



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
19th July 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Just like that we're at the end of another academic year! The sun is shining as I write this, let's hope it continues to show its face in the weeks ahead!

The last week of term has been as busy as ever across the school but especially in Year 6 where the children have enjoyed treats including bowling yesterday, their leavers' lunch and rather damp Bubble Football sessions on Tuesday – although the weather didn't dampen their spirits! Final rehearsals are underway this morning for what promises to be a very special Leavers' Assembly this afternoon. Thanks to Year 6 staff for treating the children to a visit from the ice cream van on Monday – this was a lovely surprise for them.

Year 6 Leavers

Our gorgeous Year 6 Leavers will be very much missed in September, despite them all being ready for Year 7 and beyond. They have been a truly fabulous cohort, and I would like to thank each and every one of them for everything they have contributed to life here at HPS.

Staff Leavers

As you're aware we have a number of staff sadly leaving us today and I thank them all for their commitment and dedication to life here at Hartford Primary. Each of them have contributed a huge amount to ensuring a safe and happy learning environment for the children and I wish them all luck in their new ventures. Thanks to Miss Miller (6VM), Mrs Wishart-Terry (2NB), Miss Marsh (EYMM), Mrs Gatiss (3MG and Spanish Lead), Mrs Richardson (Early Years), Mrs Hoile, Mrs Hughes, Mrs McCabe, Mrs Kirwin and Miss Voce.

Thanks to all our staff, teachers, teaching assistants, our wonderful admin team, Mr Matt and Mr James, our midday team, the kitchen team and our cleaning team for all their hard work over the past academic year.

Letter from Katherine Ottewell – Chair of our Local Academy Board of Governors

I have pleasure in attaching a letter from Katherine, the Chair of our Local Academy Board of Governors, for your attention. Katherine works closely with myself and our other Parent Governors on our Local Academy Board, to ensure we provide the very best possible outcomes for your children, and she's asked me to share her letter with you all. Thank you, Katherine, for all your support over the last academic year.

PTA News – An Update from the PTA

A quick update on our refreshments stall for sports days and Year 6 performances - we made a huge £774. PTA would like to say a big thank you to Delamere Field Archers for their very generous donation of chocolate, crisps and drinks for us to sell at these events.

Overall, it has been a great year for the PTA, we have continued to try and organise fun and engaging events for our families to enjoy and wanted to say a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers and teaching staff for helping out and making these possible. We also want to thank everyone who has attended an event and contributed to our fundraising, which allows us to fund projects both big and small to support our school and ensure that our children have great opportunities whilst in school. We have put together a quick summary (please see attached) of what we have raised and what we have funded for school during this year as you may not be aware of all of the things that the PTA contribute to and how much support we give to school.

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Save the date: Our PTA AGM will be held in school on Wednesday 2nd October at 6pm, all welcome.

KS2 Sports Day

I'm so pleased that we managed to go ahead with the KS2 Sports Day last Friday despite the weather. Thank you to all those parents who came along to support their children, it was a great event and I know the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The winners were 4LO, congratulations to them! As always, a huge thank you to Mr Cairns for his seamless organisation.

In case you're stuck for ideas of something to do with your children over the break I've attached some flyers of activities that are going on locally. Please see below for more information:

Summer Reading Challenge

Over 1500 children have already joined up to the Summer Reading Challenge in the borough, but in case you've missed it previously here is a link to a YouTube video about the challenge and I've also attached a flyer: [Summer Reading Challenge 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

There are also lots of events being run at libraries locally so look out for details of these at the library nearest to you.

Oakmere Cricket Club – Summer Sessions for Girls Aged 8-11 – 20th & 21st August

Please see the attached flyer for further details of these sessions.

Wirral Arts Academy August Camps

Please see the attached flyer for a number of creative art camps being held by Wirral Arts Academy at Little Neston.

Primrose Hill Nurseries, High Legh – Fruit Festival – 24th – 26th August

Primrose Hill Nurseries are holding a free event educational event in the summer holidays aimed at families and children. There will be a Family Fun Fair, BBQ, live music, market stalls, children's entertainment, fruit and plant tree demonstrations plus lots more. I have attached a leaflet with further information about the event.

Finally, a reminder that **Monday 2nd September is an Inset Day** and **school reopens to the children on Tuesday 3rd September**. Remember our new registration timings, and the gates will be open from 8.45am-8.55am.

Have a lovely Summer!

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather
Headteacher