



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Welcome back to the final half term of the 2023/24 Academic Year, where does the time go? As usual this is an incredibly busy time in school and the calendar is looking very full. Our final residential visit takes place later this month with the Year 2 children visiting Burwardsley Outdoor Centre. Year 1 are off to Thurstaston Beach on 17<sup>th</sup> June, and Year 3 are off to Imagine That in Liverpool on 26<sup>th</sup> June. These are just a few of the trips we have planned. Of course, our Year 6 pupils have a whole host of exciting things planned including their visit to The Lion Salt Works on 27<sup>th</sup> June, their Leavers Production and end of year treats. More details on the full timetable of events will be provided to Year 6 parents soon.

Plans are also well underway to welcome on new Early Years 2024 children to school for their transition visits on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July. These will be the days when our current children will move up and spend the day with their new class teacher. Again, I'll be sharing details of our staffing arrangements for next year with you shortly.

The staff are currently busy writing the children's reports and I'm looking forward to reading these at the end of the month. They will be emailed to parents on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Sports Day 2024**

This afternoon is our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Good luck everyone! A reminder that KS2's Sports Day is as follows:

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)

Sports Day begins at 1.30pm on the school field. Children should come to school in their PE kit so that they are ready for the event. Any parents/carers who would like to attend must arrive at the front gate; no other entrance to the school will be open. The front gate will open at 1.20pm until 1.30pm, reopening at the end of Sports Day once the children are back in class. Collection at the end of the day will be from your child's classroom as normal. Our lovely PTA will be running a refreshment stall throughout the afternoon and are looking for parent volunteers to assist them with this. If you can help, please email them on [pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, our HPS dodgeball teams went to Hartford High School for a tournament. The Year 5/6 children had already taken part in a lunch time competition and the children from the winning team were selected to compete against other schools. Both teams played very well, using good tactics to work out the best way to be successful. The A team won the competition, and the B team came 5th.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, there were two cricket competitions at Winnington Cricket Club. In the morning the Y4 team played Diamond Cricket. They played six games across the morning, winning all six, with some amazing hitting, catching and teamwork.

In the afternoon, the Y5 and 6 teams played against Hartford Manor, Winnington Park, Whitegate, Barnton and Charles Darwin. The bowling by both teams was very impressive which led to the A team winning the competition and the B team finishing 3rd.

Well done to everyone who took part in these competitions. My next sporting events are Year 5/6 orienteering next Tuesday and The Jack Denton Swimming Gala on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June where I will be supporting a HPS team of 10 children who will be competing against other local schools.

### **Euro 2024/Olympics Week – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Mr Cairns will be running another one of his fabulous 'Celebration of Sport' weeks this year and it will take place between Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The theme this year is linked to the forthcoming Euro 2024 Football Competition and The Olympics. Each class will represent a different country and will also have a team colour (not necessarily linked to the country). The children can wear this colour on any day of the week but most importantly on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> for the Opening Ceremony and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> for our whole-school sports event. If children do not have a t-shirt this colour, we have bibs available for them to wear.

During the week, there will be an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony, lessons where children can compete against other classes, a whole-school sports event, a colouring competition and a chance to write to the football team or an athlete from their chosen country.

Children can score points for their class by eating fruit for their snack (from the fruit box in KS1 or by bringing it in) and taking part in sports events at lunch times run by the Y6 children.

On the Friday morning at the closing ceremony, one class will be crowned champions of the week and presented with a special trophy.

The classes, countries and colours are listed below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Colour</b>
EYMM	Poland	White
EYKR	Spain	Red
1CW	Belgium	Yellow
1JD	Croatia	Blue
2NB	Netherlands	Black
2EC	Italy	Green
3JO	Switzerland	Red
3MG	Denmark	Purple
4LO	Ukraine	Green
4MH	Portugal	Yellow
5ES	Germany	Black
5CW	Scotland	White
6VM	England	Pink
6LW	France	Blue

### **Year 6 Residential to The Conway Centre**

The Year 6 children were an absolute joy to take to Anglesey in the last week of last half term. Despite the weather they got stuck in to all their outdoor adventurous activities and worked really well as a team. Huge thanks to all the children for their determination, bravery and humour and to all the staff who accompanied me.

#### **Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall**

I'm pleased to report that our Year 4 children were equally amazing during their residential at The Tattenhall Centre. Mrs Cade informs me that a good time was had by all and she would like to thank all the staff who her accompanied her.

#### **Hartford Wealth Management Visit to Year 6**

On 21<sup>st</sup> May our Year 6 children spent the day with the team from Hartford Wealth. They learned about goal setting & budgeting, saving & investing and borrowing & lending. They were all given £500 to use throughout the session and could choose to put it into savings; spend it on games with the hope of making money rather than losing it; loan money between friends or choose to give some to 'Rich Ricky' and trust his deal to give them more money back. The children reported that they found the session useful and learnt a lot about money in a 'life-like' way. I'd like to thank Hartford Wealth for providing such an informative and valuable session for the children.

#### **Year 6 Visit to The Odiyana Buddhist Centre**

Yesterday our Year 6 children visited The Odiyana Buddhist Centre on Chester Road to support their current RE topic. They enjoyed a tour of the centre, a talk about Buddhism and took part in a short meditation session. Thank you to Mrs Wheeler and the Year 6 team for organising this visit and enabling this topic to be brought to life for the children.

#### **PTA Donut Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Thank you to those of you who have pre-ordered your donuts for collection on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Pre-ordering has now closed, and all pre-orders will be available to collect from the stall at 2.30pm on the day. We will also be selling a limited number of individual donuts on the day for £1 each.

#### **FACE Family Support Sessions & Autism Training Network Workshops**

Attached is the June newsletter from FACE Family Advice and also a flyer from the Autism Training Network regarding some workshops for parents.

#### **Gilberts Big Day Out Glowworm Festival Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Walton Hall & Gardens**

Please see the attached flyer for further information about this event. There is a discount code for families who wish to book which is Glowworm10. Tickets can be purchased from <http://tkts.me/tl/8njd>

A reminder that we have two Inset Days at the end of term and school closes to the children on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards



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