



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th July 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

We've just two weeks left of this academic year and school is as busy as ever. Our transition days took place this week and we've welcomed our new Early Years 2024 children, some new children across the school and our current children have met their new teachers for next year. As always this has been a great success and really helps to settle any nerves the children may have ahead of next year.

As part of transition, I was very pleased to formally welcome Miss Eyre to the Hartford teaching team, I know our current 2EC children enjoyed getting to know her this week. We've missed our Year 6 children whilst they've been at their various High Schools this week but we're sure that this has been a valuable experience for them and that they are now one step closer to being High School ready!

Looking ahead at the calendar we've got lots to look forward to before we break up on Friday 19th July, read on to find out what's going on:

Our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', polishing their acting and singing skills ahead of their performances next Wednesday and Thursday. The children also have a number of 'Leavers' treats to look forward to over the coming weeks, including a special Leavers Lunch, Bubble Football and a trip to Warrington Ten Pin Bowling. The latter being the final trip of this academic year.

PTA Summer Social – Saturday 6th July 11am – 2pm

Further to our communication yesterday I'm pleased to confirm that we're going ahead with our PTA Summer Social Event tomorrow despite a slightly inclement forecast. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, which promises to be lots of fun for the children.

The bar will be alcohol free this year as unfortunately the PTA have been unable to secure a license in time despite applying twice. Please support us with this and do not bring your own alcohol as this will risk the event being closed down should we be inspected.

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

Our penultimate school trip of the year saw our Year 6 children visit The Lion Salt Works last week for a two-day performing arts project. The children initially had a guided tour around the museum before creating short scenes depicting the life of workers and the community at the Salt Works. They then performed these to multiple groups of parents who joined them for the second afternoon. I'm sure this experience has put them in good stead for their performances next week.

Year 10 High School Pupils – Work Experience

We're welcoming a number Year 10 Hartford High school pupils to school next week for their work experience, many of which are ex Hartford pupils, so you might see a few familiar faces around school!

Selection for Hartford Primary Sports Events

Mr Cairns has asked me to include the following information regarding sport and team selection here at HPS:

Hartford Primary School enter a range of sporting events run by Vale Royal School Sport Partnership. We enter the most competitions of any school in the area and are the only school who send a specialist PE teacher with the children to ensure they know the rules and have worked on their skills before to ensure they are confident to take part.

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Early Years children do not attend sports competitions outside school. They join in at sports day and have regular PE lessons.

Years 1 and 2 have regular PE lessons with their teacher and also Mr Cairns, our specialist PE teacher. They take part in competitions within school during events like Olympic Week. Children can attend after-school clubs where they may be some competitive elements. A few children attend Hartford High School for a Multi-Skills event. Ten Y1 children attended this year due to a clash with the Y2 residential. The focus in these years is on developing fundamental movement skills.

Years 3 and 4 have regular PE lessons with their teacher and also Mr Cairns. Their lessons contain more competition within classes and against other classes. After-school clubs will regularly contain competition such as mini-tournaments at football club. These year groups have a few more competitions ranging from football through to gymnastics but there are not enough to guarantee every child attends one. These competitions are split into three categories - Aspire, Inspire and Celebrate. They are aimed at children at different stages of their development. If they are aimed at the most advanced children, Mr Cairns will work with children in PE lessons and pick those who are ready to play at that level. Children in this age group further develop their skills and start to apply them to different sports.

Year 5 and 6 children have the same offer, but more competitions are entered as the majority of children are now ready for the experience of attending the high school and competing against other schools. Every child in Year 5 and 6 is offered the chance to represent Hartford Primary School at a sports competition. Some competitions in this age group have a pathway which involves a local Cluster Competition, a Vale Royal Partnership Final and the County Final. If this is the case, Mr. Cairns will play this sport in PE and pick the most able children. This ensures that the children who attend are at the correct level for that competition. We have qualified for the County Final in every sport possible this year and are one of the most successful schools in the area.

Children throughout the school also take part in lunchtime competitions run by the Year 6 children.

Unfortunately, Mr. Cairns is unable to inform every parent of the reasons their child was not picked for a particular sporting event. I hope the information above helps to answer any questions parents may have.

Playground Games

I'm sure you'll agree with me that our new playground games look fabulous! A huge thank you to our PTA for their support with this project which took place as a result of some parent feedback. The PTA have already received further feedback from one of our parents "It feels so lovely that the feedback was listened to and actioned on as well. You guys really do do an amazing job in the PTA. It's wonderful how much you put into it and help the kids!!" All I can say is hear hear!

Following on from this I would like to appeal to parents for their support in helping to maintain our fabulous outdoor space and play equipment. Unfortunately, we've noticed that children are being allowed to access the Forest School area, tyres, willow arch and new trim trail after school unsupervised and that this is resulting in equipment and school property being damaged. When collecting your child at the end of the school day please keep them with you until you leave the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

Early Years and Year 7 Admissions September 2025

Please find attached information regarding the admissions process for Early Years and Year 7 2025. The applications process opens on 1st September 2024.

Bag2School Collection – Tuesday 16th July

The PTA have organized a Bag2School collection to help raise funds for school. Collection will take place on Tuesday 16th July and more information will be sent home next week. Donations of old clothes should be left



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under the window of the office on Tuesday 16th July before 9am. Please do not leave anything before the day as we do not have the capacity to store bags in school.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that our after school clubs for this half term finish this week. Please collect your child at the end of the school day as normal for the remainder of the term.

Summer Holiday Activities at The Lion Salt Works and Weaver Hall Museum

Please see the attached leaflets for information about activities taking place locally over the Summer holidays.

Cuddington and Sandiway Football Club

The club are looking to recruit girls for their U8 team next season, please see the attached flyer for more information.

FACE Family Support Sessions

Attached is the Summer timetable for the FACE Family Advice Sessions.

I hope to see lots of you at our Summer Social tomorrow.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher