

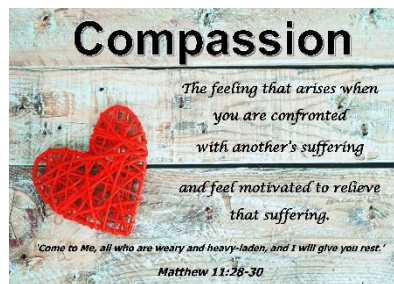
Hartlebury CE Primary School

January 2023

Newsletter

Our Value this month is 'Compassion'

'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'
Matthew 11 28:30



Thank you!

Thank you all so much for supporting our PTA Santa Dash, Christmas Crafts and PTA Hot Chocolate and Cake events. In addition to your generous Nativity donations, the funds that have been raised total £1240, which will be used by the PTA to provide enhancements for learning which will benefit all of our wonderful pupils.

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 5th January @ 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 5th January 2023 for our monthly Church Collective Worship assembly at 9.00am. Worship Group and Reverend Winter will lead an assembly to celebrate Epiphany.

Special Educational Needs: ASD Training for H&W Parent Carers Spring Term 2023

Autism West Midlands will be delivering further online training for Herefordshire and Worcestershire parent carers in the spring term. This training is for parent carers who have a child on the assessment pathway or who has an ASD diagnosis.

- Monday 9th January 2023, 9:30am - 12pm: Sensory Differences and your child
- Monday 23rd January 2023, 9:30am – 11am: Autism and Communication
- Monday 6th February 2023, 9:30am – 11am: Autism and Behaviour
- Monday 27th February 2023, 9:30am – 11am: Autism and Anxiety
(Registration on these sessions includes a recording to watch later)

To book, parent carers should visit AWM's events page:

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events>

Further training will take place in the summer term.

Safeguarding News

[Stop Loan Sharks](#) need your help to stamp out this predatory practice in local communities. Follow these safety tips to protect yourself and loved ones from loan sharks:

1. If you're struggling to make ends meet and need cash fast, the thought of a loan shark might seem tempting, but remember, these lenders are not your friends. Debt can quickly spiral out of control – it's important to think carefully before taking out a loan and consider other options.

2. Never send money or give credit card, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it from criminals who can use it to find and stalk you, harass you or threaten those you love.
3. If you're thinking about borrowing money, it's important to check that your lender is genuine. Loan sharks operate illegally without the correct permission from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Do your research first and check the firm or person you're dealing with is listed on the Financial Services Register.
4. When exploitative loan sharks are preying on hardship, it's vital for people to know there is an ethical, local, not-for-profit alternative available. Credit unions are a lifeline for many people, with their services helping members to save regularly, borrow responsibly and keep track of their finances. There are other community lenders who are mostly not for profit, and who reinvest any surpluses into serving vulnerable customers, which can be found on <https://www.findingfinance.org.uk/>.
5. Getting trapped in a never-ending spiral of debt after borrowing from a loan shark can have devastating consequences, not only on your finances but also on most other aspects of your life, including your mental health, work and relationships with your family and friends. If you're worried about a friend or family member, or if you need help yourself, Stop Loan Sharks can offer confidential advice and support.

Are you worried about a friend or family member who is being taken advantage of by a loan shark? Contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on 0300 555 2222 for support or visit <http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk>. Live Chat is available on the website between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

National Tutoring Programme

As you may know, in June 2020 the government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up on missed learning caused by Coronavirus (COVID19). We are fortunate to have been allocated some of this funding this year and will be using it to support some of our pupils in after school sessions with their teachers, focusing on either maths or reading. The funding is criteria based and if your child is eligible, we will be contacting you shortly. Please do consider taking up this offer; it is a super opportunity for your child to accelerate their learning.

Homework

At Hartlebury, we believe that homework can make significant impact on academic progress, enabling our children to undertake important practice and to consolidate their skills in key areas of learning. We have recently reviewed our procedures for setting home learning and each class teacher will be sending out an overview of their homework expectations for each year group this week. Additionally, we will be running an afternoon Homework Club with limited spaces this half term, to support children who require a focussed time and place to their complete their tasks.

All things Eco!

Happy New Year to you all! Myself and the Eco-Council are looking forward to lots of great things coming up this term, including:

- The Big Garden Birdwatch and Fairtrade Fortnight, so please look out for details of those.
- We will be writing to some local garden centres to see if we can get any donations of indoor plants for our indoor areas, as we know that indoor plants aid with well-being and help create a calm atmosphere.
- Continuing with our in-school recycling scheme. We have sent off our first full box of battery recycling so thank you all for that! Please remember that we have battery, printer cartridges, pens and crisp packet recycling available in school for you to use.

