



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
17th November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

We've had yet another busy, busy week here at Hartford Primary and it shows no sign of slowing down! We've got lots going on all across the school and lots of exciting things coming up to look forward to as we move closer to Christmas, including some great sporting news.

Own Clothes Day

Today, the children came into school wearing their own clothes in exchange for £1. I always love seeing the creative outfits the children come up with and today was no exception, with lots of exciting ensembles and sparkly clothing. Altogether, we raised a whopping £339.87, which will be split equally between Children in Need and our own PTA. Thank you to everyone who got involved and donated!

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

The Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football team went to Winsford Academy on Tuesday for the Vale Royal Partnership Final. The defence and goalkeeper did a fantastic job, not conceding a single goal in three matches. The midfield and attack played very well too, hitting the post a few times in the two draws. The team drew 0-0 in the first two matches and then won 3-0. Unfortunately, they missed out on the final on goal difference. Well done to Bea, Olivia, Izzy, Lily, Akira, Alice, Elsie, Chloe, Nell and Eva!

The Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football team went to Crewe on Friday 10th November. They played eight matches on the day, winning seven and drawing one. This meant they finished top of the league and qualified for the next round on Friday 17th! Good luck to Tom, Lucas, Owen, Cooper, Rafferty, Elliott, Jacob, Isaac, Connor and Max.

Northwich Fire and Rescue Visit

Last week, Early Years were treated to a team of very special visitors – plus their Fire Engine! Northwich Fire and Rescue Service visited the school to give the children a talk on fire safety along with a tour of the engine. The children were very excited and eager to learn all about how the team and their engine operated. A huge thanks to Mrs Rowland for organising such a fun and educational visit.

Year 1 Visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo

Next Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st November, Year 1 are going out on a visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo. The visit will consolidate their learning from their Science topic on Animals. Whilst there, the children will have a tour of the zoo, play some games and learn some fun animal facts. They will also have the opportunity to take part in a workshop where they will learn about how we can classify animals into different groups such as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. It promises to be a fun and interesting way to find out about the animals that live at the Mini Zoo!

Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Thursday 23rd November, all of KS2 will be visiting The New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-Under-Lyme for a very special performance of *The Nutcracker: A Christmas Fairytale*. The children are very much looking forward to seeing this magical production, and we hope it will be a special experience for all of them. Please keep your eye on the inbox for a final arrangement letter.

A Message From The School Sports Organising Crew

We are the School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) and next week, we will be helping Mr Cairns run Healthy Living Week. Every morning from Monday to Thursday, there will be two options for children when they arrive at school. From 8.45am to 9.00am, they can run around the field on the Golden Mile path or they can join in Zumba on the main playground with Mr Cairns and the SSOC.

During the week, children will have an assembly about Healthy Eating, an extra fitness session (EY and KS1), a fruit-tasting session (KS2) and activities run by the SSOC at lunch times. We are also encouraging children to only eat fruit or vegetables for their snack. This will help all children to both eat healthily and reduce the environmental impact of all the crisp packets and wrappers we see thrown away each day. We understand this could be tricky for a small number of children who find change difficult but would love the support of the majority of families. If you have any questions or concerns about the week, please contact Mr. Cairns at tcairns@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk. Thank you!

Poppy Collection

A huge thanks to our Year 6 Ambassadors Matilda, Eva, Owen and Abbie for doing such a good job collecting donations in exchange for poppies, zip pulls, snap bands and more to raise money for The Poppy Appeal last week. Overall, we raised £303.40 – a massive achievement!

NSPCC Online Safety Talk

Following on from the NSPCC online safety presentation last night, please could you answers some questions (even if you couldn't attend) by clicking this link. <https://shorturl.at/cuET1>. Here are some useful links shared by the NSPCC:

For general online safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

For starting conversations about online safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

For setting parental controls:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

For Childline support with online bullying:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child, then call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Winter Wonder-Lights: Tickets Now Available!

Special Early Bird tickets are now on sale for our Winter Wonder-Lights Spectacular on Friday 8th December. Priced at just £5 each (children under 2 go free), these tickets are only available until Friday 1st December, after which they are £7/adult and £5/child. This year's event is running both indoors and out, and sees stalls, games, a team of real reindeer, Santa's grotto and, of course, our very special light show – this is not one to miss!

Tickets are also now on sale for Storytime with Santa and His Elf – these slots are likely to fill up fast! Priced at £3, you can purchase your slot here: <https://hartford-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com> – please note that to access Storytime, you will need to have a Wonder-Lights ticket too.

The Hartford Primary Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children this week – please find attached an up-to-date listing of all the fabulous prizes on offer. More tickets are available on request from the school office. All completed stubs and money must be returned in a sealed envelope to the school office by Friday the 1st of December to be entered into the draw.

Please also return any unsold tickets; there are extra tickets available from the front office for anybody who needs extras – just come to the window and ask!

Christmas Jumper Collection

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on the 7th December, asking the children to wear their jumpers in exchange for a donation to our Christmas tombola. To prepare for this, we are planning a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale and we need donations! If you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers you'd like to donate to help raise money for the PTA, please bring them to the front office before 3pm on Monday 27th November.

Cheshire West Parent/Carer Forum

Please click here for a link to the latest CWaC Parent/Carer Forum newsletter: <https://shorturl.at/IA015>

Festive Fun Run at Marbury Park

On 17th December, Northwich Running Club are holding a 3k Festive Fun Run, open to all families. Please see the attached flyer for more information and details on how to sign up.

Kids Count Open Day – 4th December

Please find attached a poster with details of the upcoming Open Day at Kids Count on the 4th December. Kids Count provide pre-school and before- and after-school provision and are used by many of our parents and carers.

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

Warm regards,



Mrs L Cade

Headteacher