



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It's been another lovely week in school, despite the ever-turbulent weather and the roadworks alongside The Green, which I know caused some issues early in the week! We've had lots going on around the site, so read on to see what's been happening.

## **Our New Trim Trail**

Work began in earnest this week on our brand-new trim trail, and we are all very excited to try it out at its Grand Opening on Monday! Designed to enhance the outdoor space for the children, a trim trail is a short-form obstacle course with climbing apparatus for the children to enjoy. Our new trail has been installed at the opposite end of the pens to the last one, giving the children extra space to play, with bright colours and different tactile sections. I am sure it is going to be well-received by the children; a huge thank you goes to our site team for overseeing the installation throughout this week.

## **Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament – From Mr Cairns**

Champions of Cheshire! The Year 6 boys' football team became the most successful in the school's history yesterday as they won yet another tournament following wins at the Cluster Competition and the Vale Royal Partnership to qualify for the County Championship. Twenty teams attended and the standard was high!

In the first game the boys started fast and went into a 2-0 lead before half time. St. Elphin's then hit back with three quick goals, meaning we started with a loss. Wins against Little Sutton and Wistaston ensured we won the group and moved into the quarter finals. At this stage, instead of getting nervous the boys seemed to relax and started to play lovely football. A 2-0 win in the quarter final saw us matched up with St. Elphin's a second time, but this time a 3-1 win saw us into the final against Barrow Hall. We hit the post twice before finally breaking the deadlock when Rafferty headed in from Isaac's corner. Tom, Cooper, Owen, Lucas, Elliott, Max, Rafferty, Isaac, Jacob, and Connor should be very proud of how they played and represented the school. They will now play in the Northern Finals in March in Newcastle!



### **Netball – From Mr Cairns**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, two Year 5 and 6 netball teams headed to Hartford High School for a competition. The Year 5 team got great experience of competing and improved throughout. They lost their first four games but then started scoring goals, drew a match and then finished with a win, finishing sixth overall.

The Year 6 team had some very experienced players and showed their excellent passing and shooting throughout. They won eight out of eight matches on the day and qualified for the Vale Royal Partnership Final on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to all!

### **Year 6 Tree Planting**

On Monday, 6LW visited Frodsham Woods to engage in a tree planting activity. The day involved warm-up activities, training on tree planting followed by the actual planting, and different environmental games. Thankfully, we avoided the storm, and the weather was quite fine, with blue skies all around. The day was an incredibly informative one, and I am sure 6VM will find it just as enjoyable today, as they head over for their turn in the woods.

### **Year 2 Visit to Chester Cathedral**

As part of our school's aim for every child to visit a place of worship every year, a trip has been arranged for Year 2 to visit Chester Cathedral. The visit allows the children to learn more about Christianity from those who follow it in their local place of worship. Whilst there, the children will learn about features of worship and discover the items around the cathedral that Christians use to help them worship within their faith community. This visit is perfectly timed with the children's current Christianity learning in class, and we are all looking forward to it.

### **Bikeability**

Year 6 Bikeability finishes today. The weather has been unpredictable, but the children have been, as always, excellent, rising to the multiple challenges of cycling and developing their skills, and it's been wonderful watching them build in confidence as they navigate the playground and roads. Well done to all!

### **Medication – A Reminder**

We are not able to administer or authorise medications not prescribed by a doctor in school. This includes cough medicines and pastilles. Our staff will happily administer prescribed medications including antibiotics, ear/eyedrops and creams provided a completed medication form is handed in, and we hold Calpol on site for mild illnesses.

### **STEM-Themed Holiday Skills Club**

Please find attached details of a STEM-focused holiday skills club for children aged 8-13 years at The Grange School Sports Centre. The club runs from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February; spaces are limited.

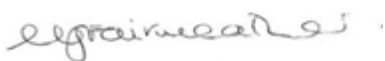
### **CWAC Parent and Carer Forum**

Please tap the link to read the latest Parent Carer Forum Newsletter from Cheshire West and Chester:

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

Warm regards,



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