



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Wow, what a week! We have a bumper 4-page edition of our newsletter this week, which demonstrates the amount of activities we have in school at the moment. We come to the end of the Euros/Olympic Sports week, which has seen school become a hive of sporting and healthy eating activity. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Cairns for organising all of the activities the children have enjoyed this week.

We held our first Parents Welcome Meeting for children starting with us in Early Years in September on Wednesday evening. We can't wait to welcome these families to our school. A huge thank you to Mrs Rowland, our EY Lead and the PTA.

2024-25 – Staffing Update

I am now in the position to share our teacher staffing arrangements for September with only one exception as we are still recruiting in Year 3.

The staffing for Years 1 – 6 for the academic year 2024-25 will be as follows:

Current Class	Moving to ...	New Class and Teacher
EYMM	>	1JD: Mrs Dodd
EYKR	>	1CW: Mrs Clinkard and Mrs Williams
1CW	>	2NB: Mrs Birtwistle
1JD	>	2EC: Miss Crouch
2EC	>	TBA – Currently Recruiting
2NB	>	3GC: Mrs Glendenning (formerly Miss Mullins) and Mrs Cade
3JO	>	4JO: Mrs Oldfield
3MG	>	4MH: Mr Harris
4LO	>	5CW: Mrs Chapman and Miss Wheeler
4MH	>	5ES: Miss Shepherd
5CW	>	6LW: Miss Lee and Mrs Wheeler
5ES	>	6LO: Mrs Ovenden

Mrs Gatiss, Miss Miller and Miss Marsh will sadly be leaving our teaching team at the end of this academic year and are moving on to pastures new. I will write much more about these lovely members of staff in a less busy newsletter towards the end of term.

Transition Days

As mentioned in the newsletter on 7th June we'll be holding our transition days for the children in Early Years to Year 5 on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July. During these days, the children will be able to meet their new teacher, see their new classroom and get a taste of what life will be like for them next year. It is our intention that we will have recruited our new Year 3 teacher in time for them to attend our Transition days.

Year 6 have their own scheduled transition days at their secondary school which all parents and carers are already aware of.



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PTA Update:

DONUT Day - Thank you once again to our wonderful PTA and to our families for supporting the recent Donut Day. The event raised £415 for school.

Summer Social Event – Saturday 6th July 2024: all families received an email earlier today with more details about the day. Our PTA need help on the day, so please email them pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you can spare some time, thank you.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

Olympic and Euro 2024 Week - The warm weather finally arrived just in time for this special week. We started on Tuesday with our opening ceremony where all the children came to the field singing, dancing and waving their flags. We then went into PE lessons where classes competed against each other in many sports including football, dodgeball, dance and gymnastics. On Thursday we had our first ever whole-school sports day which was amazing. Hundreds of points were scored and everyone was able to cheer for their siblings and friends. Children also scored points for eating a healthy snack and taking part in lunchtime activities, the Golden Mile and brain breaks.

At the closing ceremony on Friday, prizes were given out for the best colouring in each year group as well as those children who had shown our school values during the week.

After all the points had been added up, 3JO were crowned champions!

Thank you to all the children staff and parents who supported this week and helped to celebrate PE and sport at Hartford Primary School.

Tennis - On Wednesday 19th June, the Y4 tennis team went to Hartford Tennis Club. They played schools including Hartford Manor, Winnington Park and Charles Darwin. The beautiful weather made for a fantastic tournament. The children won every match which made the final Hartford Primary A v Hartford Primary B. The B team won in a very close match. Well done to Sarah, Esme, Erin, Emily, Nico, Arlo, Freddie and Finlay.

Town Sports - On Monday afternoon, 42 children travelled to Hartford High School for Town Sports. This is an Olympic style event where every child takes part in one event. These include shot putt, howler throw, long jump, sprint, hurdles and the relay. The children performed amazingly well and won the event.

Swimming - On Saturday 15th June, children and parents gave up their Saturday afternoon to attend the Northwich Centurions Swimming Gala. There were some amazing races in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. The relays were all close and exciting and the children loved cheering each other on. The team came in 4th overall and should be very proud.

Year 2 Burwardsley Residential Visit

Our Year 2 classes are off on their residential visit to Burwardsley next week. 2NB are going on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June, with 2EC arriving on Tuesday 25th June and staying until Wednesday 26th June. The children will have two full days of activities led by staff from the Outdoor Centre. Let's hope this lovely sunshine continues for them! I'd like to thank Mrs Birtwistle, Miss Crouch the Year 2 and office team for organising this fabulous opportunity for the children.

Year 3 Visit to Imagine That – Wednesday 26th June

A visit has been arranged for the Year 3 children to spend the day at "Imagine That" in Liverpool on Wednesday 26th June. Their Summer science topic focuses on plants and light. The visit will enrich the children's knowledge, curiosity and working scientifically skills as we spend the day in the centre with a range of hands-on experiments and resources to explore. The day also includes a slime making workshop, dry ice science show and magnet making along with a range of other science experiments.

