



# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## December Newsletter

**In this Season of Advent, our Value is Patience.**

**“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life” John 3:16**

### Keeping Your Children Safe- COVID-19-New Variant Measures



**COVID-19  
RESPONSE**

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister announced on 27 November the temporary introduction of new measures as a result of the Omicron variant. These measures are precautionary, while the variant is tracked and assessed. As a result, we are reflecting these measures, most directly a temporary recommendation on the wearing of face coverings in schools and changes to isolation requirements for confirmed and suspected cases of the Omicron variant and their contacts. This advice remains subject to change as the situation develops.

- Please, again, reduce the amount of face to face contact with staff. Please email or telephone if you wish to have a conversation.
- Please only come to the front office hatch in emergencies and then you must wear a mask.
- Any face 2 face meetings in school will be limited and require masks, all meetings will be conducted over the telephone where possible.
- If you child is unwell please keep them at home.
- If you child shows any symptoms of COVID-19 they must stay at home and seek a PCR test. Lateral Flow tests are not sufficient.
- Where possible please take Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly.

### COVID-19 Symptoms- a reminder

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### Nativities with COVID-19 Measures

We are hoping/intending that these will go ahead ... fingers crossed

### Key Stage 1 Nativity Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm AND 5.30pm (an additional afternoon performance)

Because of numbers only 1 adult per child is permitted at either performance.

We have put on an additional performance to support parents.

- Face coverings to be worn by all visitors whilst watching the performance.
- For the afternoon performance please **DO NOT** arrive earlier than 1.45pm as you will not be admitted.
- For the evening performance children need to be in school between 5.00-5.10pm. **THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE BEFORE 5.00pm.**
- Parents will be admitted to the hall as they drop their child off.



### Early Years Nativity Friday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm

- A maximum of 2 spectators per child, including younger siblings.
- Face coverings to be worn by all visiting adults watching the performance.
- Please **DO NOT** arrive before 1.45pm as you will not be admitted.



### End of Term Assembly at St James' Church - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00am with COVID-19 measures

We will go ahead with this as it is our normal school assembly just in a different, much bigger, space. Hopefully parents will be able to join us, we really would like you too but we will be guided by the latest information and will let you know the arrangements during this week.

### Comings & Goings

We have welcomed Mrs Joanne Olsen and Miss Elizabeth Day into Early Years and are very excited that they have joined our team. They bring lots of experience of Early Years, especially with early speech and language.

Miss Sophie Moseley has been appointed as a Parent Governor and we look forward to working together.

We say Goodbye to Mrs Grand at the end of term and know that we are going to miss her very much.



### The Hartlebury Village Christmas Tree

The Parish Council would like to thank all the children who bought and decorated their own wooden decoration for the village tree. Sadly, Storm Arwen put a stop to the celebrations last weekend but the Parish Council invite all children to put their decoration on the tree during this week. A winner will be picked next Saturday so make sure you have added your decoration by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



### Children in Need- THANK YOU

A Great Big Spotty THANK YOU to all those who took part in our annual Children in Need, Pudsey event this year! We raised over £200.00 for this very worthwhile charity, so well done to you! The children looked extremely spotty and enjoyed joining in with the Teddy Bears lunch and covering Pudsey with lots of coins! We had a lovely visit and a virtual visit from Pudsey too, organised through BBC Hereford and Worcester which was another highlight of our event.



### Christmas Cards -The Post Box is open!

Christmas cards can be brought into school and put in the post box. We ask that you 'stick' the envelopes not 'lick' them to minimise the risk of infection.



### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash 2021!

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we are having a **Christmas Jumper Day!** Your children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on that day! They will also be taking part in a **Santa Dash** around the school playground. Why not wear your Santa hat to school or wear some tinsel as a scarf, as well as a Christmas Jumper? For the Santa Dash, children will trot like a reindeer, stroll like Santa, skip like an elf and stomp like a snowman for 15 minutes, completing the course as many times as they can in that time. By taking part, we are hoping to raise as much money as we can for Hartlebury Primary School PTA. We would like children to get family members and friends to sponsor them to take part in the dash. The sponsor form needs to be returned to school in a sealed envelope, with any money raised by Friday 10th December.



### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is now available for you to book through your ParentPay account. Please be advised there will be **NO** sandwiches or jacket potatoes available on this day so you **WILL** need to book if you would like your child to have lunch. For the parents that have already pre-booked on the normal menu for that day, those bookings have unfortunately been cancelled by ParentPay so **THIS WILL NEED TO BE BOOKED AGAIN.**



**Monday 13th Christmas Craft Sale + Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies @ 2.00pm & 2.30pm**



We are making Christmas Crafts again this year but our traditional Christmas Craft Sale will not be able to go ahead as normal. We need to request that all purchases are made via Parent Pay and will be a bit of a surprise, as we think it is prudent for you not to come into the classroom to buy. We will send the children home with their craft if you wish to buy them...a bit of a lucky dip really!!! All proceeds will go towards buying us additional playtime equipment and games. Well, actually, we have already bought so I am hoping that you will feel able to support us!!!



The PTA will also be hosting hot chocolate, coffee and cakes on the playground during this afternoon, so we will stagger then end of the school day to enable parents to have a warm drink with classmates and compare crafts! Or just spend some time together having a chat. Here are the staggered times to collect your children if you wish to join in with hot drinks and cake. You can, of course, collect at your normal time,

- Early years from 2.30pm
- Year 1,2 &3 from 2.45pm
- Years 4, 5& 6 from 3.00pm



**Tuesday 14th PTA funded Pantomime**

The PTA have funded, through your kind support and donations, a virtual pantomime for all children on this afternoon...Oh yes, they have!!! The children will also have some snacks during the pantomime, kindly donated by the Spar in Kidderminster.

**Message from Our Eco-Council**

As we know, Christmas can be a very busy time of year, but there is always time to help the environment! Therefore, please find some top tips below from your eco council, as to how you can be greener this festive season!



- Try to use recyclable wrapping paper and make sure you recycle your cards too!
- For your Christmas dinner, see if you can buy local produce.
- Make sure you turn your Christmas lights off when you're not at home.
- Try to buy eco-friendly crackers - these contain much less plastic - or make your own!
- Why not buy some charity gifts this year, such as a donation to Water Aid?
- Buy a real tree and re-plant it in the garden for next year!

We hope you find these useful and have a very green Christmas!

*We all hope you have a very happy festive period and new year!*



**Good to be GREEN Awards...so far!**

These children have been awarded their 'Good to be Green' Frog awards for consistently GREEN behaviour! Well done!!

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1
Maisie Sophie Ella Hayden Alexander	Aisling Isabelle Connor	Ava Jake	Blossom Lincoln	Millie Isla	Amy Jack

### **Music Lessons - Spring Term**

If your child would like to join in with music lessons next term please contact the school office by **Monday 13th December. They need to be in at least Year 2.**



## **Primary School Applications for children starting school in September 2022**

**Closing Date for Applications 15th January 2022**

**VERY IMPORTANT- EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS IN OUR NURSERY YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY**

We would like to draw your attention to the closing date for Applications for children starting school in September 2022. If you feel you would benefit from some support in applying please contact the office, Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822700, The School Admissions Team on 01905 844111 or SENDIASS <http://www.hwsendiass.co.uk/>

**Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**End of Term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 @ 12.00 midday**

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