



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
9th February 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

We've had yet another busy, rainy week at Hartford with lots going on as usual, and as we move towards half-term we still have lots planned. Please read on to see what we've been up to...

Young Voices

On Wednesday, our Young Voices choir went across to the AO Arena in Manchester to participate in Young Voices 2024. This massive event sees school choirs from all across the country joining together to sing as one to a packed-out arena! It was a very special experience for the children involved, who got to experience performing in the arena in a choir of over 9000 children.

A great night was had by both the children and their accompanying families; the children were particularly enamoured by Nandi Bushell, the incredible 13 year-old drummer who performed ferociously on the evening. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Ovenden, Miss Thompson, Mrs Walker, Mrs McCabe, Miss Lee and Mrs Hodgkinson for their hard work facilitating the event, and to all of our Young Voices singers for such a wonderful show. Thanks also to parents for all their positive feedback; it means a huge amount to us.

Year 3 Visit to Tatton Park

Also on Wednesday was our Year 3 visit to Tatton Park. The visit immersed the children in our History theme of *The Stone Age to the Iron Age* along with their English text 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. The children got to take on the role of a child back in the Stone Age, engaging in cooking outdoors, corn grinding, communicating, and shelter building. They also got to handle a range of replica artefacts recovered in archaeological digs during a hands-on workshop. It was an absolutely brilliant day and the children had a really great time; their behaviour was absolutely impeccable, as always. A huge thank you goes to the Year 3 team for their hard work in putting this visit together.

Year 4 Visit to The Deva Centre

On Thursday 15th February, Year 4 will be heading to Chester for their visit to The Deva Centre, as their Spring topic focuses on The Romans! The visit will enrich the children's knowledge of Ancient Roman customs, their way of life and what it was like to be in the Roman Army. It will also include first-hand evidence and a centre-led workshop (not available to the general public!) alongside a walking tour with a Roman Soldier. The children are very much looking forward to it; a huge thank you to the Year 4 team for putting the visit together.

Year 6 Visits to Tatton Park

Next Wednesday and Thursday the 14th and 15th of February, Year 6 will be heading over to Tatton Park to participate in a themed Victorian Day. 6LW will be visiting on Wednesday and 6VM on Thursday. Children will have the opportunity to tour the Mansion and see the contrast between the beautiful state rooms and the stark servants' quarters. They will experience life as a Victorian servant through several hands-on activities; the aim is to impress the Butler/Housekeeper in hope that they will be given a job to work as part of the servant team at Tatton Park, serving the home of the Egerton family. This immersive experience sounds truly exciting, and I know the children are very eager to take part.

Sporting Update: from Mr Cairns

On Monday 29th January, Owen, Seb, Kai, Eva, Amelia and Summer went to Hartford High School for the Year 5 and 6 hockey competition. All games were 4-a-side with no goalkeepers. The children played brilliantly, defending their area and attacking with skill, showing great teamwork. They won every game and will now go to the Vale Royal Partnership Final.

The indoor athletics team had already won their first competition and were representing Hartford at the Vale Royal Partnership Final. They ran relays, did the long jump, high jump and threw the javelin against Rudheath, Winsford High Street, Davenham, Cuddington and St Bede's. The standard was very high and the atmosphere was very supportive and loud! The team won the competition and will now go to the County Finals in March. A huge well done to all of the children who took part.

The Big Battery Hunt



We are pleased to announce we will be participating in this year's Big Battery Hunt. The BIG BATTERY HUNT is a nationwide recycling challenge, inspiring pupils to recycle and make a difference. Between now and Wednesday 12th June 2024 we will be collecting used AAA, AA, C and D batteries. Used batteries can be put in the Big Battery Bucket by the Year 2 classrooms. Please help us as there are prizes for the schools that collect the most!

Safer Internet Day

As part of Safer Internet Day this week, children have been learning about different aspects of internet safety. The NSPCC have also released advice for parents. Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. More information can be found by clicking on this link: <https://shorturl.at/EMS12>

Clubs

Due to the short length of this half-term, all clubs will run as normal next week, with the exception of Young Voices, which is now over. Please arrange to collect your children after their clubs as usual.

PTA Film Nights

Next week, the PTA are holding two film nights –

- Wednesday 14th Feb: Years 3 and 4 – the chosen film is *Leo* (PG), ending at 5.15pm;
- Thursday 15th Feb: Years 5 and 6 – the chosen film is *Peter Pan and Wendy* (PG), ending at 5.30pm.

The ticket price of £4 includes a snack and unlimited squash and water. Tickets are available via ParentPay and will be on sale until the end of today. If you are able to support the afternoon in any way, please contact the front office.

PTA Meeting

A reminder that our PTA are holding a meeting next Friday, 16th February, at 9am in Mrs Moore's Hall. All are welcome to attend after pick-up to discuss all that is happening here at Hartford Primary along with the PTA's plans for the future.

Chinese New Year Assemblies

This week, we had a visit from Lewis and Theresa from St. John's Church, who presented an assembly focused on the Chinese New Year of the Dragon. The children learned all about why the Chinese wear red at New Year in addition to other customs such as housekeeping, food, drink and household noise levels! It was a very interesting assembly and our children learned a lot from it; they were also keen to explore their own animals!

FACE Family Advice – Workshops

Please find attached information form FACE regarding a series of upcoming workshops for parents and carers, including a free workshop on screen time and addictive behaviour and an exclusive session on working with children struggling with depression.

End of Term

A reminder that this term ends on Friday 16th February, and we will be returning to school on Monday 26th February.

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

Warm regards,



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