

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## December Newsletter

### In this Season of Advent.

“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

#### Thank yous

- Thank you to everyone who donated an Advent Calendar for the Kidderminster Food Bank. The School Council took 132 calendars, all containing chocolate, last week and the Food Bank were delighted to receive them.
- Thank you must go to Bella Lippett’s mum who has arranged the donation of £100 from Blakemore Foundation and £50 from the Spar in Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster. We will be using the money to support families with food items during the Christmas holidays.
- Thank you to the PTA who have funded our 2 new Friendship Stops on the playground. These are a great success with the children. Why don’t you try sitting by one and see what games you get invited to join in!

*Thank you!*

#### Tis the season of nativities! Don’t Miss Out!

Make sure you check the diary date list and don’t miss our wonderful Christmas festivities! All year groups are taking part in telling the Christmas story over the next 3 weeks; don’t miss out!

#### Queen’s Jubilee Oak Tree Planting- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We have been donated an oak tree, from the Parish Council, to mark the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. We are very excited as it will go on the school drive and replace one of the old oak trees that were taken down 12 years ago! Thank you to the Parish council and to Allan Buck, who very kindly came and dug the hole!! I wasn’t looking forward to that job!!



#### Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash!- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

On **Friday 9<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 asked to take 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?



Children always look forward to the Santa Dash; they 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.

#### Christmas Crafts and PTA Hot Chocolate and Cake Event- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2.45pm

We are doing things a little differently this year to ensure that no one is left out in these financially challenging times. To this effect all the traditional Christmas crafts made by the children will be available to all and we ask that you make a contribution to the PTA Hot Chocolate stand if you feel able. You can collect your child at any time from 2.45pm; come to the classroom door and they will be released to you with their craft. Hopefully some of you will feel able to stay and enjoy a hot chocolate and cake on the playground before going home. A donation pot will be available.



### Christmas Lunch- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** and 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.**

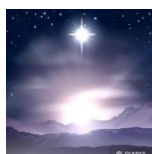


**Bookings for the Christmas lunch close on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. PLEASE don't miss out!**

### Advanced Notice

Due to rising costs, AIP are putting up the cost of their paid for meals to £2.30 daily from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. I hope that you will still feel this is great value for the quality of food your child receives and be able to continue supporting our kitchen.

### Traditional Christmas Service - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ St James' Church - 9.00am



Remember our end of term Christmas Service- everyone is invited! This is a traditional service and helps to remind us what Christmas is really about. We hope you can join us and just take a small moment in your Christmas preparations for some 'STOP' time....and maybe stay for a coffee and a mince pie too!

### Finishing Time on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is 1.00pm

We are extending our traditional time for closing until 1.00pm so that we can all enjoy our last lunch together before 2023! Please don't come earlier as there may be no one at the office hatch to help you.....we really are hoping to all be together with singing carols and a really enjoyable lunch!

Classroom doors will be opened at 1.00pm for collection. School gates will be opened from 12.55pm. If you are wanting a school lunch.... please remember to book!



### Remembering AJ

Some of you will remember AJ, who tragically died in an accident during Spring 2020. We will be remembering him and his family this Christmas time and putting up a plaque that reminds us every day just how important he was to our school community. We ask that you say a prayer and remember him at this special time.



### Diary Dates

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Early Years Nativity @ 2.00pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Years 3,4 & 5 Christmas performance 1 @ 2.00pm  
Performance 2 @ 6.00pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash  
Christmas Craft Sale and PTA Hot Chocolate ad cakes from 2.45pm
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas Nativity @ 5.30pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch  
Praise Assembly- Green Frog Awards- look out for a possible invite
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December **Term ends 1.00pm**



**Back to School - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



**Primary School Applications for children starting school in September 2023 –  
Closing Date for Applications 16th January 2023- Don't Forget!**

We would like to draw your attention to the closing date for Applications for children starting school in September 2023. If you feel you would benefit from some support in applying please contact Miss Gledhill and she will help or point you in the direction of the help you need.

**IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR NURSERY you still need to apply, so please don't miss out!**



**Enough Campaign- Worcestershire Children First -Safeguarding**

Worcestershire Children First are supporting the Enough Campaign, to help bring an end to abuse in all its forms, but especially against women and young girls. If you would like to find out more about the campaign please visit the website, <https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/> and let's all be part of the change.

