# Hartlebury CE Primary School October 2022 Newsletter

# Our Value this month is 'Respect'



## Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Staff members, parents and pupils travelled to Windsor and London to pay their respects to the Queen last month. Phoebe in Year 2 and her family travelled to Windsor to lay flowers in remembrance. Aaron's Dad (Year 5), was deployed in London on the weekend of the State Funeral. Mrs Wares who went to Windsor for the State Funeral said "It was a moment that will live long in my memory – the end of an era. It was an opportunity to spend some time to reflect and take in the atmosphere with many, many other people".

Here are some photos we received from some of those who went to London to pay their

respects.





















#### **Harvest**

We were delighted to see so many families come to St James' Church to join us for our Harvest Festival this year. Thank you again for all of your generous donations to the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal <a href="https://www.worcestershirehomelessappeal.org/">https://www.worcestershirehomelessappeal.org/</a> and to Mr Johnson who kindly collected and delivered these donations for us.

#### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

This year we gave all children a cake to raise funds for MacMillan. Your donations for these, along with those made for coffee and cake during Harvest Festival, have so far raised £71.00. Many thanks for helping us to support this wonderful charity. Further donations can still be made through your ParentPay account.

# Monthly Worship - Thursday 6th October 2022

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October for our monthly Church Worship assembly at 8.55am. Worship Group and Reverend Winter will lead an assembly based on this month's value, 'Respect'.

#### **Behaviour**

The government recently released guidance on behaviour in school, which can be found through this link <u>Behaviour in Schools</u>. Staff and pupils have been looking at our Behaviour Policy in light of these changes to develop a new consistent approach. If you would like to find out more about our procedures, do please come to our upcoming Curriculum Evening. We will be delivering a short presentation on our updated policy.

#### **All things Eco!**

It's been a very busy and exciting first few weeks for all things eco at Hartlebury! The children have really been enjoying harvesting the fruits of their labour from the Eco Garden, and have been picking marrows, cucumbers and tomatoes! Some of these have gone to the kitchen to be put in the children's lunches and we were very proud to send some to the Droitwich Homeless Appeal, along with the other Harvest Festival donations!



We have also celebrated our first ever Great Big Green Week, with lots of the children learning about climate change and the effects it is having on our planet.

We are pleased to say that our uniform swap shops will continue this year and we look forward to our first one on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please help yourself to any uniform you may need which will be on the playground and anything you would like to donate please send to the school office.

Finally, we have pledged to become a Plastic Free School! This is an award gained through Surfers Against Sewage, a fantastic charity dedicated to protecting our oceans. Our brandnew Plastic Free Crew have pledged to make our school reduce our plastic usage and all the children will be contributing to this pupil-led initiative. Year 4 are getting ready to create a "Trash Mob," to kick off our journey towards this new status and we can't wait to see how they get on!

We look forward to updating you monthly on our progress! Mrs Branagh-Wall and the Plastic Free Crew.

### Parents Curriculum Evening - Tuesday 18th October @ 5.45pm

We are delighted to be hosting a Curriculum Evening this month and we hope that you will join us. In addition to a presentation on behaviour, all teachers will be available on this evening and will each give 15-minute presentations of their curriculum area. There will be 4/5 different subjects to attend during this event. It is hoped that this will provide families with an overview of different curriculum areas in the school. This will also offer something additional to our other communication about the things your children learn during their time here. We really hope you will be ab to attend. We haven't offered Parents Meetings for a very long time, mainly due to COVID but also because, previously, they were very poorly attended (often staff outnumbered parents!) BUT in light of comments about a lack of information about what your children are learning, we're going to try again. Further information will be issued but hopefully this will interest you enough to come and join us!

#### **Operation Encompass**

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Children First and West Mercia Police. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and county council will inform a member of staff if a child or young person has experienced any domestic incident. This will be done prior to the start of the



next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse. For further information please look at our website, using this link Operation Encompass Letter.

#### **PTA Projects**

We are very grateful to our PTA who continue to organise events and fundraise for the benefit of our pupils. This month, we have a PTA Quiz to look forward to on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Details can be found here <a href="https://hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk/news/pta-quiz-night-friday-7th-october-2022/">https://hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk/news/pta-quiz-night-friday-7th-october-2022/</a>. The staff are busy forming teams; we are determined to win this year after finishing in second place in 2021! Please let the school office have your team name and money (£10.00 per person to include a fish and chips supper), in an envelope if you would like to join us!