As we embark on our 2023 journey, we will continue to be a fantastically green Eco-School and I am particularly excited to continue work on becoming a Plastic-Free accredited school, and to get our Eco-Club started again after February half term to make sure our eco garden is looking wonderful! As always, if you have any ideas as to how we can be even greener, please do come and speak to one of our Eco-Councillors. Mrs Branagh-Wall and the Eco-Council.

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

At Hartlebury CofE Primary, we regard regular attendance as critical to pupil progress and we invest a great deal of time and effort into improving our pupils' attendance in line with the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory guidance and expectations. As part of the Severn Academies Education Trust, we will now be serving Penalty Notices to parents/carers who take their children out of school without authorisation.

Penalties require each parent to pay a fine of £60 per child if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. We will also be serving Penalty Notices to parents/carers of pupils who have had 12 sessions (6 days) or more of unauthorised absence within a 12-week period. We appreciate that there are times when absences are unavoidable, either through illness or other unforeseen circumstances. We are always happy to discuss these occasions with you. For example, if there is a medical condition of which we need to be made aware, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can offer support.

Attendance Matters!

The table below shows the impact Attendance has on your child's academic year. Remember...Attendance Matters!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 1/2 weeks	220 lessons
65%	67 days	13 1/2 weeks	270 lessons

Sports News

We had such a busy time last term participating in a range of sporting activities. We were fortunate to have Nick from Worcester Cricket in working with Year 2 and 3 as well as AJB Sports working with Y1 and Y5. Mrs Goddard from the Wyre Forest School Sports Partnership also came into school to lead some dance lessons with Year 2 and Year 5. Mrs Goddard also came into school to run Jumping Jaxx training with some of our Year 5's and 6's. We can't wait for our Jumping Jaxx leaders to start providing sporting opportunities for our younger children at lunchtimes this coming term. Children in Y4 and Y5 had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 last half term. The training developed cycle handling skills. This included the core functions for safe and responsible cycling. Well done to all of the children who took part.

Last term, we were also able to provide some children with out of school sporting opportunities. A group of Year 3 children were able to put their new-found cricket skills into practice when they attended the Wyre Forest Cricket Festival at the Stourport Dome. The group played countdown cricket against other schools and we were so impressed by everybody's batting skills! We were also able to send a group of Key Stage 2 children to the Wyre Forest Panathlon event at Wolverley Secondary School. Children had the opportunity to take part in Boccia, Bean Bag Throw, Parachute Popcorn, Curling, Polybat, Basketball, Races, Bowling, Messi Football and Table Cricket! What a busy morning they had! On Friday 2nd December 2022, a team of Year 3 and 4 children attended a Kho Kho event at the LQ Arena, Stourport High School. The children (and Miss Perry) had a great time learning a new game. Throughout the morning children were looking out for children from other schools who were showing the school games values of Determination, Teamwork, Self-belief, Respect and Passion. The others schools and staff awarded some of our children with the stickers too!

Finally, we finished off our busy sports term by completing the annual Hartlebury Primary School Santa Dash. The children had a fantastic time dashing, skipping, sprinting and waddling around our snowy, Santa dash course! Thank to everybody who worked really hard to raise lots of money for our wonderful PTA. What a great way to keep fit and support our brilliant school!

Green Frog Awards

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

- Year 1 – Oliver S and Eden
- Year 2 – Harriet and Robin
- Year 3 – Lily and Jack D
- Year 4 – Jessica and Lincoln
- Year 5 – Jake and Olivia
- Year 6 – Maddie and Eliza

Ambassadors

Our highest award in school are our Ambassadors Awards. These are normally reserved for children at the very top of the school, usually Year 6. 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 our school could ever ask for!

We have nominated 2 Ambassadors this half term. They are:

- Jesse - for being such a fantastic representative of Hartlebury, and in particular, taking to visitors in such a respectful and mature manner.
- Julia - for always going above and beyond for our school and for volunteering to help at extra-curricular events.

Well done to all these children receiving Green Frogs and Ambassador Awards; we look forward to rewarding more of our fabulous children throughout the year.

Forest School News

This term in Forest School we will continue to access our wonderful site on a weekly basis. We will be observing seasonal changes, further embedding our use of tools and developing a conscious approach to our environment.

With the colder weather in mind, please can you make sure that children are bringing in extra layers and in particular additional warm socks and gloves/scarves/hats. Please also bear in mind that waterproof clothing tends to be very thin and therefore the children will need further layers e.g. fleeces, thermal leggings/tights etc to keep warm. It is easier to cool down than it is to warm up!

We are really looking forward to exploring and learning more with the children over the Spring Term - keep an eye out for updates on our social media pages.

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!**

Diary Dates

5th January – Whole School Worship @ St James Church 9.00am

6th January – Hearing Tests for Reception Class

9th January – After School Activities start

23rd January – One Big Idea Launch Week