



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

I want to open this first newsletter by giving my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Cade, who has done a sterling job in my absence at leading the school throughout the Autumn term. I truly appreciate all of her help, support and hard work and I am pleased to be working alongside her again. I also want to thank all of the staff, who continue to work exceptionally hard across the school, and who I have also really missed. It's absolutely wonderful to be back at Hartford and I've loved seeing you all on the gates these first two mornings.

I am confident that this year is going to be a great one – we've got lots planned and many exciting things for the children to enjoy. I've condensed them all into a list of dates for your diary below, alongside some other important news.

Goodbyes

It is with a heavy heart that we bid goodbye to two of our wonderful support staff who are heading on to pastures new. Mr Travis and Mrs Carney, two of our support staff team, have been incredibly valuable members of our school, providing support and care to our children. I am sure you will join me as I wish them both the best of luck for the future and in all their future endeavours.

Important Dates For the Diary

08/01/24: Year 6 Victorian Day

11/01/24: Final Early Years 24 Open Afternoon

15/01/24: Year 6 Bikeability begins

07/03/24: World Book Day

11/03/24: Science Week

13/05/24: Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6

22/05/24-23/05/24: Year 4 Residential, Tattenhall (4LO Weds-Thurs, 4MH Thurs-Fri)

22/05/24-24/05/24: Year 6 Residential, Conway Centre

10/06/24: Year 1 Phonics screening

24/06/24-26/06/24: Year 2 Residential, Burwardsley (2NB Mon-Tues, 2EC Tues-Weds)

Please note that the Year 4 and 6 residential trips both conclude at the end of term.

Holiday Dates

February half-term break: 16/02/24 to 25/02/24

Easter: 28/03/24 to 14/04/24

May half-term break: 24/05/24 to 03/06/24

INSET Days

03/06/24

22-23/07/24

Other curriculum-related trips and visits will be communicated to individual classes via email and ParentPay.

Year 6 Bikeability – W/C 15th January 2024

BikeRight! will be coming to school week commencing 15th January 2024 to run a Bikeability course for our Year 6 children. Parents and carers will be informed in a separate communication; please keep an eye on your inbox.

Year 4 Swimming

Good luck to 4LO who begin their swimming lessons today! These lessons are an integral, compulsory part of the school curriculum and ensure that all children have access to swimming and water safety education.

Year 5 Visit to Weaver Hall

Next Friday 12th January, Year 5 are visiting Weaver Hall to kick-start their learning from the History topic of The Vikings and Anglo Saxons. Whilst there, the children will learn about Viking trader travels, home life and the role of Viking men and women. They will discover fearsome weapons, armour and make a shield wall. There will be tales of Viking adventures, raids and their struggles with the Anglo-Saxon people. It promises to be an exciting day! A huge thank you to the Year 5 team for organising and facilitating the trip.

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

Warm regards,



Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher