

Hartlebury CE Primary School

May Newsletter- Our value is Hope

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path."
Proverbs 3:5-6

Living with COVID-19- Keeping your children safe

In line with the Government's plan for living with coronavirus (COVID-19), we would like to update you on some key points, applicable from the 1 April 2022:

Testing and Isolation

The universal testing offer ended on 1 April, from this date, the expectation will be on individuals to act personally responsible for reducing the spread of COVID-19.

The Government advise that:

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- If your child undertakes a test for any reason and has a positive result, we would ask that they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**, which is when they are most infectious (for those over the age of 18, the advice is 5 days), returning to school on day 4 or, as soon after this, that they are well enough to do so.



Reducing the Spread of COVID-19

There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are:

1. Get vaccinated.
2. Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors.
3. Practice good hygiene:
 - wash your hands
 - cover your coughs and sneezes
 - clean your surroundings frequently

Further details are available in the [Living with COVID-19 guidance](#).

Things that happen in school are best dealt with in school



I realise that sometimes things go wrong between children and friendships become strained, but, our motto in school is that **'there is nothing that can't be put right'**. I also know that things that happen in school are best dealt with in school. Parents are not in school and can actually do very little to solve problems that arise between children in school, often making things more difficult to sort out as there is always 2 sides to the issues. I urge parents to talk to us first if things appear to be upsetting their child. We do listen and we will always try to help sort things out for the children, keeping the parents informed and involved with the process.

Parents calling and texting other parents, putting issues on social media causes a great deal of stress and upset which often effects the children as well. Long after the children have made friends the things said between parents remain. So PLEASE talk to us; we don't promise to always solve all problems but we do promise to work with you and your child to reduce the amounts of upset and anxiety we have sometimes seen.

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Eco News

As you may know, Friday 22nd April was Earth Day! This year's theme was "Invest In Our Planet," and we are definitely striving to do that here at Hartlebury!

- As well as recycling batteries, crisp packets, paper and pens in school, we are now recycling printer cartridges too! If you have any used printer cartridges or toner at home, please do send it in and our Eco Councillors will be happy to recycle it for you!
- We have a litter picking rota in school, with every child in school having the opportunity to take care of our school grounds. We are now offering the use of our litter picking sets out to families who wish to litter pick in our community at weekends, so please get in touch if you would like to borrow these!
- Our Eco/Sensory Garden is really beginning to take shape and our club will continue into the summer term. So far, we have planted trees, lettuce, radishes, potatoes, lots and lots of flowers, as well as used ALL recyclable materials to do so! Thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible!



LOTS of Great News!

Mothers' Service and Lunch



We were really delighted to welcome so many Mums into St James' Church for our service dedicated to all Mothers and into school for our Mothers' Lunch. We had over 110 Mums in for lunch and, despite a small hiccup with our catering towards the end of lunch, everyone had a super time! The children always LOVE this lunch and we had really missed it over the last 2 years.

Playground Leaders and Pals

The children have held classroom elections to vote for their 'Playground Pals' (Years 1-3) and 'Playground Leaders' (Years 4-6). These children will be available to provide and encourage friendships and to organise playground games and equipment.

We are pleased to announce that the Summer term 'Playground Pals' are:

Year One: Ava Doherty and Darwin Raynes

Year Two: Hugo Cole and Jack Round

Year Three: Jessica Warwick and Teo Phillips

The Keystage 2 'Playground Leaders' are:

Year Four: Edward Summers and Thomas Bruce

Year Five: Holly Davies and Connor Clissett

Year Six: Emma Riches, Demi Withers and Eleanor Webber



Congratulations and a big 'Thank You' to all. The children will take part in some training sessions to enable them to fulfil their role and receive their badges in Praise Assembly.

Sporting Successes



- Martha Plant came 2nd in the area girls' cross-country event and went on to represent us in the county event, where she competed very strongly, coming in the top third of competitors. She represented school exceptionally well.
- Our netball team came 2nd out of 14 teams in the league competition. The only lost to Holy Trinity School, who went on to be the eventual winners of the league, proving how good we are at sport as well!

Great Fund Raising Events....THANK YOU!

- Eco Council Book Sale raised £72.65 for the Toilet Twinning Charity
- Our toy sale for Ukraine Aid raised £360 for Save the Children
- Comic Relief raised £94.00



Easter Traditions Back in Full Force!

The Key Stage 2 Easter Egg competition had amazingly creative entries and picking any winners was quite a challenge! The overall winner was:

- Ava Stokes

The long-awaited Easter Bonnet Parade was fantastic! It always amazes me how much this parade is enjoyed by everyone! THANK YOU to all those creative milliners who support us with such brilliant creations and to the Early Years, Reception and Keystage 1 children who model these bonnets with such style!

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Green Frog Awards

Green Frog Badge Awards, the highest award we can give for great behavior, went to the following children at the end of last term:-

- Emily Sunderland
- Evelyn Cornah
- Tymon Rolinski
- India wright
- Joshua Tranter
- Sadie Handsford
- Noah Baraks
- Hannah Follet
- Martha Plant
- Scarlett Terry



Ambassador Awards

These awards are mainly for children in Year 6 and are for those who represent the school well over their time here. This may be for things they do and achieve outside of school but will certainly be for their attitude to the ethos and values we hold dear in school.



