



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
14th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

We're already mid-June, although looking out of the window you wouldn't know it! It's been another busy week here at HPS with our Year 1 pupils taking part in their Phonics Screening Test and assessments taking place across the rest of school. Year 6 have started rehearsals for their leavers' play and I have to say that their singing is already sound brilliant.

PTA Donut Day – Friday 14th June

A reminder that all pre-ordered donuts will be available to collect from the PTA Donut stall from 2.30pm this afternoon. The PTA will also be selling a limited number of individual donuts for £1 each. The stall will be located at the front of school outside the office and will be open until the after school clubs finish or until stocks last, whichever comes first.

KS2 (Years 3-6) Sports Day 2024

We're pleased to confirm our rescheduled date for the KS2 Sports Day is **Friday 12th July**. Please see below for a reminder of how the afternoon will run. Please accept our apologies for the brief period of confusion yesterday regarding dates.

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

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On Tuesday 11th June, 5 teams from Hartford went to Hartford High School to take part in an orienteering competition. They had twenty minutes to travel round the area, finding as many control points as possible. They also had to ensure they were back to the start within twenty minutes or they faced a time penalty.

Lots of schools took part with over 50 individual teams over two days of competition. Our results are as follows:

Olivia D and Megan - 1st

William and Harry - 5th

Isla, Jess, and Ruby - 7th

Mercy, Faith, and Scarlett - 18th

Nell, Georgia, and Elsie - 19th

Congratulations everyone on your amazing performances.

Tomorrow I will be at The Jack Denton Swimming Gala at the Memorial Court where I will be supporting a HPS team of 10 children who will be competing against other local schools. Good luck everyone!

Next week as well the Euro 2024/Olympics week I have arranged for children from Years 3 – 6 to take part in the 'Town Sports' athletics competition on Monday at Hartford High School. Some Year 4 children will also be taking part in a tennis competition at Hartford Tennis Club.

Euro 2024/Olympics Week – Tuesday 18th June to Friday 21st June

A reminder that Mr Cairns will be running another one of his fabulous 'Celebration of Sport' weeks next week from Tuesday 18th June and Friday 21st June. Please see last week's newsletter for full details including class countries and colours.

Puddle Ducks Visit to Early Years, Year 1, and Year 2 – Tuesday 11th June

On Tuesday, this week our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children were invited to an interactive assembly with the staff from Puddle Ducks including Puddle the duck! The children learned all about how to keep safe near water, the meanings of the different types of beach warning flags and basic floating techniques. The children's engagement was fantastic, and of course they thoroughly enjoyed meeting Puddle!

Year 1 Visit to Thurstaston Beach – Monday 17th June

Next Monday our Year 1 children will be spending the day at the beach. The day will be led by The Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the visit will link with the children's current topic 'The Wave of Change,' which is all about the seaside. The children will learn about the key physical and human features at the seaside and will also participate in fun activities such as scavenger hunts and making sand sculptures.

Year 5 Visit to St. John's Church for The 'Big Sing' – Monday 17th June

Year 5 have been invited by Hartford High School to join them and other local Primary Schools in a joint musical venture, the 'Big Sing' next Monday. The children will be singing some very popular modern songs including 'Happy' by Pharell Williams and will be accompanied by the High School's orchestra.

Smartphones and Your Child – School Spider Survey

Yesterday Mrs Cade sent a communication regarding a survey that she's running via School Spider about Smartphones and your child/children. We'd be very grateful if you could take the time to complete this. The survey will be available until 4pm on Friday 28th June.

A Request for Help from Mrs Rowland, Early Years Lead

As you all know instilling a love for books and reading at an early age is really important to us here at Hartford. To promote our love of books we would like to gift our new starters at Hartford a story book to share with their families. Our welcome evening for our Early Years 2024 parents is taking place next week, so if you have any nearly new picture books you would like to donate to our collection, please send them into school on Monday.

We will then add a welcome message to each book and ensure each of new families chooses a book to take away to share with their 'new starter'. Many thanks for your support, Mrs Rowland.

Rings, Wings and Spindle Whorls - Saturday 22 June at 11am - Lion Salt Works, CW9 6ES

Northwich-born TV broadcaster, Mary-Ann Ochota, and storyteller, Jason Buck, will be presenting a FREE history-based family show at the Lion Salt Works on Saturday 22nd June. They will be telling stories inspired by historical artefacts from the Iron Age to World War 2. The show is suitable for children aged 8 plus. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Salty STEM Saturday Club - Lion Salt Works

Please see the attached flyer for more details about a STEM club being held at The Lion Salt Works on Saturdays from 29th June.

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Spanish Storytelling at Northwich Library

These sessions are aimed at pre-school children to help them learn very basic Spanish in a fun, informal environment with a native Spanish speaker. The sessions are at a time when children are in school, but it may be of interest to our families with younger siblings. The next three dates are **Friday 14 June, Friday 13 September and Friday 11 October, 11-11.30am** at Northwich Library (Weaver Hall Museum [Northwich Library | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)) Please see the attached flyer for further information.

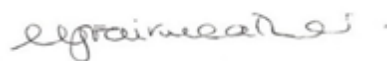
There are also monthly **Cantonese Storytime sessions** running at [Sandiway Library](#) on the third Saturday of the month, 11am-12pm which involves storytelling in Cantonese followed by a craft activity. It's open to all, not just Cantonese speakers and is a lovely social event to introduce young children to different cultures. The next session is Saturday 15th June.

FACE Family Support Sessions

Attached is a flyer regarding some online training about supporting a child with ADHD which may be of interest to you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards



Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher