

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## November's Newsletter

Our value this month is 'Peace'

*'Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.'*  
(Romans 12:18)

### Mrs Grand's News

After more than 14 years at Hartlebury, Mrs Grand has decided it is time to do something different; something that gives her more time to spend with her family and gorgeous grandchildren. She will be leaving at the end of this term and we send her all our thanks and good wishes as she starts this new chapter. She will be very much missed.

### Good Luck Miss Round

Miss Round will also be leaving Hartlebury at the end of this week after over 11 years of service. Miss Round has been a valuable and much-loved member of our team and will be very missed. Good luck for the future.

### Uniform Reminders

1. **Coats** are ideally school uniform coats but we are also happy with **plain** maroon, navy or black coats. All coats should be labelled.
2. **All uniform** needs to have your child's name in it! I know you all tell me their jumpers and cardies are named but I am promising you they are not! If they are clearly labelled we will always reunite them with their owners but my lost property boxes indicate that many are not labelled. Please check, sometimes names wear off with time.
3. **Rucksacks** need to fit in lockers! Giant rucksacks don't I am afraid!
4. **Jewellery:** - for Health and safety reasons only watches and small stud earrings for pierced ears are allowed in school. We are finding bracelets and rings are creeping into daily wear. These items easily become lost but, more importantly, if they are caught on any thing it can lead to hands and fingers being permanently damaged. Please keep these items at home for occasional wear.

### Children's Christmas Card Designs

Just a reminder your children's Christmas card design needs to be in by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** with the order and FULL PAYMENT; the PTA will then do the rest! It is always so exciting for family members and friends to receive a very personal Christmas card and nothing can be more personal than your child's own design.

### Wrapping up: Keeping Warm

Another little reminder that our new boilers will be ready to commission sometime next week, very exciting indeed. BUT for this week and the start of next week we have minimal heating in school and your children need to be wrapped up with extra layers, coats and hats.



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## Thank You's

1. For all your Harvest donations. This year we were able to send lots of provisions to The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal and Pantry. They were immensely grateful for your support. We were immensely grateful to Mr Johnson, Noah and Flo's Daddy for collecting all of your donations and delivering them in a wonderful pink van!
2. For supporting our MacMillan coffee morning. We raised £92.00 towards this worthwhile cause.
3. The Readathon was a brilliant success and has raised £401.20 for new books in school...GREAT NEWS and THANK YOU!! Our prize winners were Isabelle in Year 5 and Millie in Year 2, very well done!



## Forest School Leaders- THANK YOU PTA

Mrs Anneka Hall and Mrs Denise Wilton both started their Forest School Leadership training before half term, 5 full days outside and quite often in the pouring rain!! They had an amazing time and have returned to school full of ideas for how to really establish us as a Forest School. We are very excited about this and are extremely grateful to you all, via the PTA for funding this training. Their training continues remotely until the new year, when they will have another 5 days face to face training.



## Eco News from Mrs Branagh-Wall



As you know, here at Hartlebury we are a very eco-friendly, green-minded school, and this year we are committed and passionate about becoming even greener! Therefore, myself and our wonderful eco-council are very excited to be applying for a school's Green Flag Award! This means that we will be assessing our school to see exactly how eco-friendly we are,

where we can improve and what we can implement to make us even more fantastically green! This also means that you will now find an eco-section in all our school newsletters! We will update you on our progress, let you know about eco events in school and even give you some handy hints as to how you can be eco-friendlier at home! We will be encouraging the children to be more environmentally friendly in all aspects of their lives and it really is a team effort, so if you have ideas you would like to share with us, please do!

You can spot our wonderful eco-councillors by their lovely new badges and they are: Eli and Ellie in Year 6, Spencer and Izzy in Year 5, Edward and Olivia in Year 4, Ben and Jess in Year 3, Isla and Tymon in Year 2 and Tilly and Dominic in Year 1. We are all really excited and can't wait to share our progress with you all!

## Be Wise Immunise- Keeping your children safe

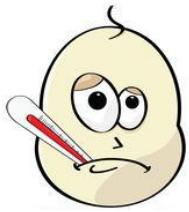
Flu Information and Consent Forms have been sent out and majority have been returned. This is a great opportunity for all children in our school to be protected from the flu virus... and it's a nasal spray...no injection!!

**These forms need to be returned to school by everyone**, indicating your wishes, especially if, for any reason you don't want your child to go ahead with the immunisation. Miss Gledhill will not be able to call on the day- no form no immunisation!



All staff had already had our visit from the immunisation team and been vaccinated!!