#### **Christmas Crafts**

The PTA have organised an exciting opportunity for your child to design a special picture, which can be printed on to their very own packs of Christmas Cards, Mug, Teddy Bear (t-shirt), Fridge Magnet, Rock Slate Frame, Xmas Bauble, Tote Bag & Coasters! These are perfect gifts for family and friends this coming Christmas Season, as they will be truly unique! Each child will create their design in school. Once this has been completed, we will send them home with the order purchase form. All you need to do is choose the items that you wish to order on the Drawing Sheet/Order Form and send it back to the school on or before Friday 7th October 2022. Payment will be by cash in a named envelope, with the exact amount of money where possible.

# <u>Car Parking – Keeping your Children Safe</u>

We appreciate that parking can be challenging in the morning but please can we ask that Parents/Carers continue to be respectful of others when parking at the White Hart and on Inn Lane. We have been advised on a couple of occasions this term of incidences where parking has been inconsiderate to our neighbours or has been potentially dangerous for pedestrians. We wish to keep everyone safe and to work in harmony with members of our local community.

### Flu Nasal Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 - ACTION REQUIRED

You should have all received the information regarding the Flu Nasal Vaccinations that are taking place in school on Wednesday 9th November 2022. It is really important that all parents complete the E-Consent form. Even if the parents decline the vaccine, the consent form still needs to be completed. This will ensure that the child does NOT get vaccinated, and we do not have to continuously chase for consent forms.

#### **Birthdays in School**

We have had several requests from families regarding birthdays this year. During the Covid period, when children were unable to socialise for their birthdays, we invited them to wear their own clothes to school to celebrate their special day. This year, we ask that all children wear their school uniforms as usual and we will continue to celebrate birthdays in class and as a whole school during our Praise Assemblies.

#### **Medical Conditions**

If your child has any Medical Conditions, Allergies or Dietary Requirements that we need to be made aware of, please let Miss Gledhill know and she will update our records. If your child has Asthma and requires an inhaler in school, please ensure your child has ideally 2 x inhalers in school. One for the classroom and one for the school office. If your child no longer has any of the above, please email office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk and we will remove this information from our records.

#### **Sports News**

Mr Cadwallader is running a lunchtime football club, 3 days a week. Your child will have signed up to this at school and you should be aware of the days they are taking part. Please may we remind you that full school uniform should be worn to school on these days and their football kit is to be brought into school in a named bag. After school activities have proven popular and the children are really enjoying taking part. Keep an eye on your emails for the Autumn Term 2 interest list.

#### **SEN updates**

# Who are SENDIASS and how can they support me? Online Information Session

This online information session is aimed at parent carers who have a child/ young person with an additional need and/or a disability. It will provide you with information about the Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice and Support Service and how we can support you.

The session will discuss:

- Who are SENDIASS?
- What services do SENDIASS offer?
- How to contact SENDIASS

Parents/ carers can find out more about this workshop and book their place here: <u>Herefordshire & Worcestershire SENDIASS Online Information Session 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022</u>

# **Training Workshops for Parents/Carers**

# Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support and the Graduated Approach in Schools

This workshop is being held in the SENDIASS training room in Worcester. It is aimed at parent carers who have a child or young person that may require additional support whilst at a mainstream school.

The workshop will discuss:

- What is SEN?
- The Graduated Response to SEN
- Useful resources

Parents/ carers can find out more about this workshop and book their place here:

Worcestershire SEN Support Workshop 4th October

Worcestershire SEN Support Workshop 5th October- Evening Session

### **Diary Dates**

#### **October**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly worship in St James'
- 14<sup>th</sup> Uniform Swap Shop
- 18<sup>th</sup> Parents' Curriculum Evening @ 5.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Half term starts after school
- 21<sup>st</sup> SAET Conference (school closed)
- 31st Back to School

#### **November**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly worship at St James'
- 4<sup>th</sup> SEN Coffee morning for Parents/Carers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 Cross Country
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Yr5 Bikeability
- 9th Flu Nasal Vaccinations Reception to Yr6
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Services Yr6 at St James'
- 11<sup>th</sup> Yr4 Bikeability
- 30<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

#### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Whole School Worship in St James'
- 1<sup>st</sup> Parents evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> Santa Dash
- 16<sup>th</sup> Break up

Remember Half Term starts after 3.15pm on Thursday 20th October SAET Conference Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) – Friday 21st October 2022