



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

It's officially Spring! Whilst the weather hasn't always reflected it this week there's certainly been lots of signs of Springtime in and around school. Not least in Early Years, where the children have been thrilled to witness their chicks hatching over the last few days. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children and has created a lot of interest amongst the staff and older pupils.

Easter Church Visits

Year 1 visited St. John's Church last Friday for an Easter themed craft session and our Early Years children are there as I write this morning. I've heard lovely reports of how well behaved our Year 1 children were during their visit and I'm sure I'll hear the same when Early Years return later on today. Thank you to all our parent helpers for accompanying our staff on both these visits, your support is very much appreciated.

Next week is another busy one with lots happening across the school:

School Class Photographs – Monday 25th March

A reminder that Academy Photography will be in school on Monday to take class photographs of the children. Please refer to the communication sent yesterday for full details of how this will work for your child.

Year 2 Trip to Safety Central

2NB will be visiting Safety Central at Lymm this coming Monday followed by 2EC on Tuesday. The Year 2 current PSHE topic focuses on staying safe and this visit will provide the children with the opportunity to become safety stars! It will include activities based on fire safety, accidents at home, road and rail safety, healthy eating, and well-being.

Year 5 Visit to Hartford High School – Beauty and the Beast - Tuesday 26th March

Our Year 5 children have been invited to watch Hartford High School's production of Beauty and the Beast. The children will join the adventures of Belle, as she visits an enchanted castle and is confronted by the Beast. It promises to be a magical musical adventure and our children will be the very first audience for this performing arts showcase.

Early Years Stay and Play – Tuesday 26th March 2pm

Our Early Years parents are invited to join their children for another Stay and Play session next Tuesday afternoon.

Easter Themed School Lunch – Wednesday 27th March

A reminder that the school kitchen will be serving an Easter themed meal for the children on Wednesday 27th March, please see the menu sent with last week's newsletter.

Year 4 Tattenhall Residential Parents' Meeting – Wednesday 27th March 6pm

A reminder that our Year 4 parents and children are invited to attend a meeting led by Mrs Cade next Wednesday at 6pm regarding the upcoming Year 4 residential at Tattenhall.

Snap Trap Theatre Visit to Year 6 – Thursday 28th March

Next Thursday we are hosting a visit from a theatre company who will be performing 'The Snap Trap'. This is an interactive theatre show which helps children recognise the risks associated with online activity and the use of social media including apps such as: Snapchat, Instagram and WhatsApp.

We will hear real-life stories of young people and how their digital lives turned their lives upside-down. We will be sharing this experience with our fellow Year 6 pupils from across the schools in our Academy Trust.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

Football - On 15th March 10 very excited boys headed off to Liverpool FC Academy to take part in the North Final. The winners from every county in the North of England were there so the standard was high.

With Liverpool 1st team training in the distance, the boys started with a 0-0 draw followed by a win against the champions of Durham. Another win against the Cumbria team saw us in 2nd place and on course to make the semifinals. A loss in the 4th game meant it was all to play for going into the final set of games. The boys played their best match and won 3-1. Unfortunately, other results did not go their way and they finished 3rd in the group. They missed out on the semi-finals by one point. Tom, Lucas, Owen, Rafferty, Cooper, Max, Jacob, Isaac, Elliott, and Connor are the most successful team we have had at Hartford and should be very proud of their performances this season.

The Basketball County Final was played on Monday 18th March. It was a very physical contest with the ball being slapped and wrestled out of the children's hands at every opportunity. To prevent this, Hartford went back to playing a netball style game moving the ball very quickly around the court. Izzy, Bea, Olivia, Abbie, Max, and Lucas played very well on the day, winning four matches, and losing three. They missed out on the medals by one point but should be very happy with how they played.

The same children plus Tilly then headed off to Macclesfield to the Netball County Final on Wednesday. After a 5-4 loss to eventual winners Alderley Edge in the first game, they went on a 5-game winning streak. They worked well as a team and stuck to the tactics that had got them through the first two tournaments. A loss in the final match to Childer Thornton led to a tense wait to see where they would finish in the table. A joint-second place finish saw the children come home with well-deserved medals and big smiles on their faces.

PTA Update

As previously advertised the PTA will be holding their pre-loved uniform sale after school today near Mrs Moore's Hall. Cash and card donations are most welcome.

The PTA will also be holding an Easter Sweetie Sale after school next Monday 25th March, please see the attached poster. There will be £1 and £2 bags of pick and mix sweets on offer (including some vegetarian options). Cash, card and token* payments are all welcome (*some of you may have some orange tokens left over from the Christmas Wonderlights event which you are welcome to spend). The stall will be manned until after clubs are dismissed whilst stocks last.

Save the date – The PTA are pleased to announce that their Summer event will be held on Saturday 6th July – make a note in your diaries!

FACE Family Advice Sessions

Please find attached the March newsletter from FACE Family Advice Service and some information regarding upcoming training sessions about assisting parents with school refusal and addictive behaviour.

Also attached is a newsletter from the CWAC Parent Carer Forum for your information and details of how to access free Easter holiday clubs for those children in receipt of Free School Meals. (These items will be sent in a separate email.)

Please see below for information on a few local events that are coming up:

Robin Hood Spring Pantomime - Northwich Memorial Court Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March

Please see the flyer sent with last week's newsletter regarding an upcoming performance at Brio. We've been given a discount code to distribute to parents which entitles you to 25% discount. In order for parents to take up the offer you should use the code **ROBIN25** when booking tickets via www.brioentertainment.org

Northwich Comic Con – Saturday 20th April

Northwich Comic Con aims to give people the chance to meet different characters from popular tv and film franchises, purchase merchandise or pose for photos with the visiting characters and new prop backgrounds.

For all those budding superheroes, princesses, or villains there will be a cosplay (fancy dress) competition with prizes for the best outfit and the best part of all is that it is all absolutely free! Please see the attached poster.

Now Northwich – Saturday 27th April

Cheshire's **FREE** International Dance and Street Arts Festival for all the family, Now Northwich, is taking place on Saturday 27th April 2024. Performances start at 12pm and will run throughout the afternoon and evening. Shows and experiences will be spread out across Northwich town centre and Barons Quay. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

A reminder that we finish for Easter next Thursday 28th March, with after school clubs running as normal during the week, and we return to school on Monday 15th April.

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

Warm regards,



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