are very lucky to have such a feat in engineering on our doorstep and I know we are all looking forward to the day. A big thank you to Mrs Gatiss for organising the day.

Gurdwara Temple Visit – 16th October

Also on Monday, we have a Year 5 visit taking place to a Sikh Gurdwara in Manchester. The visit allows the children to learn more about a different religion, from those who follow it in their local place of worship. Whilst there, the children will go on a tour of the Gurdwara, listen to a talk on Sikhism and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. This visit is perfectly timed with the children's current Sikhism learning in class, and we know they are looking forward to it immensely.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our coffee afternoon to raise money for Macmillan was an absolutely roaring success. On Friday morning, the meeting room was overrun with delicious cakes, biscuits, and brownies thanks to the generosity of all of you. The coffee afternoon itself was a lovely hour of coffee, cake, and chat, whilst the cake sale after school was very busy indeed, with the majority of our sweet donations being bought almost immediately.

Altogether, we managed to raise a whopping **£1,036.31** for Macmillan Cancer Care! You can even see us in the Northwich Guardian this week: <https://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/23851596.hartford-primary-school-raises-1-000-macmillan-cancer-support/>.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Dodd and our fabulous Year 6 Ambassadors for coordinating such a hugely successful day; what a brilliant achievement.

Mini-Police

On Monday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Isla and Jake from our Mini Police team to the local Rotary Club, where they gave a presentation along with the Sergeant all about the Mini Police project and what it entails. Speaking in front of a crowd of adults is not an easy task, but both children did extremely well, showing confidence and enthusiasm throughout. A huge well done to Isla and Jake for such a great afternoon, and for showing such confidence before a full audience!

Food Bank Harvest Collection

Our Harvest collection for the Mid-Cheshire Food Bank is well underway, and our trolley outside the front office is filling up nicely. A reminder that the trolley is open for donations until 9am on Thursday 19th October, and all donations are welcome.

Pre-Loved Costume Sale

We will be hosting a sale of pre-loved fancy dress costumes on 20th October, after school, in the rear playground. If you'd like to donate any items to the sale – funds raised go to our PTA – please drop them off at the front office during drop-off or pick-up, where we will be happy to receive them. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Bags2School

As mentioned last week, Bags2School will be doing another collection of clothing; please be advised that the initial day mentioned was incorrect and the collection is on **Tuesday 17th October**. If you would like to make a donation to help raise funds for the school, please drop any bags off on the day, beneath the office window, before 9am. We ask that you do not bring any donations at any other time due to space constraints.

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DFC Holiday Camp

Please find attached a flyer for Development First Coaching's half-term football camp for children in Years 1-6. To book a place or for more information, call the number on the flyer.

Buckley Theatre School

Please also find attached a flyer for Buckley Theatre School, who are running new classes at Winsford Library alongside their sessions at Weaverham Community Centre. Scan the QR code for more information.

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

Warm regards,

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Headteacher