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### **Sickness and Tummy Bugs in addition to COVID-19! Keeping your children safe.**

We have the usual Autumn Term tummy/sickness bugs going around school, as well as COVID 19! If your child has either a tummy upset or sickness, they need to be kept away from school for 48hrs after the last episode. We have no wriggle room on this timing because we have a duty to prevent these bugs from spreading. If your child comes to school and tells us they were sick last night (and they do!) we will be calling you to collect them! Thank you for understanding our situation.

**With any positive cases of COVID-19 we will continue to keep the class and any other potential close contacts completely informed. We do ask that if your child has been identified as a potential close contact that you do book a PCR test. Our experience shows that it spreads very quickly around close contacts AND often with no symptoms initially at all.**

### **Wet Play Toys and Dressing up Outfits Needed**

Do you have any good quality toys, games puzzles or dressing up outfits that you are no longer using?? We could certainly find a good home for them in our classes and our Wrap Around Care. Just drop off any donations to Miss Gledhill in the front office. Thank you.



### **Ambassadors**



Our highest award in school is our Ambassadors Award. This is normally reserved for children at the very top of the school, usually Year 6, is it is an award for children who represent our school in the most positive way and as such takes time to achieve. They are our role models. They are the BEST advert school could ever ask for!



I have nominated 6 Ambassadors this half term. They are:-

1. Alexander Summers- For being an excellent, well rounded role model in school
2. Noah Johnson- For being our environment saving role model in school
3. Lottie Stant- For helping and supporting others in school, especially her class mates and our younger children; for always trying her best
4. Freja Palmer- For such amazing perseverance in school, leading the way for others; for always trying her best.
5. Martha Plant- For inspiring great, positive football. For promoting girls' football and supporting others to take part and enjoy football, as well as the other areas of sport she takes part in; for representing school so well, outside of school!
6. Emma Riches- For being a great role model for girl's football and fairness in school

Well done to all these children; look out for more to follow...because I know there will be more deserving of an Ambassadors Award!

### **Football and Fort time after Half Term**

After half term we will probably be unable to use the field regularly for play time because of the wet and the mud. We will not be able to play football on the playground either because of the space and the playground surface, but we also appreciate that for many the thought of no football until next Spring is the worse news ever!! So, we have a plan!! We are going to be playing football 3 times a week on the field in 30 mins football clubs, supervised by school staff. We will let you know the days that your child will have the opportunity to play football if they wish too and when they need to bring in some old trainers to play in and some joggers or trousers to get muddy in!



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We are also going to continue to use our play forts on the field for the children who have been to Forest School on that given day (they will already be in their wellies and outdoor, muddy clothes!). Hopefully this will offer our children use of the field if they will be missing it too much.... but we will not send home clothes covered in mud that you may not be expecting!

### **Decorate Your Own Bauble for the Village Christmas Tree**

Hartlebury Parish Council are holding a Christmas Fayre on the village green on **Saturday 27th November 3pm-7pm**. They are turning on the village Christmas Tree lights at 5pm and are excited to announce that the Mayor and Mayoress of Stourport are coming to do this. The Parish Council are asking for the children of the village to decorate a wooden bauble and hang it on the tree, on the day or they can be collected by the organisers and put on for you. The wooden baubles will be available from school early in November (we will let you know when) for £1.00, with all proceeds going to St James' Church. The children will decorate their own wooden bauble, put their name on the back of the bauble and put them on the tree. All baubles will automatically be entered into the competition for the best decorated bauble. There will be one prize for the best bauble, a £10 Smyths voucher. The village Christmas tree will then look amazing and be a truly village effort! Let's go for it!!



### **Exciting Events Coming Up during November**

#### **Maths Week- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

We are celebrating and enjoying all things Mathematics this week. Mrs Branagh-Wall has some exciting activities for us to do in school but also for at home. So be prepared ... Your Maths Brains will be needed. From the Maths Week England website... why not visit the website and see how Maths CAN BE and IS GREAT FUN! <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/>



*[Our vision](#) is to provide young people in England with a positive image of mathematics, and to contribute in a small way to changing the national attitude towards this vital and beautiful subject.*

#### **Switch Off Fortnight Beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**



We are taking part in Switch Off Fortnight to make a difference!  
We are getting involved in this year's energy-saving campaign and bringing COP 26 to life for us in our school and maybe also at home. Switch Off Fortnight 2021 is an opportunity for us all to make small changes in our lives that saves energy and helps to protect the planet. The average energy saving reported by schools taking part in Switch Off Fortnight is 10%!! Switch Off Fortnight is a fun and rewarding campaign that can be led by children, parents and staff in school and we will be taking part in lots of activities in school that increases our knowledge and understanding of this issue. We think it may spill over into home, so please support us and hopefully we will raise awareness of our use of power and to sometimes to turn it off!

