

Hartlebury CE Primary School

September Newsletter - Our value is Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”



Welcome back!

We all hope you have had a fabulous summer, enjoying your time to meet family and friends, and getting out and about! We are looking forward to a great start to our new academic year, with lots of fun and enthusiasm for learning! We have a number of new children joining our school this year, as well as a new member of staff. Jemma Davies will be joining our Early Years team to support our children with their learning. Our Value this month is Love and we feel this is very appropriate for us here at Hartlebury Primary, as we welcome everyone back to our school!

A reminder that

- **On Monday 6th September all children in Years 1-6 will return to school**
- **On Monday 6th September Reception children will return to school full time, 8.40am until 3pm.**
- **On Monday 13th September Nursery children will return.**
- Nursery children will begin on 13th September for their pre-allocated hours.

Breakfast and After-school club will be operating again from Monday 6th September, and needs to be pre-booked and paid for on Parent Pay.

Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am daily and offers children the chance to meet with their friends before school. We offer cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk and other breakfast essentials! The cost for this provision is £5.00 per day. We will take your children into class when the school day begins.



After School Care runs between 3pm and 6pm Monday to Thursday and 3pm and 5pm on Fridays. The children are offered an After-School Snack and drink while they are there. The After-School Team provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities for the children to take part in, including 'Fun Friday' events which include Teddy Bears Picnics, Movie Nights and Discos. Please see our After-School Care newsletter for further details. The cost of After School Care is £8 per night (Monday to Thursday) and £7 on a Friday.

Please book both of these provisions though your usual Parent Pay account.

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Drop off times will be the same for everyone this year. We will open school at 8.40am, with registration at 8.50am and lessons commencing at 8.55am. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please continue to email or ring the office, as the hatch will remain closed for the time being. Our phone lines are manned from 8.30am until 3.30pm, outside these hours you may have to leave a message.

Departure time for Early Years, and Reception will leave at 3pm, and Years 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 will be at 3.15pm.

We would encourage all children in Years 5 and 6 to be allowed to walk to and from home or your car, into school, independently. Mrs Grand or Mrs Unitt will endeavour to be on the playground to greet the children and direct them if necessary but this cannot be guaranteed so please take this into consideration when deciding if your child is ready for this responsibility and level of independence. We hope you agree that this may help to develop independence and self confidence ahead of high school. We appreciate it is only where appropriate. Please email office@hartlebury.worcs.sch or send a note to your class teacher giving your permission for your child to leave school unaccompanied at the end of the school day. Without written permission we will hold the children in class until a parent collects them.

Return to School bullet points- COVID-19 restrictions relaxing but not relaxed!

- If your child is poorly you must leave a message on the dedicated school answer phone line at any time.
- Please remember to let us know when your child is ill as it saves us time chasing their attendance.
- If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms they **MUST** stay at home, seek a PCR test and school **MUST** be informed
- Children under 18 and adults who have been double vaccinated no longer need to self isolate if identified as a close contact with a positive case.
- We do, however, have strict guidelines to follow if there is a positive case in school and must seek advice from Public Health. They will then take over managing our situation.
- We will keep parents informed of any positive cases in school and the actions recommended by the Director of Public Health.
- Please **DO NOT** listen to social media, WhatsApp groups etc, we will be open and honest with you about any positive cases in school
- School gates will be open by 8.30am not earlier.
- Children will be able to come into class from 8.40am
- Registration is at 8.50am
- Lessons begin at 8.55am
- Face masks are no longer required, it is a personal choice.
- Please continue to email or call if you have any queries for teachers/school. We find these easier to log and action.
- **Please do not come to the front hatch unless an immediate emergency.** Our aim is to keep everyone safe.
- Children can bring their own book bags but these must be able to fit in their (small) lockers
- Children in KS2 can bring their own pens, pencils and pencil cases if they wish. However, pencil must be able to fit in their drawers and will be the responsibility of the child.

P.E Kit On return to school your child's teacher will inform you of their class PE days . On these days the children will be asked to come to school in School PE Kit. This is included in our school PE uniform and must include; black or navy joggers, school fleeces or school coloured fleeces, a light weight waterproof coat (eg a Kag in a bag), school P.E T-shirts and trainers. These are not home clothes days they are full school uniform days, Football kits are not allowed! Please note that we will be doing P.E in all types of weathers and using the field, which is likely to be muddy at times, so a waterproof coat and a change of shoes or old trainers is essential!



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Forest School



We have been working hard to improve our Forest School Area and we are very proud of it! We have two dedicated members of staff who are being fully trained in the Forest School approach to learning this term, thanks to our PTA who have paid for the training. This will benefit the whole school as we are intending that all children are able to use this facility on a regular basis. Early Years, Year 1,2,3 and 4 will all have a weekly slot when they will access Forest School. They will need weather appropriate clothing, wellies, waterproofs etc as they will be going outside in all weather conditions in true Forest School style! Mrs Wilton will plan for these activities and run the session accordingly. Forest School will start from Monday 13th September

We are DESPERATELY looking for volunteers that can regularly devote some time each week to support the learning in this area....**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?**

- Monday Afternoons Year 3
- Tuesday morning Year 4
- Wednesday Mornings Early Years
- Thursday Morning Year 2
- Friday Mornings Year 1



The benefits of learning outside are huge for mental health, physical activity and team building, as well as developing many other life skillsand you will LOVE it! If you feel you are able to help and support us with this please let us know, by ringing or emailing the office on office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk .

Autumn Coughs and Colds



Coughs, colds and tummy bugs are normal hazards at this time of year. We are anticipating that some children will be suffering over the next few weeks. In this 'COVID-19' world we have to be especially careful and mindful of others safety as well as our own. Therefore, we would ask anyone who is feeling unwell to **STAY AT HOME!** **We all need to support each other with this approach, in order to keep us all Safe!**

School Catering

Our new school caterers are here and ready to supply us with delicious lunches from September 2021. Alliance in Partnership Limited are a very experience catering company in the education market, they will be providing a variety of healthy meal choices for our children, which you will need to order via Parent Pay. Please remember if your child is in Reception (not pre-school), Years 1 or 2 they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, so what's to lose!! Give them a try but you must book on ParentPay even though you won't be charged.



MacMillan Coffee Friday 21st September 2021

We are very keen to support this extremely worthwhile charity again this year! We will be providing bought, wrapped cakes to sell to the children in their classroom pods with drinks of squash for £2.00 donation to MacMillan Cancer Research. We hope you feel you can support us in this!

Return to school Monday 6th September 2021

School will be closed for the Trust SAET Day on Friday 22nd October

Half Term commences from Thursday 21st October at 3.15pm

Return to school on Monday 1st November

End of term Friday 17th December at 12.00noon

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