



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Another extremely busy week here at HPS and for the most part we've been bathed in sunshine! We held our second Parents Welcome Meeting for children starting with us in Early Years in September last night as well as an informal Come and Play session for prospective Early Years 2025 children and their parents. Again, a huge thank you to Mrs Rowland, our EY Lead for hosting these events and to the PTA for their support.

We've also had residential, trips and sporting events aplenty, read on to see what's been happening:

Year 2 Burwardsley Residential Visit

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Burwardsley Outdoor Centre this week. The weather was amazing, and we enjoyed lots of outdoor activities. The children took part in a variety of team building games, went for a lovely walk in the countryside, built dens and went pond dipping. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves, especially during the water games which gave us a much needed cool down! I'd like to thank Mrs Cade for accompanying both classes. Thanks also to Mrs Birtwistle, Miss Crouch and the Year 2 team for all their hard work.

Year 3 Visit to Imagine That – Wednesday 26th June

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time at Imagine That in Liverpool this Wednesday. They spent the day taking part in a wide range of science experiments linked with their current topic of plants and light. The children also enjoyed a slime making workshop, dry ice science show and magnet making. The journey home turned out to be more eventful than planned with an unfortunate mechanical issue with the coach. I'd like to thank the children for their impeccable behaviour whilst waiting for a replacement coach, they really took the whole thing in their stride! Thank you also to Miss Mullins and the Year 3 team for their management of the situation and of course to our Year 3 parents for bearing with us on a very hot afternoon.

Early Years Story Tent - Friday 28th June

Unfortunately, the Story Tent team have had to postpone this event due to unforeseen circumstances. We've rearranged the visit for the afternoon of 15th July.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On Monday 24th June, ten Year 1 children went to Hartford High School for a multi skills event. They completed ten activities including shuttle runs and long jump. The children had a great time and improved their own personal bests throughout the afternoon.

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 cricket team went to the Partnership Final. They played in lovely weather against St. Joseph's, Cuddington and Wincham, winning every game and qualifying for the County Final. This will be at Warrington Cricket Club on July 16th. Well done everyone!

The final football match of the year was played on our pitch on Wednesday against St. Joseph's. The team in the first half played very well with some excellent passing and solid defending. The score at half time was 3-1 to St. Joseph's. A completely new team came on for the second half and continued the great play. They staged a brilliant comeback and won 5-4. The team have now won the Northwich Mini League 1st Division. Well done to everyone who played.

Friday saw the Year 3/4 and Y5 tag rugby teams go to Moss Farm for a Rugby Megafest. This involved skills sessions with a coach from Northwich Rugby Club and matches against Kingsmead and Winnington Park. The children all had a wonderful time and performed so well. They improved throughout the morning and by the end of the session the quality of rugby was very high.



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Transition Days

A reminder that 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.

Due to transition, the classes who normally have PE with Mr Cairns and Spanish on a Wednesday will now be taught on Monday 1st July. Therefore, if your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 please send them into school wearing their PE kit on Monday.

Please note Year 6 pupils who are on their High School transition visits next week should go directly to their High School on the relevant days and not attend HPS for registration purposes.

PTA Summer Social Event Raffle Prize Donations

The PTA would be very grateful for donations for their raffle at the Summer Social Event on Saturday 6th July. If you have any unwanted gifts at home which would make a suitable raffle prize, please drop them off at the school office. Many thanks for your support.

Early Years Bouquet Request

The Early Years mud kitchen can get a little dull at times and needs some colour adding, if you have a bouquet of flowers ready for the green bin, please think of us and send it into school. You would be amazed how much fun our children will get out of adding some flowers to their mud pies and potions. Many thanks, Mrs Rowland.



Parent Carer Forum Information Flyer

Information about CWAC's Parent Carer Forum is attached, this may be of interest to our families with children who have Special Educational Needs.

Summer Reading Challenge

Cheshire West and Chester Council have been in touch with information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Challenge (4- to 12-year-olds) and Mini Challenge (Under 4s) are entirely free. Children are given a collector's pack for starting and stickers every time they read two books. After reading six books, they are given a certificate and a medal. Any books qualify, from the library or not, and can be in print, digital, or audio form.

In addition, there are lots of free events, including favourites like animal handling and fun science but also face-painting and even, in one library, a planetarium. These events can be previewed at [Library events | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#). They also have special offers from partners such as Hayrack Church Farm (free child entry), Climbing Hut, and Sick to Death as well as a prize draw for completers including toys and free tickets to Bewilderwood, Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre and Sick to Death.



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Children can join the Challenge from "Start Up Saturday" 6 July at their local library or via <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read> and can, from that date, book events for the first half of the holidays then all the rest of the events can be booked from Saturday 27 July. The Challenge ends on Sunday 1 September.

Brio Leisure Junior Swim Pass

Please see the attached flyer from Brio Leisure regarding an offer for a junior swim pass over the Summer holidays.

Cheshire West and Chester Holiday Activities with Food for Children with Special Educational Needs

Cheshire West and Chester Council are running holiday activities throughout the Summer for children with Special Educational Needs. The sessions are designed to be free for those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals but there is also an opportunity to pay for places if your child doesn't receive Free School Meals. Attached is their brochure for your information.

Netball World Summer Netball Camp

Please see the attached flyer for details of Netball Camps which are taking place over the Summer holidays.

Cheshire Cricket Board Summer Cricket Courses

For those cricketers amongst you, Cheshire Cricket Board have asked us to share details of their Summer Holiday Programme. There are a number of courses running in the local area, including Oulton Part CC, Davenham CC, Kingsley CC and Northwich CC. For a full list of dates and venues, please [click here](#). A flyer is also attached.

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 today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher