

Hartlebury CE Primary School

March 2023

Newsletter

'Serve one another in love'
Galatians 5.13

Our Value this half term is 'Service'

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 2nd March at 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 2nd March 2023 for our monthly Church Collective Worship assembly at 9.00am. Our Worship Group and Reverend Winter will lead an assembly on our half-term value of 'Service'.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

This year, we have decided not to dress up but we are offering lots of other fun opportunities to celebrate instead, such as our successful author visits to St. Bartholomew's and Stourport Primary schools this week. All children are invited to bring their favourite books into school on this day to share with friends and teachers. Children are also invited to take part in our 'Loo Roll Character' competition. Prizes will be awarded for EYFS/KS1, LKS2 and UKS2, with entries to be given to class teachers by Friday 3rd March, with the winner being announced in our Praise Assembly that morning.

HSBC Bank Workshops - Friday 3rd March

HSBC bank will be running interactive workshops for Key Stage 2 to educate and engage our children around money choices and money management skills. Ann Mulders, HSBC Financial Education Officer, will be leading the following sessions:

- Year 3 – Super Supper – healthy eating on a budget
- Year 4 – Lost Purse – discusses ways to pay for things
- Year 5 – Sporting Chance – budgeting for a sporting event
- Year 6 – Smart Gaming – budgeting and online safety

NEU Potential Strike Action Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Please be advised that there are two additional NEU Teacher Strike days planned for this month. Teachers have to inform us of their intention by 8.00am on the proposed day of action. In order to plan for a safe and organised environment, we have to assume that some of these teachers will be out of school on the proposed strike days. Regrettably, the strike will possibly impact on the full opening of school and your children's attendance; we will be open where possible and inform you of closures as soon as we can. It's important to remember that the dispute is between unions and the government - not between teachers and the school. I see the dedication of every member of staff to your child's future and education on a daily basis and any decision to take action that affects this will have been difficult to reach.

Science Week - Monday 13th March - 17th March and Animal VR Event - Monday 20th March

We are very excited to be holding our annual 'Science Week' in school from the 13th March; our teachers have been planning lots of exciting activities and investigations for the children to take part in, while inspiring them in all things scientific. To launch this special week, we have asked Worcester Wildlife Trust to deliver their 'Buzzy Bee' Assembly to the whole school. During this assembly, the children will

take a look at the world of our amazing wild bees, find out why they are disappearing and what we can all do to help.

Mrs Wares, our Science Lead, has also booked an Animal VR Experience Session for Years R-6 on Monday 20th March. During this workshop, the children will have the chance to see:

- A polar bear and Arctic fox in the Arctic
- Gentoo penguins in Antarctica
- Sperm whales and sea turtles in the Indian Ocean
- Tarantulas and sloths in the rainforest
- Giraffes, elephants and lions in Tanzania

Children will learn all about the different classifications of animals as well as being taught some amazing facts about each animal by the workshop leaders. It's a great way of introducing children to different habitats around the world.

Mothing Sunday Service- Friday 17th March @ 9.00am in St James' Church

We are holding our celebration of Mums during school time this year. All classes will be taking part in this Service at St James' Church. We hope to see as many mums, grans, aunties, sisters as possible at this special service, dads you are very welcome too! The children always enjoy taking part in this service for their mums' so we hope you are able to join us.

Mother's Day Lunch Celebration- Friday 17th March

Once again, we will be holding a special Mothers' Day Lunch this year, which we have booked in with the school kitchen for Friday 17th March. Mothers are invited into school to sit and eat lunch with their children on this special day. If you have multiple children in the school, you will only need to pay for one lunch and will be able to sit with all your children together. Please look out for a separate letter which will detail all of the booking arrangements for this event. The last day for ordering food from the kitchen is Friday 10th March. Due to popular demand and catering plans, any parents booking after this date will have to bring a packed lunch. Details of your 'lunch sitting time' will be sent out by Thursday 16th March. Lunch times will be staggered to avoid long queues at our server. If you are coming along and have not booked a hot lunch via ParentPay, please email the school office to let them know of your attendance plans office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Craft Competition – Thursday 30th March at 2.00pm

Our youngest children (Pre-School, Reception, Years 1 & 2) are invited to take part in an Easter Bonnet Parade (loved by the whole school!). The bonnets need to be **made at home** and brought into school on the morning of Thursday 30th March. Parents are invited to join the whole school in watching the Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.30pm. A winning entry (judged by a special guest) will be awarded in each class. If you will have difficulty making a bonnet at home (it can be really simple and is a nice weekend afternoon activity) just let us know. We will ensure no child misses out from the parade! Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are invited to create an Easter craft project (e.g. decorated eggs, Easter garden or poster) for entry into a competition with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places being awarded again by our guest judge.

Easter Service Friday 31st March at 9.00am

Please join us at 9.00am on Friday 31st March at 9.00am for our Easter Service at St. James' Church Hartlebury. The service will be led by our Year 6 class with singing contributions from the whole school. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served.

Safeguarding News: Triple P Positive Parenting Programme: One OFF Digital Sessions

Do you have a child or children aged 2 to 10 years old? Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of Worcestershire NHS Starting Well's one-off discussion groups and meet other parents in similar situations. Get some advice, hints, tips and strategies to help make parenting children easier and less challenging.

Each session is 2 hours long and is delivered digitally via Microsoft TEAMS

- Wednesday 8th March, 6pm to 8pm - Hassle Free Meals with Children
- Tuesday 21st March, 9:30am to 11:30am - Managing Fighting and Aggression

Book your place via [Trybooking](#) or by visiting the following Starting Well Facebook page:

SEN News: New Website Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association

Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association (HWDA) have launched their new website <https://hwda.org.uk/>. The aims of this launch are to increase awareness of dyslexia and of HWDA and how they support children and young people with dyslexia and related difficulties. They have included free resources and links for further support to families. You can get in touch with them via their website at <https://hwda.org.uk/contact-us/>

All things Eco!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for everyone's contributions recently in keeping our school such a green place to be! We have two things to celebrate: our battery recycling programme and our most recent uniform swap shop event. Firstly, over half term I took our battery box to the recycling centre and it was overflowing, as you can see! Thank you to everyone who has recycled their batteries - keep them coming! Secondly, thank you to everyone who donated uniform and who took uniform from our swap shop in the last week of half term. We had 8 bags of uniform and ended up with only 4 which is great! Everything we can reuse and recycle is one less thing in landfill so please do look out for our swap shop at the end of this half term. Thank you also to our wonderful Eco Committee who ran the event. Mrs Branagh-Wall and the Eco-Committee

Teacher Training Day Monday 17th April

School will be closed on this day for Teacher Training and will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 18th April.



**Last day of half term is Friday 31st March 2023
Back to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023**

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd March - Church Service at St James' Church 9am

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – HSBC Workshops KS2

Monday 13th March - 17th March - Science Week

Monday 13th March – Buzzy Bee Assembly with Worcester Wildlife Trust

Wednesday 15th March and 16th March – Potential NEU Strike Action

Friday 17th March – Mother's Day Service at St James' Church 9am

Friday 17th March – Mother's Day Lunch

Monday 20th March – Animal VR Event

Thursday 30th March - EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, KS2 Easter Craft Competition at 2.30pm

Friday 31st March – Easter Service at St James' church 9am

Friday 31st March - End of term, school closed until **Tuesday 18th April**