#### **Remembrance Week Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

We shall be selling poppies and other related items to mark Remembrance daily in school during this week. If you would like your child to have a poppy they will need to bring a minimum £1.00 donation into school and the Year 6 children will sell these Remembrance Poppy items on a daily basis for that week.



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### **Remembrance Service- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.45am, St James' Church**

Our Year 6 children will be taking the role call and planting crosses in remembrance of those fallen soldiers within the parish of Hartlebury on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This act of remembrance will begin at 10.45am and include the 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. Everyone is invited to attend if they wish to do so. The rest of school will take part in our own act of remembrance, led by Mrs Grand, in school.

### **Anti-Bullying Week-Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November One Kind Word-Keeping Your Children Safe**

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR ODD SOCKS ALL WEEK TO SAY NO TO ALL FORMS OF BULLYING.**

**If your wear tights see what you can do to make them odd; the odder the better!!  
Maybe adapting 2 pairs into 4 odds!!**

During this national week we will be focussing on the negative impact of different types of bullying behaviours on victims and perpetrators, where ever it is happening, and how children can protect themselves. Children will take part, throughout the week, in activities that raise their awareness of the negative impact of unkind words and behaviours on themselves and others. We will be discussing different types of bullying behaviours, including physical bullying, exclusion bullying and cyber bullying. Hopefully your children will talk to you about their understanding of these issues.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

### **Children in Need- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November-A 'Spotacular Party and Teddy Bears Picnic!**

For Pudsey we always like to have fun and raise money. With this in mind, the children are invited to come to school dressed all in SPOTS for the day, including spotty faces as long as they are not contagious! Please also remember your spotty outdoor shoes, boots or wellies for play time. They are also invited to bring in their favourite teddy bears, suitably dressed in spots as well, then our well-behaved bears will be invited to join their child in a special Teddy Bear themed lunch. Please look out for details of this special celebration lunch and book as soon as you can, although bears will also join the children for their own packed picnic if preferred! All we ask for is a donation through Parent Pay (Open now) to this amazing charity. We will also be covering giant Pudsey pictures with coins from home, to see if we can get this image, and maybe more than one, completely filled. Any coins...dig deep into the sofa and find those missing coins and maybe consider donating them to this charity!



So, for Pudsey clarity, on the day:

1. Dress all in spots
2. Donate the Pudsey page on Parent Pay
3. Bring your favourite teddy bear in to school; can you dress them in spots too?
4. Book the celebration Pudsey meal, try out our great school meals, or bring in your own Teddy Bear themed packed lunch
5. Find some coins around the house and bring them in to cover Pudsey

### **National No Pens Day -Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

No Pens Day Wednesday, is an annual day of spoken language activities that takes place in schools, colleges and early years settings across the country. Spoken language skills (sometimes called **oracy**) are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions, developing friendships and entering employment, so this year we are taking part! Be prepared for lots of talking this day!! Try and ask your child what they have done differently on this day and hopefully they will tell you all about it!



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## **Parents Evenings-Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**



We have made the decision that Parents Evening will be held completely virtually again this time. I appreciate for many of you a virtual appointment is more convenient but we really would have liked to offer a face to face meeting as well. Unfortunately, the virus is making this difficult and not sensible again at this time, so we have made the decision to offer telephone only meetings, booked in the usual way. The parents' evening booking sheets will be on Arbor by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Gledhill will let you know when the appointment times have been released. It is vital with telephone appointments that we have your correct contact details. We will call the numbers we have recorded, in the contact order we have them recorded. If you need to check your contact information we have recorded just call Miss Gledhill and she will confirm your details with you.



**AND FINALLY, BUT IMPORTANTLY-**



**Christmas is Coming! (Sorry- BUT YES it's true!)**

**So here are some extra warnings of the Christmassy things going on!**

**All subject to COVID-19 influenced change!!**

**TBC Pyjama and Panto Day- The PTA are organising this exciting event in the last week of term, date to be confirmed!**

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 5.30pm KS1 Christmas Nativity**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Wear your Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch!**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec@ 2.00pm Early Years Nativity**  
**Santa Dash**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2.00pm Christmas Craft Sale; PTA Hot Choc and Cake sale**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.00am Christmas Service in St James' Church**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 12noon end of term**

**Back to School - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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