Last term Ambassador awards were given to:

- Arleigh Nightingale
- Harry Bellison
- Scarlett Terry

'One Big Idea!' THINK BIG, DREAM BIG

Last half term we again worked collaboratively with SAET schools and 8BillionIdeas to pose a challenge to all of our children to come up with 'One Big Idea' that may possibly change the world! Our entry, a toy vacuum was a great idea and very well presented by the winning team, The Green Beans (Arleigh, Alexander, Eli and Demi from Year 6). The event was great fun as we travelled with the teams from St Bartholomew's and Wilden and got to see their fab ideas being presented as well.

The winner of the competition was St Bartholomew's Primary School; well deserving winners for their 'Know It All Pen!'



May and June are Statutory Assessment Months

This year sees the return of the National Statutory testing for Years 1, 2 and 6 children.

Year 6 are being assessed from Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May. If your child is away during this time we cannot enter them for the assessment and the dates and times are governed by a national timetable. They also need to be in school by 8.50am daily as the tests start at 9.00am.

We have a little more flexibility for Year 2 children, but please avoid them being off during May. If you have any days that you know your child is not going to be in please let us know asap and we will try to arrange their assessments accordingly.

Year 1 phonics testing is Tuesday 7th June - Friday 17th June, again please let us know asap if your child is not going to be in school during this period.

Monthly Worship in St James' Church Starting Thursday 5th May @9.00am

We are going to hold our whole school worship in church on the first Thursday of each month, starting on Thursday 5th May at 9.00am. This will usually last approximately 20mins and all parents, carers and family members are invited to join us.

Next dates are

- Thursday 9th June
- Thursday 7th July

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PTA Spring Fayre 3.00pm Friday 13th May 2022- Something Different

We are trying something different for our annual Spring Fayre and are holding it after school on Friday 13th May; we hope you can join us! Look out for all the details of the events and activities which I know will include:



- Hartlebury has Talent (never in Doubt)
- May Pole Dancing (very much a looked forward to event.... especially for the Dads who are persuaded to join in!)
- Pony Rides
- Traditional stalls
- Bouncy castle

You will even be able to buy your meal here, curtesy of The White Hart, and a drink to go with it! Please pencil the occasion into your diaries and bring along your friends!

Hartlebury's Got Talent- class heats Friday 6th May

For all our budding talents....get practicing!! The class heats for Hartlebury's Got Talent are next Friday. Children need to prepare and practice at home and show off their talent to their classes on this day. The class will then vote for who is going forward to the GRAND FINAL at the Spring Fayre on Friday 13th May. They may sent forward more than on act....who knows!!



Platinum Jubilee Street Party- Friday 27th May

The whole school will be spending this week focusing on the history of the 7 decades that Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne. We will end this very special week with a **decade themed dress up day and a street party!** We will also be learning decade songs, so listen out for 50s,60s,70s,80s,90s, 20s and songs from 2010s!!

But we need your help and contributions!! I have indicated on the table below which decade your child's class will be focusing on and, therefore which era they need to **theme** their Friday dress ups on! I am also asking for contributions of food to make our party go with a 'zing!' We will supply memento badges (well...the PTA are!), choc ices and the red, white and blue party table ware and decorations and all the drinks; if you could help with the food. All items need to be wrapped and ideally individually wrapped, where possible. Thank you in advance.



Year group	Dress up theme decade	Food contributions per child
Early Years	2010s	8 Individually wrapped cakes
Year 1	2000s	8 packets of crisps/snacks
Year 2	1990s	8 wrapped chocolate biscuits
Year 3	1980s	8 wrapped mini cheeses
Year 4	1970s	8 packets of sweet biscuits ie mini iced gems, mini gingerbread people, mini jammie dodgers
Year 5	1960s	8 frubes or similar
Year 6	1950s	8 packets of Haribo or similar

ADVANCED NOTICE-SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNICS! IT is returning!!

We are hoping to hold Sports Day **Yr1-Yr6 only** on FRIDAY 15th July at 10.00am. We will follow this with our, now famous, Family Picnics. We hope you can join us...more information to follow. The Early Years Unit will have their own sports day at a separate time.



Hartlebury C of E Primary School Website

We would like to sign post you to our school website. It has lots of really useful information to support you, your child and our school community. Whether it be support for mental health, our policies and procedures, news items, school uniform or something else you might need help with, it's all there for your reference! So please access it if you can! Let us know your thoughts! I'm sure you will be impressed! www.hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk

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Coming up

June

- 6th TED Day- School Closed
- 12th Healthy Eating Week
- 17th Fathers' Lunch

July

- 8th SAET Commonwealth Day
- 13th Reports out
- 14th Meet your new teacher sessions from 2.00pm
- 15th Sports Day and Picnics-KS1&2
- 18th Parent Drop In sessions- if required
- 20th End of term @ 12.00noon

Reminders:

School closes for May Day Bank Holiday on 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday is from Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June is a TED Day- school opens Tuesday 7th June

Advanced Notice –

Summer Term ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th July

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