



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
1st April 2022



Dear Parents and Families

I'd like to start my newsletter this week with a massive thank you to all the staff at school for pulling together over the last ten days or so. We've seen an unprecedented level of staff absence, mainly due to Covid, and it is a credit to the HPS team that school has remained open and carried on. I'm currently writing this from home whilst I complete my own isolation period and I very much hope that we're now over the worst, and with the Easter break as a firebreak so to speak the Summer term will be less disrupted.

Academy Photographs

The proofs of the children's photographs are being sent home today. Please order via the online system for delivery to school.

Spring Parents' Evening Appointments – Week Commencing 28th March 2022

A big thank you to all the teaching staff for facilitating Parents' Evening this week. If you didn't manage to book an appointment with your child's class teacher and would like to arrange one, please contact the office in the first instance.

Year 6 – Dress as an Explorer – Tuesday 19th April 2022

To mark the start of Year 6's new rainforest Geography topic and focus on Charles Darwin in English and Science, Year 6 are invited to dress as an Explorer on the first day back. The children should come ready with the appropriate clothing and equipment needed to explore a new environment. They will explore a new text, the rainforest, what is grown there, and rainforest inspired art. I'm looking forward to perhaps spotting a Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Francis Drake, or Walter Raleigh.

Change of Menu – Tuesday 19th April 2022

Mrs Jones, our school cook, has informed us that there will be a change to the usual menu on the first day back after Easter. The options will be: Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges, Cheese & Tomato Pasta, or Jacket Potato. This change will be reflected on your ParentPay account for ordering purposes.

PTA EGM – Thursday 21st April 6PM 2022

I wrote to you yesterday to invite you to our PTA EGM on Thursday 21st April at 6pm and hope to see as many of you as possible there to help relaunch our PTA. Past fundraising from our PTA has been an invaluable resource enabling school to provide lots of 'added extras' for our children. Please make every effort to attend as your support really does make such a difference to the children and the school as a whole.

Year 1 Visit to St. John's Church Hartford – Friday 22nd April 2022

The children will be furthering their RE learning by visiting St John's Church on Friday 22nd April. If you haven't done so already, please login to your ParentPay account to provide your consent for your Year 1 child to attend.

4MH – Swimming Starts Next Term

A reminder that 4MH start their course of swimming lessons next term. Their first lesson is on **Friday 22nd March**, don't forget your swim kits 4MH!

Sports Update from Mr Cairns

Year 5 Football

The Year 5 boys' football team went to Comberbach on Monday to play a league game. The team played very well against a mainly Year 6 team. The tackling and goalkeeping were fantastic, and they managed to keep a clean sheet. Two fantastic team goals with excellent switches of play saw Thomas score two goals to win the match 2-0. An excellent performance by everyone involved.

Year 6 Basketball

Declan H, Harrison B, Zac, Oliver T, and Isaac went to Hartford High School last Friday to take part in a Basketball event. They practiced their passing, dribbling, and shooting skills with the high school leaders and performed very well. They then played three matches to show off these skills. The best performance was the match against Winnington Park which saw amazing defence from Isaac and Oliver as well as baskets from Zac, Declan, and Harrison to secure a well-deserved win.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel


Thank you to all the children and parents who walked to school or came on their bikes and scooters. Nearly 60% of our journeys to school this week were done in a healthy and sustainable way which gave the children good exercise and reduced pollution around school. This percentage put us in 3rd place in Cheshire West and Chester and 423rd in the country.

Easter Garden Competition

St. John's Church are running an Easter Garden competition over the holidays, please see the attached flyer for details of how to find out further information.

Finally, just a reminder that school closes at the end of the day today for the Easter break and we reopen on **Tuesday 19th April** at 8.45am.

I hope you and your family have a lovely Easter break.



Miss M Fairweather

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