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Year 6 Visit to The Lion Salt Works – Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June

Our Year 6 children will be attending a two-day performing arts project next week. This is a collaboration between West Cheshire Museums, Lion Salt Works and Much Ado Workshops. The two-day project will allow the children to develop not only a deeper understanding of life as a Salt Worker or a family member but also to improve their self-confidence through performance and group work. The children will have the opportunity to learn about life at the Salt Works and participate in performance-based activities. They will work in groups to devise their own performances to involve drama, movement and sound, which will be performed in locations around the Lion Salt Works site. The children will also take a full tour of the Museum. I'm sure you'll agree that this is yet another fabulous opportunity for our Year 6 children.

Early Years Story Tent - Friday 28th June

Our Early Years children have been given the opportunity to take part in a Story Tents literacy session on Friday 28th June. The company 'Story Tents' are going to be visiting us and bringing some of our favourite stories to life with their interactive sessions! This is to link to the children's learning about superheroes in English as we are reading and exploring the book 'Supertato'. The children will spend about an hour with our visitors and fully embrace the themed text and immersive play activities that go along with that.

Gardening Club Visits

The gardening club have been on a recent trip to two exciting trips over the last two weeks. Visiting Marbury Hall Nurseries last week to use their plant knowledge to buy new plants for our school garden. Thank you to the PTA for funding the purchase of the plants. Yesterday, Hartford Allotment Association welcomed the gardening club to have a look around their amazing allotments. The pupils learnt about how the space is used to grow a variety of fruit and vegetables. Going on a hunt around the area to identify equipment used at the allotments. Coming back to school with generous donations from the allotment holders of strawberries, tomato and courgette plants to grow in the school grounds.

Year 1 Visit to Thurstaston Beach – Monday 17th June

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Thurstaston Beach on Monday in the sunshine to enrich both our Geography and Science curriculum. The day was run by Cheshire Wildlife Trust and we took part in a range of activities to help us to learn more about coastal habitats and the animals that live there. First we took part in 'mud dipping' where we searched for different creatures that live on the beach. Our next activity was a scavenger hunt where we found cockle shells and even a 'mermaid's purse'! We learnt it is important to take our rubbish home so we can protect our wildlife and that an estuary is where a river meets the sea. It was such a clear day that we were able to see Wales in the distance. Finally we had time for a little play and made some amazing sand sculptures! A huge thanks to the wonderful parent helpers who came with us to help make our visit a big success.

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

Year 5 had a wonderful time on Monday afternoon at St John's Church where they took part in the Hartford Big Sing organised by Hartford High School. The children took their ukuleles and performed a beautiful rendition of 'Let It Be' by The Beatles! They also sang 'Living On A Prayer' by Bon Jovi and sounded so great that the audience just couldn't resist joining in! We also listened to some fantastic performances from some of the high school students* and from other local primary schools who had joined us! Another excellent representation of the talent our children have, well done year 5!

Young Engineers – 19th June

This year Hartford Primary invited Engineering Manager, Johnny Hickey from Ansaldo Nuclear to the school to introduce the national, "If you were an Engineer" competition. 276 children participated in an interactive unit of work where they identified a problem that affected either them, their family or the world as a whole and were challenged to design a solution.

All entries were marked by professional engineers and received a graded response. Hartford Primary are very proud to announce that five exceptional pupils were invited to Edge Hill University on Wednesday evening to

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receive awards for their entries; Heidi (Year 1), Jesse (Year 1) and Bea (Year 6) were our highly commended pupils and were presented with a framed certificate and badge. The winners, Leonora (Year 1) and Olivia (Year 3) received a trophy, certificate, and badge. Their designs included an extendable shoe, book machine, a machine to help poorly people, a danger alarm and glasses to aid those who are colour-blind.

As a school, we are delighted that these entrepreneurs have been recognised on a national level and want to congratulate all of the children who took part. We are very proud of you all!

Smartphones and Your Child – School Spider Survey

Thank you to those parents who've already taken the time to complete our current survey on School Spider about Smartphones and your child/children. The survey will be available until 4pm on Friday 28th June and we'd like to encourage all parents to complete this.

Recycling scheme to raise money for the PTA

We are taking part in a new recycling scheme to raise money for the PTA. We are accepting:

- All brands of (rigid) **plastic food storage containers and lids.**
- All brands of reusable **plastic water bottles and caps.**

Please send any items to 2EC. The more we collect the more money we raise! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Performing Stars Holiday Club – Wednesday 24th July

Much Ado Workshops are running another of their holiday clubs this Summer. This will be a high energy day of performing arts games and activities to support the development of performance skills and self-confidence. Anyone interested can email them on info@muchadoworkshops.co.uk Please see the attached flyer for further information.

ONthepitch – Football Summer Holiday Camps

Our after school football club provider, "ONthepitch Coaching" will be running football summer holiday camps for KS2 children, here at Harford Primary School. To book onto these sessions, [please click on this link](#)

FACE Family Support Sessions

Please see the attached flyers for two online training sessions taking place in July about the Teen Brain and Addictive Behaviour which may be of interest to you.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher