



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Wow, what a week!

We've had yet another brilliant week here at Hartford, with lots of sports-related activity and a healthy-eating focus, plus visits and assemblies too! Please read on to see all the exciting things that have been taking place this week at Hartford Primary School.

Healthy Living Week

Morning Zumba and Golden Mile

To celebrate Healthy Living Week, Mr Cairns and Mrs Dickenson led Zumba sessions on the playground at 8.45am for any of the children (and staff!) who wanted to join in. The playground has been buzzing with excitement and there have been some excellent moves on display! It was a lovely way to begin a very active set of days, with the rest of the children taking part in a golden mile before beginning their school day.

We have really enjoyed hearing all the positive feedback from parents, carers, and children – and seeing your videos and pictures – and we know how much everyone has enjoyed the Zumba in particular! We know that many of you want to do this more often. Whilst we can't accommodate daily Zumba long-term, we have decided that we'd like to do some further Zumba mornings on a pop-up basis in the new year. Watch this space!

Healthy Living Assembly and Activities

As part of Healthy Living Week, Mr Cairns and the School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) led an assembly for the children all about healthy eating and choices. This introduced the rest of the day's activities, which included extra fitness sessions for Early Years and Key Stage 1, a healthy food-tasting session for Key Stage 2 and a series of lunchtime activities organised and delivered by the SSOC. The children have also enthusiastically participated in the SSOC's Fruit and Veg Challenge – bringing in fresh fruit and veg as their daily snack to win points for their class in order to win a turn on the Ninja Warrior course!

These events take a lot of planning and organisation in order to run smoothly – a huge thanks goes to Mr Cairns and the SSOC for their care, attention, and impeccable organisational skills. I know everyone agrees that the week has been a huge success.

Year 1 Visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo

On Monday and Tuesday, 1JD and 1CW visited Reaseheath Mini Zoo to consolidate their learning from their Science topic on Animals. The children got to take part in a tour of the zoo, to play some games and learn some fun animal facts. They also took part in a workshop all about animal classification, testing their knowledge on herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores! As always, the children behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school on both days. A huge thank you goes to the Year 1 team for putting together such a fabulous two days.

Year 2 Wings and Things Visit

On Wednesday, the brilliant Wings and Things visited school to meet our Year 2 children, bringing along some beautiful birds! The children were fascinated by the animals and really enjoyed learning all about their habitats, diets, behaviours and how to care for their environment.

Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

Thursday afternoon saw the arrival of our long-awaited trip to see The Nutcracker at The New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-Under-Lyme – and what a way to kick off the Christmas period! It was a busy afternoon with lots of travel, but the children were excellent, and everybody had a fantastic time at the show. The indoor snow fall, and the Mouse Queen's performance were particular highlights! The performance was magical, and everybody enjoyed it, staff included – a huge thank you to Mr Harris and all attending staff for facilitating such a wonderful visit.

Early Years Church Visit

Next Tuesday 28th November, our Early Years classes are heading to St. John's church in Hartford. This is the first of our Christmas events and we are very excited to begin! Please note you will need to provide your consent via ParentPay for your child to attend – this will go live later this afternoon.

KS2 Christmas Church Visits

As previously advised Year 3's and 5's Christmas service will take place on 12th December, whilst the Year 4's and 6's service takes place on 13th December, both are at 2pm. A separate communication will follow shortly regarding these.

Christmas Jumper Collection and Sale

A reminder that we are collecting any Christmas jumpers that are no longer wanted for our Christmas jumper sale in advance of Christmas Jumper Day. Please deliver any donations to the front office before 3pm on Monday 27th November.

The sale itself will take place on Wednesday 29th November in Mrs Moore's Hall at 3.00pm. Please see the attached poster for more information regarding this.

Christmas Jumper Day – Donations

This week, you will have received an email from the PTA with details of our upcoming Christmas Jumper Day on 7th December. As usual, we are asking for donations for the tombola in exchange for wearing either a Christmas jumper or something red. Our suggested donations are:

- Reception (EY): Children's tombola prizes
- Year 1: Adult tombola prizes
- Year 2: Boxes of chocolates/toiletries (see above)
- Year 3: Children's tombola prizes
- Year 4: Bottle tombola – wine, beer, spirits
- Year 5: Bottle tombola – wine, beer, spirits
- Year 6: Bottle tombola – wine, beer, spirits

We ask that any bottle donations are delivered directly to Mrs Moore's Hall at 8.45am on the day; other donations can be taken into class, where they will be collected by the PTA during the day. Please do not bring donations to the front office as we do not have the space to accept them!

Winter Wonder-Lights – Tickets

A reminder that tickets are selling fast for our Winter Wonder-Lights Spectacular on Friday 8th December! The last day for Early Bird tickets (£5) is Friday 1st December, after which tickets will revert to £7/adult, £5/child. Tickets are available on ParentPay.

Ticket collection dates for those who have booked tickets:

- 27th December
- 1st December
- 4th December

On these dates, you will be able to collect your tickets from outside the front office from 2.45pm.

PTA Facebook Page

A reminder that the PTA now have a Facebook page, where you can stay up to date with our events and happenings. Find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/HartfordPTASTARS>



St. John's Family Christmas Performance

This year's Christmas Performance at St. John's Church is Herald of Herod, an exploration of the nativity story. The show takes place on Saturday 16th December at 1.30pm and 4pm; tickets are free. See the attached flyer for further information and a link to get your tickets.

Northwich Comic-Con

This Saturday sees the return of Comic-Con to the Brio Centre in Northwich from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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

Warm regards

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