



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 20th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It's been yet another busy, busy week at Hartford – can you believe it's already the last week of term? Read on to see what we've been up to in the last week of term, and what's to come after the holidays:

Early Years' Super Saturday: From Mrs Rowland

On Saturday 14th October, Mrs Rowland welcomed Patch Hall and the Explorer Scouts into school – 14 young people and 2 leaders. They had been tasked with clearing the 'Secret Garden' at the side of EY. They arrived bright and early and keen to get going; some of the Explorers were past pupils and excited to be back and see the changes since they attended. They worked together to clear the raised bed, cutting down a tree and clearing the weeds. The weather wasn't too kind, but they soon got the job done and enjoyed a hot chocolate on their camping stove at the end. We really can't thank them enough for giving up their Saturday to support us. The EY children were thrilled to see the improvements and are already planning what to plant when Spring comes.

The Hartford Explorer Unit is a mixed-gender group for 14-18 year-olds. Local and worldwide community is a key part of scouting and the team were delighted to be able to help. They try to include at least one community impact activity in each term and this is often chosen by the Explorer Council. If anyone needs help with a community project in the new year, you can contact them on patch.hall@midcheshirescouts.org.uk.



Year 5/6 Girls' Football Success

On Monday 9th October, our Year 5 and 6 girls football team attended a tournament at Hartford High School. We played matches against Whitegate, Barnton, Charles Darwin, Hartford Manor and Winnington Park. The girls all played fantastically. With four clean sheets, some great defending and lots of brilliant goals, we won the tournament! We are now moving onto the next round which will be held at Winsford Academy on the 14th of November. Well done to Bea, Olivia, Izzy, Lily, Akira, Alice, Elsie, Chloe, Nell and Eva.

Written by Bea, Izzy and Olivia (Y6 School Sports Organising Crew)

Year 4 Boys' Football

On Monday 16th October, the Year 4 football team went to Hartford High for a competition. This was aimed at children who don't play football outside school to experience some competition and have fun. The boys played brilliantly and enjoyed the experience so much. They all improved throughout the afternoon and managed to win a penalty shoot-out and their final match. Well done to Trent, Bjorn, Edward, Arthur, Aiden and Tim!

Year 3 Anderton Boat Lift Visit

This Monday, our Year 3 children went along to the Anderton Boat Lift for a day of learning all about Water in the Environment. The children took part in a 'build a canal' art workshop where they took on the roles of navvies and engineers to design and build their own canal, looking at how they were used and how they are different to rivers. The day also included a boat trip along the River Weaver! A great day was had by all. A massive thank you to the Year 3 team for such a great visit.

Year 5 Gurdwara Visit

Monday also saw Year 5 heading to Manchester to visit a Gurdwara in support of their learning about Sikhism as part of the RE curriculum. The children were respectful, behaved impeccably and asked lots of interesting and relevant questions. I was very proud to see how they engaged with the Gurdwara and how much they recalled from their learning both on the day and afterwards. A big thank you to the Year 5 team for facilitating the day.

Golden Table Winners

A huge well done to 2EC, who won this term's Golden Table and enjoyed a very special lunch on Wednesday as a reward for their excellent conduct around the school.

PTA Film Nights

This week, we had our first set of film nights for Years 3-6. The children enjoyed a film, popcorn and juice after school in the hall, raising a grand total of £592.00 for the PTA! Keep your eyes on our newsletter for information about future film nights.

Year 2 Weaver Hall Visit

A visit has been arranged for Year 2 to visit Weaver Hall Museum on Thursday 2nd November. The visit will consolidate their learning from the History topic of The Great Fire of London, and whilst there the children will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of the Great Fire. They will also try out some 17th Century firefighting techniques and make a fire mark. It promises to be an exciting day; thank you to the Year 2 team for putting such an interesting visit together.

Flu Vaccine

The school nursing team are coming into school to deliver the nasal flu vaccine on Thursday, November 9th; please refer to the recent communication sent out. The deadline for consent is midday on the 7th November; you must advise the team regarding whether you consent or decline for your child to be vaccinated.

Early Years Treat Day

Today, our Early Years children have been enjoying a treat day in the form of a pyjama party! Well done to our newest children on such a brilliant first half-term; they have been absolutely wonderful.

Bags2School

Thank you to everybody who donated to Bags2School on Tuesday – thanks to your kindness, we managed to raise £110 for our school! We appreciate all your donations and your support.

Harvest Collection for Mid-Cheshire Food Bank

A warm thank you to everybody who donated to our Harvest collection for the Mid-Cheshire food bank, which was collected yesterday. The food bank appreciate every donation – your generosity will help families in need during the coming Winter months.

National Sleep Helpline

The Sleep Charity are sending information about a wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function; by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND, who can talk to young people directly, or parents (they can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues). The helpline is open five times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541. Please see attached a poster with more information.

PTA Sweet Sale

Due to the inclement weather, today's PTA sweet sale will now take place outside Mrs Moore's hall, under the canopy. Bags of sweets are £1; cones are £2. Both cash and card will be accepted.

Save the Date!

Get your teams ready... for our very first parent night – Quiz Night! This is scheduled for Friday 10th November; more details to follow.

Have a restful half-term break and we will see you on Monday 30th October at 8.45am.

Warm regards,

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Headteacher