



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

As our second week draws to a close, we are taking some time to reflect on a busy time – we've had lots going on and it shows no sign of slowing down. We've had some wonderful visits, some fantastic visitors and are excited to share all of this with you today.

### **Parents' Evenings**

A huge thank you goes both to all of you and to all the staff for all of the effort and time given as we conducted our Parents' Evenings this week. It has been a positive and encouraging week, with lots of good news shared and lots of happy families! The atmosphere in the school was fantastic and it was so rewarding to be a part of.

### **Year 6 Remembrance Service**

Today, ten Year 6 children, accompanied by Mrs Wheeler and I, went along to St. John's Church to represent our school at the annual Remembrance Day service alongside other schools from the area. As expected, all of our children acted with responsibility, care and kindness, and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Bobby, Louisa, Bea, Cameron, Arthur, Tommy, Harry, Sydney, Abbie and Seb, who all took time out of their busy school days to represent us.

### **Year 4 Visit to Bowdon Synagogue**

On Tuesday, our Year 4 children visited Bowdon Synagogue as part of our Place of Worship Visit Programme. Whilst at the synagogue, the children were given a tour and then got to hear a talk on Judaism with the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Jewish customs. This complemented their in-class learning on Judaism and was a valuable learning experience for all. A huge thank you goes to both the Bowdon Synagogue team and Mrs Wheeler for putting together such a comprehensive visit.

### **Dog's Trust Visit**

Thank you to The Dog's Trust, who visited us on Monday to talk with our Year 1 and Year 4 children all about animal welfare, dog behaviour and wellbeing, and pet care. The children had a great time and learned a lot about both dogs and The Dog's Trust. Thank you to the Years 1 and 4 teams for facilitating the visit.

### **Poppy Appeal**

A huge thank you to our team of Year 6 Ambassadors who spent two mornings this week collecting money for the Poppy Appeal. We sold out of nearly everything – snap bands on the first day! – and it's been great to see the children proudly wearing their poppies. Thanks once again to Abbie, Eva, Matilda and Owen for doing such a brilliant job going from class to class and collecting donations.

### **Northwich Guardian – New Starter Supplement**

The eight-page New Starters 2023 supplement has arrived! You will find it in this week's Northwich and Winsford Guardian and Knutsford Guardian. There are class photos from all schools in the area, including Mrs Rowland's and Miss Marsh's classes – don't forget to pick up your copy as a lovely memento of this first year of school and your child's first step into education.

## **Keeping Children Safe Online Workshop: via Zoom**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7-8pm**

We have been given the opportunity for parents to take part in a free online safety session over Zoom delivered by the NSPCC. Parents and carers can join the zoom to find out more about keeping children safe online. The talk will cover:

- how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely;
- help parents understand how children experience the online world;
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe;
- empower parents to guide them on their journey.

You don't need to register for the event; we will send the zoom link on the morning of the meeting. Unfortunately, we are unable to record the event as other schools will be attending.

## **Odd Socks Day**

To celebrate anti-bullying week and our uniqueness and diversity, we will be having an Odd Socks Day! Just like last year, there is no payment or donation required; all we ask is that children come to school in their oddest pair of socks to show off their personality. In school, we will be having discussions on the day all about how we are different, how we treat each other and how we expect to be treated both in school and out.

## **Early Years 2024 Open Day**

Our third and final Open Day for prospective 2024 Early Years starters is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. We are welcoming all interested parents of children due to begin school in September 2024. To secure a last-minute place, please contact the front office on [admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) – please include a contact telephone number.

## **Kids Count Open Day – 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Please find attached details of an Open Day at Kids Count, an out-of-hours provider that many of our families use for before- and after-school provision.



## **An Update From the PTA**

Firstly, thank you to all who purchased tickets for our Quiz Night – sadly, it wasn't meant to be this time but we will be back in the new year with a new, re-arranged event which we hope will be bigger and better.

We all hope you are as excited as we are about the Winter Wonder-light show, but we also know that you might be wondering what it's all about! Please click the link to watch what we have in store:

<https://youtu.be/nT70zLAcJhk?si=rhstSDH62OE5W8zn> - everyone is invited, so please do spread the word!

As Christmas fast approaches, the PTA elves have been busy collecting raffle prize donations from generous local businesses and what a selection we have this year! Prizes range from a 7-night family holiday to golfing and

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reflexology treatment vouchers, food and drinks vouchers and loads of kids clubs and activities. A full listing can be found attached. As usual, the children will each come home with one book of raffle tickets to sell. Each book contains 5 tickets priced at £1.00 each (more tickets are available from the school office on request). Please remember that if the whole book is sold to one person **you must write that person's name and contact details on every ticket stub**. All sold stubs and money must be returned in an envelope to the school office by **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December** to be entered into the draw which will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Please also return any intact unsold tickets.

We have also been delivering some of the classes' Wish List resources over the last few weeks. Classes have all been given gifts as a thank-you for all of their hard work and dedication to both us and the events over the last 18 months. Everything from bean bags, blankets, picnic benches and wet-play games have been bought, so we hope they have made a difference.

We have also created a new Facebook group (with the help of our new social media lead, Katherine Butler!) for people who want to become involved with the PTA and who want to take an active interest in helping us out. Please follow the link if you would like to join the group: <https://shorturl.at/eCIK8>

Also, we wondered if we have any parents who could help us with a small task. As a registered charity, it is mandatory for us to formally submit our accounts to the Charity Commission. This year, our fundraising efforts have enabled us to raise more funds than in previous years. Consequently, we are required to have an independent individual review our accounts. This reviewer need not necessarily be a qualified accountant, but should possess some financial awareness and numeracy skills. If you have some free time to spare and are willing to help us with this task, we would greatly appreciate it if you could review the Charity Commission guidance and complete the review for us. If you can then please email us on [pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) before Monday 20th November – there might be a cake and a cup of tea in it for you!

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

Warm regards,



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