



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

It's been a wonderful first week back after the short break – everybody has settled right back into their routines. Read on to see what we've been up to and what's coming up:

World Book Day 2023

This year's World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. To celebrate, we are inviting the children to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book, or in pyjamas for a bedtime story. Every year we have a stunning turnout and I'm sure this year will be no different – I am very much looking forward to the different costumes!

WBD Fancy Dress Swap

After the huge success last year, Cheshire West and Chester's libraries are again offering fancy dress swaps in good time for World Book Day and to help save money and the environment. All donated clothes must be clean, in good condition and suitable for primary school-aged children. Any items which are not claimed by World Book Day will be either donated to charity, kept for library use or sent for recycling. To read more and find out which libraries are taking part, tap here: <https://shorturl.at/enrB7>

Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank

Next Tuesday 5th March, Year 5 are visiting Jodrell Bank. The visit will start their learning from the science topic of 'Earth and Space' and their English topic using the texts 'The Darkest Dark' by astronaut, Chris Hadfield and our non-fiction guided reading text on The International Space Station. Whilst there, the children will take a guided tour of the Solar System and discover constellations in Jodrell Bank's Space Dome. The children will also have time to explore the numerous interactive exhibits available at the site, including learning how the Lovell Telescope views the Universe and about the live science taking place at this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Year 4 Swimming

Today, 4LO go over to Brio in Northwich for their first set of swimming lessons. These lessons are part of the curriculum and ensure that all the children have access to a pool and lessons in water safety. I know that the children always enjoy these lessons and 4LO have been very much looking forward to their time in the pool.

Science Week

A reminder that Science Week takes place w/c 11th March. More information is to follow but we are very much looking forward to this year's celebration of all things scientific!

Schools Gymnastics Competition

Yesterday, Mr Cairns and Mrs Lovatt took 16 children to Cheshire Gymnastics to compete in the Inter-Schools Gymnastic Competition. All gymnasts performed brilliantly and were impeccably behaved. Congratulations go to Max, Josh, Hattie, Amber and Gigi for winning Gold in their category! It was a fantastic morning and we are very, very proud of all of the competitors.

PTA Winner Bar Event

Our PTA-led Winner Bar event has been a super success! As mentioned last week, to celebrate World Book Day, the PTA are running a 'Winner Bar' event, selling chocolate bars (95g size) based on the bars featured in the Roald Dahl book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Just like in the book, some lucky children will find a golden ticket hidden inside their Winner Bar which means they have won a prize – with 15 prizes available, including vouchers from Climbing Hut, Odeon, UA Trampoline, Reaseheath Zoo and Wild Tots vouchers, five different gifts from Smiggle as well as some fantastic school-related prizes.

Winner Bars will be available to purchase on ParentPay until 3pm today and children will be able to come and choose their bar from the PTA stall at the end of school on 6th March. A small number of bars will also be available to purchase on the day, but we recommend you pre-pay to ensure you don't miss out. Please see attached poster for more info.

FACE Family Advice Sessions

FACE Family Advice Service are running two sessions for parents and carers next week. The sessions cost £24 each and are run by Lead Facilitator Jane Keyworth. The sessions are:

- Supporting Healthy Sleep: 5th March, 7-9pm – for parents and carers of children struggling to get a decent night's sleep
- Anxiety Explained: Thursday 7th March, 7-9pm – helping parents and carers of children with anxiety understand their needs and how to manage it

To book your place on either session, tap here: <https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/parents>

Spanish Storytelling at Northwich Library

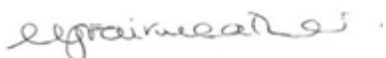
Northwich Library are running Spanish storytelling sessions aimed at pre-school children to help them learn very basic Spanish in a fun, informal environment with a native Spanish speaker. The next two dates are Friday 15th March, 11-11.30am and Friday 19th April, 11-11.30am at Northwich Library (Weaver Hall Museum).

Cantonese Storytime at Sandiway Library

Sandiway Library are also running a monthly Cantonese Storytime on the third Saturday of the month, 11am-12pm, involving storytelling in Cantonese followed by a craft activity. It's open to all, not just Cantonese speakers, and is a lovely social event to introduce young children to different cultures. Please see the attached poster for more details.

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

Warm regards,



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