

Hartlebury CE Primary School

April 2023

Newsletter

Our School Vision



Green Frogs and Ambassadors

We begin with a roll call of all of our Spring Term Green Frog Award and Ambassador Award recipients. Congratulations to all these children for this well-deserved recognition of great behaviour. We are very much looking forward to awarding more children in the Summer term.

Green Frogs Spring 1: Zara, Arthur, Jack G, Alannah, Gracie, Tommy, Helena, Blossom S, Aaron, Sadie, William S, Theo, Hannah

Green Frogs Spring 2: Otis, Georgia, Maebelle, Heidi, Tymon, Florence, Layla, Jasmine, Spencer W, Ava, Sam H, Alfie

Ambassadors Spring 1: Mitchell, Neve

Ambassadors Spring 2: Sam H, Alfie

Parent Voice Panel – Monday 24th April at 2.15pm

Thank you to all of those who have kindly completed our Parent Voice Survey. Your views are very important to us as we strive to provide the best possible school experience for your child. Please join us and our Governor representatives for a coffee on Monday 24th April 2023 at 2.15pm, when we will be sharing the feedback and asking for your views on issues such as communication, home learning, Forest School and wellbeing.

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 4th May at 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 4th May 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 'Respect'.

One Big Idea 2023

We have once again worked collaboratively with SAET schools and 8BillionIdeas to pose a challenge to all of our children - to develop 'One Big Idea' that may possibly change the world! After a whole school vote, our entry this year was the 'Flower Power Machine', an invention created by Eleanor and Zienna from our Reception Class to grow more flowers to encourage more bees.

Mrs Hall accompanied our representatives to the SAET Trust Offices on Tuesday 28th March 2023, where they presented their idea beautifully to a panel of 3 judges. The winners of the competition will be announced next term. Our pupils were the youngest children to submit a winning school entry and greatly impressed all of those who took part; we are very proud of them both!



King Charles III Coronation Celebrations – Friday 5th May - 2.30pm

We are very much looking forward to our Coronation Tea Party, to be held on Friday 5th May 2023 at 1.30pm, with parents being invited to join us at **2.30pm on Playground 2**, where we will be singing Coronation themed songs. On this day, children can choose to wear something red, white or blue if they would like to. The PTA have kindly offered to help organise the Tea Party refreshments and AIP Catering will also have a special lunch menu on the day.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments

May is the beginning of the National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) period for Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 children. Year 6 SATS are being assessed from **Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May 2023**. If your child is away or late during this time we **cannot** enter them for the assessment as the dates and times are governed by a national timetable. The Year 1 Phonics Screen and Year 2 Phonics Retest (for children who did not pass In Year 1) are also governed by a national timetable and commence the week beginning **Monday 12th June 2023**. We have a little more flexibility for the Year 2 SATS, but tests will run throughout the month of 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 Year 2 assessments accordingly. Year 4 pupils have a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) to complete in the fortnight beginning **Monday 5th June to Friday 16th June 2023**.

Courageous Advocacy

As a Church of England School, we have been working closely with the Diocese this year to empower our children in becoming positive advocates for change and to identify the causes that are important to them. With the cost of living crisis and increasing energy prices, we have tried very hard to be mindful of asking families for charitable donations this year. We are very aware that many of our families are experiencing significant financial hardship, so we have also chosen to take part on special days such as Children in Need and World Book Day, in ways that are less cost prohibitive to our school community. We have worked closely with our School Council on these issues and their whole school survey this term has identified the charity that the vast majority of our pupils have wanted to support this year, which is Acorns Children's Hospice. The charity provides care for children with life threatening or limiting illnesses and was for some, a cause very close to their hearts. The children have chosen to hold a sponsored sport event for the charity in June, in which all children can take part, with any funds raised being presented to Acorns. We are just in the process of finalising arrangements, which will be shared soon.

Safeguarding News – Reducing parental conflict

Parental conflict can range from swearing and shouting between parents, to children feeling as if they are walking on eggshells when the conflict is more silent. This is known to have a negative impact on the life chances and well-being of children and young people, particularly when conflict happens a lot, and is left unresolved. In Worcestershire, there is an initiative called [Harmony at Home](#), which aims to reduce parental conflict. [Harmony at Home](#) understands all relationships can experience challenges, difficulties and breakdown, especially with the pressures of being a parent. The [Harmony at Home](#) website has been specifically developed to support families with advice, tips and information for parents and carers who may be together, separating, divorced or co-parenting. [Website: Harmony at Home - Worcestershire County Council \[opens in new window\]](#)

New Late Arrivals Procedures

To bring us in line with other Trust schools, all parents or carers of children arriving after registration has closed or leaving school for an appointment, will now be required to sign children in or out at the front office on arrival or departure. The school office is responsible for maintaining these records, so for health and safety reasons, please do come into the office when dropping children off so that we can admit or hand over your child accordingly.

Spring Fayre and Hartlebury's Got Talent Final – Friday 19th May

We will once again be holding our Spring Fayre on the field this May. As always, there will be much to look forward to with stalls, a bouncy castle, refreshments and of course, our Hartlebury's Got Talent Grand Final. We invite all pupils with special talents they wish to share, to start practising now! Children need to prepare and practice at home and show off their talent during the class heats to be held **Monday 15th May 2023**. Each class will then vote for who is going forward to the final. This year, we are inviting parents and carers to take part too! Look out for details about the contest and more Spring Fayre news, coming soon!

Community

We wish every success to the family of Elodie, Zara and Zac who have opened their new business, Magnolia's, a lovely new addition to the village.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th April – Back to School

Monday 24th April – Parent Voice Panel 2.15pm

Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed

Friday 5th May – Coronation Tea Party 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Monday 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday: School Closed

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Friday 19th May – Spring Fayre 3.00pm

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half term holiday: School Closed

Monday 5th June to Friday 16th June 2023 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

Friday 16th June – Father's Day Lunch