



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23rd May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

What fabulous weather our Year 4 and Year 6 children are having on their respective residential visits to Tattenhall and Conway this week. We're expecting the children back this afternoon in time for the normal end to the school day. I'm sure they'll have lots of tales to tell about their exciting adventures over the last few days!

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On Tuesday, Hartford attended two fantastic sports events. A team of footballers from Year 3 and 4 went to Moss Farm for the Premier League Football Tournament. They played brilliantly, scoring loads of goals in the searing heat. Our goalkeeping and defending meant we only conceded 3 goals in 6 matches. Out of 12 teams the boys finished second - an amazing achievement! Well done everyone!

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' cricket team went to the Vale Royal Partnership Final at Northwich Cricket Club as underdogs and were quite nervous about playing some of the other schools. They shouldn't have worried however! They won every match and have qualified for the Cheshire County Final on 15th July. Well done boys!

Year 5 Visit to Crown Farm Quarry – Wednesday 4th/Thursday 5th June

Year 5 will be taking part in a new visit for us at Hartford, during the first week back after half term. They're off to Crown Farm Quarry in Oakmere. The visit will be a great enhancement to their Summer term science unit on 'living things and their habitats' particularly as the children will be learning about pollination and the reserve is home to steep, flower-rich banks which support a rich diversity of pollinators. They will also be looking at habitats and the life cycles of various plants and animals native to the area and so the experience of taking on the role of a conservationist and making observations in the natural environment will really bring their learning to life! I look forward to hearing all about it afterwards!

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd June – Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd June – School Reopens for Summer 2 Half Term

Wednesday 4th June – 5ES visit to Crown Farm Quarry

Thursday 5th June – 5CW visit to Crown Farm Quarry

Thursday 5th June – Year 6 Personal Safety Awareness Course

Thursday 12th June – Bag2School Collection

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June – Year 6 visit to Lion Salt Works

Tuesday 24th June – Early Years visit to Thurstaston Beach

Tuesday 24th June/Wednesday 25th June – 2NB residential visit to Burwardsley

Wednesday 25th June/Thursday 26th June – 2EC residential visit to Burwardsley

Thursday 26th June – Year 6 visit to The Odiyana Buddhist Centre

Friday 27th June – PTA Colour Run Event

Monday 7th July – Year 1 visit to Bridgewater Gardens

Thursday 10th July – KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 11th July – Early Years and KS1 Sports Day (afternoon)

PTA News

Colour Run Event: Please see the separate comms sent out yesterday regarding our Summer fundraising event on Friday 27th June.

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Ford Grant: The PTA is always looking for ways to enhance our children's learning experience and provide valuable resources for our school. We're excited to share news of a potential grant opportunity through the Ford Britain Trust!

The Ford Britain Trust offers grants to support educational initiatives within local communities. Applications supported by a current or *retired* Ford employee receive a higher rating. Therefore, we're reaching out to our amazing parent community to see if anyone has a direct connection to Ford - either currently employed or retired. This could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or any close relative employed by Ford.

If you, or someone you know, fits this description and would be willing to have their name associated with our grant application, we would be incredibly grateful! Your connection could make a real difference to our school and help us secure funding for new iPads.

Please note that being named on the application would involve minimal effort on your part – we would primarily need your name, role (current or retired), and a confirmation of your Ford employment/retirement. If you can help please don't hesitate to reach out via emailing pta@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Frozen Friday Follow Up: A BIG Frozen Friday thanks! – Last week's Frozen Friday raised a wonderful £170 and even better, we've heard on the grapevine that ice cream consumed in the name of charity is calorie free!!! Watch this space for news on the next Frozen Friday coming soon.

Picture News Assemblies

During assemblies each week the children have started to learn about a current news topic. This week we've been talking how Pope Francis's popemobile is being turned into a mobile health clinic for the children of Gaza. We've discussed whether donating something important can be a powerful way to show you kerrylparr@hotmail.co.uk care. Here's a summary and some suggested discussion points:

TAKEHOME

Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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In the news this week

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people – called a popemobile – is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Hartford Cricket Club – Junior Sessions

Information attached regarding sessions available for juniors at Hartford Cricket Club.

Wild Cats Girls Football Sessions

Please see the attached flyer for further information. These sessions are for 5-11 year old girls who aren't currently involved in a football club - the opportunity would really suit those who aren't yet interested in competitive matches but want to take part, learn new skills and have lots of fun with friends.



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The Woodland Way Forest School Holiday Club – Marbury Park – Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th May

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Wrexham Brick Festival – Saturday 7th June

Slightly further afield this one but who doesn't love a bit of Lego?! The Wrexham Brick Festival is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO which also invites visitors to explore a range of STEM subject skills through the medium of LEGO bricks.

House of Dance Summer Holiday Camp – The Grange Junior School – 4th – 8th August

Looking further ahead to the Summer holidays with this one. House of Dance who run our dance after school enrichment clubs are running a holiday camp from 4th – 8th August. Here's some more details:

This dynamic, fun-filled camp is open to children of all abilities, whether they dream of performing on the West End stage or simply wish to build confidence and make new friends in a supportive, creative environment. Times are from 9:00am to 4:00pm daily, with early drop-off (from 8:00am) and late pick-up (until 5:00pm) available.

Highlights of the Week Include: Professional training in dance, singing, and expressive arts, Creative arts and crafts sessions. There will be a focus on confidence building, teamwork, and fun with an inclusive, nurturing environment for all pupils. Spaces are limited, so early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment. To find out more or to secure your child's place, please visit:

<https://house-of-dance-chester.classforkids.io/camp/50>

Info@HOUSEOFDANCE.CO.UK

<https://houseofdance.co.uk/dance-theatre-holiday-camps-chester/>

Have a lovely half term, a reminder that school is closed for an Inset Day on Monday 2nd June and we reopen at normal time on Tuesday 3rd June.

Warm regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher