



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of our first full week of 2024, we've already got lots going on! As the temperatures drop, it hasn't stopped a wide range of activities and plans from taking place. Read on to see what we've been up to:

#### **Year 6 Victorian Day**

On Monday, our Year 6 classes participated in a Victorian-themed day, which included learning in the Victorian style, a change to the classroom to reflect the Victorian approach to teaching, and even a taste of gruel – complete with authentic dress! Miss Miller and Miss Lee, along with Mrs Karle, Mrs Fox, Miss Kisa and Mrs McCabe, were in full role as Victorian schoolmasters; the classroom was adjusted into traditional rows and the children were thrown into life as a schoolchild in the late 1800s. Having had a peek into the classrooms, it looks like they thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

#### **Fire Drill**

On Thursday, we had a fire drill at school – the first of the new year. The children managed to evacuate the building and get into their lines sensibly for registers in just over 4 minutes! Their conduct was outstanding and their behaviour excellent throughout; I was very proud of every one of them. Thank you also to the staff, who oversaw the children and ensured everything went smoothly.

#### **Year 5 Visit to Weaver Hall**

Today, Year 5 head to Weaver Hall to kick-start their learning from the History topic of The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. They will about Viking trader travels, home life and the role of Viking men and women – and even get to meet the resident Viking, who will give first-hand accounts of Viking life! I look forward to hearing all about it and sharing all the news with you next week.

#### **Science Week**

This year our Science Week in school will be held during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March. In this week, we welcome many visitors into school from our local community with science links. We are appealing to our parents and carers to get in touch if you are employed in a science-related field and think you could help us by giving a 'talk' or running a workshop for the children. In the past we have had visits from parents in a wide range of science fields such as engineers, chemists, vets, doctors, geomorphologists, and microbiologists! We are always keen to educate our children to become aware of different careers relating to science so please email the office or see Mrs Clinkard (1CW) or Miss Shepherd (5ES) if you can help in any way.

#### **Phonics Screening**

As stated in last week's newsletter, Year 1 Phonics screening takes place throughout the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June. The purpose of the phonics screening check will be to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard. Children who have not reached this level will receive extra support from school to ensure they can improve their decoding skills and will then have the opportunity to retake the phonics screening check.

## Year 6 Bikeability – A Request

A few children have signed up to take part in our Bikeability course but do not own their own bike. We are politely asking if anybody would mind bringing their bikes in for those who are struggling to locate one – we are needing bikes for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. If your child has Bikeability on a different day, their bikes can be securely left in our bike shed on the school grounds ready for their session if this is easier.

## Salty STEM Club at The Lion Saltworks

The Lion Saltworks host their Salty STEM club every Saturday from 10.30am-12pm. Aimed at ages 5-11, children work with the Saltworks STEM Ambassadors to conduct experiments, learn scientific facts, and engage in activities with a STEM focus. Each session costs £3 – for more information contact:

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## Parent Carer Forum Survey 2024 and In-Person Event in February

Please see attached information regarding the Cheshire West Parent Carer Forum survey for 2024. You can access the survey here: <https://www.pcfcheshirewest.org/survey2024>.

There is also a scheduled Live Well event on the 7<sup>th</sup> February at Hartford Golf Club, where parents and carers can meet the professionals behind the services that support children and young people with additional needs. A free lunch and free parking is provided; the location is also fully accessible. The day runs from 10am to 2pm – for further information and to book your free place, click here: <https://shorturl.at/bEMRS>

## World Book Day Clothes Swap!

Do your bit to help save the environment and money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway and Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card (no ID required!) or take out a book.



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**PTA Christmas Event – Feedback**

The PTA are looking to collect feedback on the Christmas Wonderlights event that took place in early December. If you attended and would like to provide some valuable feedback on the event, please click here to answer a brief questionnaire: <https://st8egqnsqv3.typeform.com/to/TZJihYvX>

**Cheshire West End Workshop**

Please find attached a flyer for the upcoming Cheshire West End workshop taking place during the February half-term at Cranage Village Hall.

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

Warm regards,



Miss M Fairweather

**Headteacher**