



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents/Carers and Families

After a week of uncertain weather, we head into one of our busiest times of year – following on from Christmas Jumper Day, we have lots more coming up. Tonight sees our annual Christmas event, complete with beautiful light show, and we've more to come. Read on to see what we've been up to.

Hartford Christmas Fayre

Firstly, a massive well done to Mrs Oldfield and our choir who performed beautifully at last weekend's Christmas Fayre in Hartford. The singers were very well-received, and despite the freezing weather they put on a beautiful show. Thank you to all the staff who showed up to support the school and to the PTA who spent the whole day running a stall and talking with local residents.

Early Years Visit to The Ice Cream Farm

Early Years had a magical trip to The Ice Cream Farm in Tattenhall this week. The trip is part of our Christmas traditions in EY and a firm favourite with the staff, too. The children were very excited to travel by coach together, and once at the farm they had the chance to explore the wonderful large playground, share lunch together, visit Santa and the Elves in their workshop and of course eat a yummy ice cream treat to end the visit. Thank you to all the wonderful adult helpers for making this trip possible and for the children for showing the public how wonderful Hartford children are. We really hope it will be a lasting memory for our EY children in the years to come.

Christmas Jumper Day

Yesterday was brilliant fun, with children coming in wearing either their Christmas jumpers or something red to celebrate Christmas. We had some brilliant outfits! Thank you to all of our families for your generous donations for the PTA tombola – all were gratefully received, and I am sure will be even more gratefully won tonight!

Winter Wonder Lights

Our annual Christmas event takes place tonight – from 5pm, we will be truly getting into the Christmas spirit, with stalls, food and drink, Santa and his reindeer, our brilliant raffle and more. Festivities begin at 5pm, and tickets will be available on the door, priced at £7/adult and £5/child. This year, for the first time ever, we have an incredible laser light show for everybody to enjoy.

As communicated earlier this week, the schedule for the evening is as follows:

- Gates open: 5pm – Entry will be via the front gate into the playground
- Laser Light Show 7:15pm
- Gates close: 7:30pm – Exit will then be through the side gate onto Chantry Avenue

Our PTA have worked exceptionally hard to deliver this event, and I'm sure it will be a huge success. A huge thank you to all of our staff and volunteers for giving up their time to ensure everything runs smoothly. Without them these events could not happen.

Chester Cathedral – Sing a Christmas Story

Today, Key Stage 1 have headed over to Chester Cathedral for the wonderful event Sing a Christmas Story. More information will follow next week – this is an event that gives our pupils a wonderful opportunity to come together with other schools in a beautiful venue to sing specially selected songs accompanied by an ensemble of professional musicians with a narration of the Christmas story.

Church Visits

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, we have our visits to St. John’s Church. The afternoons are planned as follows:

- Tues 12th Dec – Years 3 & 5: children to arrive from 1.30pm, service to start at 2pm
- Weds 13th Dec – Years 4 & 6: children to arrive from 1.30pm, service to start at 2pm

I know these services will be wonderful, and the children are looking forward to performing their songs. A big thank you goes to Mrs Wheeler for all of her hard work in coordinating these visits. Just a reminder collection after the visit will be from your child’s classroom as normal.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

Coinciding with our church visits, we also have our Key Stage 1 Christmas production, ‘Everyone Loves a Baby’, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and it is looking and sounding absolutely fantastic! I know that the children have worked exceptionally hard on this production, and it is going to be brilliant.

I want to give a reminder that every allocated priority ticket has been taken, and unfortunately, this means that no extra tickets are available. We know this will be a disappointment to some families, but with four full classes in KS1, no additional tickets are available on top of the priority allocation this year as the main hall is now at capacity.

The doors open for the performances at 1.50pm, please have your tickets ready for presentation and remember that school pick-up is as normal following the performance.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our Christmas Dinner takes place on Thursday 14th December. The children will be offered either a roast turkey or roast quorn dinner with all the trimmings for a very special Christmas-themed lunch.

Early Years Christmas Production

Our much-anticipated Early Years Christmas production The Twinkly Nativity is finally arriving on Friday 15th December, with doors opening for the morning performance at 9.50am and the afternoon performance at 1.50pm. I can tell you that this is going to be a very special production and the whole Early Years cohort have put in a tremendous amount of effort – a massive thank you to the Early Years team for all of their hard work in preparing for this show.

School Photographs

School photographs were sent home with the children earlier this week. The deadline for online orders is Monday 11th December. If you want your photographs delivered back to school before we break up for Christmas, you must place your order online by Monday 11th December. You can still order after this date, but your photographs will be delivered to your home address after Christmas and will incur a delivery charge.

Please do not drop any orders off at the school office, orders are online only.

Geography at Hartford

Mrs Rowland, our Geography lead at Hartford would like your help. We have a wonderful new Geography display in the small hall, and we would like to add children to the display from across all year groups on the following topics:

- What is your family heritage?
- Do you have relatives abroad?
- Have you moved to Cheshire from another part of the UK?

If you can answer any of these questions, then please send a brief bio and a family photo (one that you are happy to share) to Mrs Rowland at earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk. Once the display is complete, we will of course share with you all. Many thanks in advance for your help.

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

Warm regards,



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