



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th December 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Wow! What a busy few days it has been! Firstly thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Fair last Friday. I can safely say that Storm Darragh didn't dampen the children's enthusiasm for proceedings! It was a shame that the PTA couldn't hold their planned fireworks display, but the rest of the evening was fabulous – more from the PTA about this later. The school office have been busy informing all of our lucky raffle prize winners, for those winners who've yet to collect their prize please call in at the school office as soon as possible. I'd like to personally extend a huge thank you to our dedicated PTA team for all their hard work, planning and delivering the fair, for the benefit of our children and their families. What a small group of people manage to achieve is quite incredible! Thanks also to all the staff who supported the event on the night – it is much appreciated.

This week we've seen our Key Stage 2 children visit St. John's Church for their Christmas celebration performances with Years 3 and 5 visiting on Monday, followed by Years 4 and 6 on Tuesday. Thank you to all those parents who went along to church to watch the children perform. The teachers said it was a lovely atmosphere, and the children sang and performed beautifully.

Wednesday and Thursday have seen our Year 1, and 2 children perform their nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine' to a packed hall on both days. Both performances were wonderful, and I'd like to make a special mention to the Year 2 children for being brilliant, many of them having to adapt to new parts/roles due to the unfortunate illness of original cast members!

Our final nativity of the year takes place this afternoon and sees our youngest children on the school stage for the first time. Early Years will be performing 'Away in a Manger' and I'm sure they'll do an incredible job.

Dates For Your Diary

Here's a reminder of what is going on in the last few days of term:

Monday 16th December – Elfridges PTA Christmas Gift Event

Tuesday 17th December – Early Years and KS1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December – Whole school Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Party

Christmas Parties – Wear Your Christmas Jumper or Party Clothes

As you can see from the dates for your diary section above, the children will be having their Christmas Parties next week. Entertainment will be provided by magician Nick Barnes, and the children can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers/party clothes on the day of their party.

PTA News

Thank you all for your incredible support at the Christmas Fair! We truly appreciate everyone who braved the weather to join us. Your enthusiasm and participation made the event special, and we hope that you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did. We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped out on our stalls and games - we couldn't have done it without you.

We have raised around £4500 profit from our Christmas activities so far (Wonderlights, Christmas Cards and our fabulous raffle) and we are hoping we can increase this thanks to our volunteers who are supporting with match funding.

We apologise for the cancellation of the fireworks display, but rest assured, we will be rescheduling the show in the new year.

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Elfridges

The Elfridges shop will be open on Monday 16th December for those children who have preordered gifts on ParentPay. Gifts will come home wrapped and ready for Christmas Day. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Sweet Sale After School Today

A reminder that we'll be holding a sweet sale after school today outside Mrs Moore's Hall. Cash, card and left over tokens will be accepted. Items are priced at either £1 or £2.

4JO Swimming Spring 2025

The children in 4JO will start their swimming lessons at Brio on Friday 10th January. For those parents who have yet to pay for the associated transport cost, please visit your ParentPay account to action this. The deadline for payment is Wednesday 8th January.

Year 6 Victoria Day Visit to Tatton Park – 6LW Tuesday 14th January/ 6LO Wednesday 15th January

Our Year 6 children will be the first year group to take part in an educational visit next term when they will be visiting Tatton Park for a Victorian themed day. The children will have the opportunity to tour the Mansion and see the contrast between the beautiful state rooms and the stark servant's quarters. They will experience life as a Victorian servant through a number of hands on activities. Their aim will then be to impress the Butler/Housekeeper in hope that they will be given a job to work as part of the team serving the home of the Egerton family. Payment for this trip is due by Thursday 9th January.

Sports Coaching Group Christmas Holiday Club at St. Wilfred's Primary School

Please see the attached flyer regarding a local Christmas Holiday Club. For more details or to book, please visit their website: [Book Here](#) or contact their office on 01270 449770.

Sports, Arts and Other Social Clubs in Hartford – A message from Hartford Parish Council

Dance, drama, football, tennis, craft, art... In Hartford, there are so many clubs and classes where you can make new friends, try out new hobbies and have fun.

At Hartford Parish Council, we have pulled together an overview of clubs for kids, teens and adults. Take a look at what is on offer here: [Social and sports clubs - Hartford Parish Council](#). Have we missed any Hartford-based clubs? If so, please email asst.clerk@hartfordparishcouncil.org.uk.

On the [Hartford Parish Council website](#), you can also find out about local public transport, nature walks, the mobile library, and many other aspects of life in Hartford, or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay up to date with what's happening.

As this will be the last newsletter of 2024 just a reminder that school closes for the Christmas break at 3.20pm next Thursday 19th December, as Friday 20th December is an Inset Day. We return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Have a lovely weekend and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

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