



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

The weather is certainly sending us some challenges this week! I'd like to thank our site team for their hard work clearing the snow to make the site accessible and involved a very early start for Mr Matt on Tuesday.

#### **KS2 Theatre Trip – The Three Musketeers**

Yesterday's trip to The New Vic Theatre was another great success, with the children and staff enjoying a memorable performance of The Three Musketeers. I'd like to thank Mr Harris for all the time and effort he's put into organising, what is, our largest trip of the year. I'd also like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers who accompanied the children. I believe the children were all absolutely buzzing after the performance and that they were a credit to school whilst at the theatre.

#### **Year 1 Visit to Reaseheath Mini Zoo – 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 1 enjoyed their visits to Reaseheath Mini Zoo on Monday and Wednesday this week, with Mrs Dodd's class facing slightly more challenging conditions. The children had a fabulous time learning all about the animals there.

#### **Year 2 – Wings and Things Visitor – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

To support the children's learning around 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark' Year 2 welcomed some visitors of a feathered nature this Wednesday. Each class learnt lots of interesting facts about owls and other birds of prey. They met several different species including a Little Owl and a Barn Owl.

#### **A Sporting Update From Mr Cairns**

Unfortunately, the Year 5 and girls football team's trip to Crewe was cancelled on Tuesday due to the weather. I'm hoping that this will be rescheduled.

Today, I'm taking a mixed Year 6 team to a Boccia and New Age Kurling competition at St. Nicholas' High School and another Year 6 mixed team to Hartford High School to play in a Basketball competition. I'll let you know how we got on next week!

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

There's lots going on over the next few weeks, please make a note of those dates relevant to you:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Early Years Visit to St. John's Hartford – Christmas Craft Activities

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Hindu Visitor to see Early Years and Year 3

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Elf Run in aid of St. Luke's Hospice

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Early Years Stay and Pick Up 2pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Ice Cream Farm Visit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Winter Wonder Lights Event – 5pm – 7.30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and 5 Christmas Celebration at St. John's Church 2pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 and 6 Christmas Celebration at St. John's Church 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Christmas Nativity 2pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Elfridges PTA Christmas Gift Event

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years and KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Party

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## **Early Years Visit to St. John's Hartford – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

On Monday, our Early Years pupils will be visiting St John's Church in Hartford. They will be listening to stories and taking part in a Christmas craft activity.

## **Hindu Visitor Early Years and Year 3**

We will be welcoming a visitor of Hindu faith to school on Thursday next week as part of our Religious Education curriculum. They will be spending time with our Early Years and Year 3 children.

## **Elf Run in aid of St. Luke's Hospice – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that the children will be taking part in an 'Elf Run' in aid of St. Luke's Hospice on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those children who've already brought in their sponsorship envelopes. We suggest a donation of £1 for taking part but if you can raise more sponsorship, it would be much appreciated. Please return any outstanding envelopes on 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Young Voices Choir Performance - Hartford Village Christmas Fayre - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Our Young Voices School Choir will be singing in the village hall at 11am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November as part of the village's Christmas Fayre. We have a selection of Christmas carols that will start the festivities off very well. Please come and support us, we would love to see you! - Mrs Dodd and Mrs Oldfield.

## **Nasal Flu Programme – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder to provide your consent for your child to be vaccinated by noon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Our school cook, Karen, will be serving Christmas Dinner to the children and staff on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please see the attached menu. We hope your child will join in with the festivities.

## **PTA News**

### **Silly Sticks Challenge Results**

It was amazing to see the hundreds of entries to our Silly Sticks Challenge to celebrate World Children's Day - the standard was amazing!! There were so many different ideas, a great buzz about the classes and all were fantastic to see!! It was really hard for a team from school and the PTA to select winners - we also selected more than one from most year groups in the end as it was so difficult! However, we eventually managed to decide and handed out prizes on Monday to the winners - so congratulations, and please see attached for pictures and names - but well done to all!!

### **Winter Wonderland Tickets**

Just a reminder that parents can buy early bird tickets to our Winter Wonderland planned for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at £5 each until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November on Parent Pay. It promises to be another amazing night with market stalls, games, food and a child friendly (no big bang) fireworks display along with much more! Tickets will be available on the night as well but you will save £2 per adult pre-ordering and it allows us to plan the numbers more easily. Please note that pre-ordered tickets are non-refundable.

### **The PTA Annual Christmas Raffle**

Please don't forget about the raffle tickets that were sent home last week, there are some fabulous prizes to be won. Our sponsors "Euro Camp" has donated the star prize of a **7-night family holiday** and we also have **42** other prizes. Each book contains 5 tickets, each ticket cost's £1 and additional books can be collected from the school office (total cost per book is £5).

Once sold please seal completed stubs and money in an envelope and return to the school office by Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to be entered into the draw which will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Elfridges!**

Please don't miss out on the fabulous gifts that the PTA have been able to source for the children to give their loved ones for Christmas. You can pre order male/female gifts on Parent Pay and the children will choose on Monday

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16 December. There will be a range of gifts available for children to select from which will all come home on the day pre-wrapped so not to spoil any surprises!

**Hartford Christmas Light Up on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Event Cancelled**

Unfortunately, the Christmas Light Up event has been cancelled due to bad weather. Reluctantly, Hartford Parish Council has decided to cancel the event on Health & Safety grounds. They look forward to seeing you at another of their social events soon. See their calendar: <https://hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk/calendar/>

**Secondhand Children's Book Stall**

Thank you for all the donations that have been sent in so far for Miss Crouch's secondhand children's book stall that she will be running at the PTA Christmas Event. Donations of good quality preloved books are still welcome. Please send these in either directly to 2EC or via the office. Thank you for your support. (Children's books only please.)

**Lion Salt Works – Salty Stem Saturday Club**

Please see the attached flyer regarding a Saturday club starting in January at The Lion Salt Works.

**Cheshire West and Chester Parent Carer Forum – Newsletter and Events**

See attached newsletter for your information.

**Northwich Comic Con – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Memorial Court**

Northwich Comic Con are hosting a free to enter event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which will allow guests to sample a family friendly comic con and the chance to meet different characters from popular tv and film franchises. For any budding superhero, princess, or villain there will be a cosplay (fancy dress) competition with prizes for the best outfit. See attached flyer for further information.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and stay warm and dry.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather  
**Headteacher**