

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## May 2023

# Newsletter

### Our School Vision



### HSBC Bank Workshops - Tuesday 2nd May and Wednesday 3rd May

HSBC Bank will be returning to run another set of interactive workshops for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this week. They aim to educate and engage our children around money choices and money management skills. On Tuesday, EYFS and Year 1 will be learning about spending money sensibly with Ed and Bunny, who will be shopping for ingredients for a cake. Year 2 will also be thinking about and designing new coins featuring King Charles III. On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 will be looking at Smart Gaming, developing awareness of the hidden costs of in-app purchases and spending and staying safe online.

### Communication Matters - Wednesday 3rd May at 6pm

We would like to invite parents and Carers to a follow up meeting to our recent [Parent Survey](#). We would like to hear your views on all aspects of school life and hope that you will be able to join us at this new time. Do please let the office know if you are able to attend.

### Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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' and will be thinking about the upcoming Coronation.

### King Charles III Coronation Celebrations – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - 2.30pm

We are very much looking forward to our Coronation Tea Party, to be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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 wish to. A huge 'THANK YOU' to the PTA who are kindly providing Tea Party refreshments and decorations.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. 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 12<sup>th</sup> June**. 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**.

### **SEND News**

Worcestershire (and Herefordshire) parents can access two free webinars on autism and anxiety and behaviour. The webinars can be viewed on laptops, tablets, phones and smart TVs. Once registered parents/carers can join live or watch a recording at a time to suit them.

- Monday, 22 May 2023 9:30 - 11am Autism and Behaviour
- Monday, 12 June 2023 9:30 - 11am Autism and Anxiety

To sign up to the webinars, please visit [www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events](http://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events)

A new All-Age Autism Strategy is due to launch later this year across Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Autism Partnership Boards from across the two counties want to know what needs to be done to improve the lives of autistic people. A survey was launched on Monday 27 March and aims to get the views and experiences from autistic people, families, provider organisations, professionals and everyone in our local communities. By completing the survey you will be helping to shape a new Autism Strategy, that will help support autistic people in Herefordshire and Worcestershire in their everyday lives. The new All-Age Autism Strategy will be developed in line with the National Autism Strategy. [Find out more and share your experiences](#). The survey closes Sunday May 14th 2023.

### **Safeguarding News: Water Safety - Stay Away from the Edge**

We were joined recently by the Canal and River Trust for outreach assemblies about water safety. There are lots of resources for families to access online <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers>, including recommendations of places to visit, nature and wildlife guides, paddle sports, fishing and boating activities and waterway events. We have ordered a Water Safety Booklet for every pupil, which will hopefully arrive before half term.

### **Late Arrivals/Early Collection Procedures**

Thank you to those parents or carers who have come into the office for our new signing in and out processes. The school office is responsible for maintaining attendance records for safeguarding purposes, so adults must please come into the office when dropping children off to enable us to admit or hand over your child accordingly. The Trust will soon be installing an electronic visitor management system, which will streamline processes for the office team and provide instant data reports, photo IDs and secure GDPR compliant storage.

### **Spring Fayre and Hartlebury's Got Talent Final – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

We are on an exciting countdown to our Spring Fayre again this month. 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. A reminder that we are inviting all of our pupils with special talents that 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 in the afternoon, after SATs on **an updated date: FRIDAY 12th MAY**. 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. Please let us know if you wish to take part on the day and we will facilitate you as appropriate!

### **Sweets for a Treat - Please support our Spring Fayre Tombola!**

On **Monday 15th May**, we are inviting children to bring in a sealed sweets donation (Haribo, cake bars, chocolate etc) in exchange for a class treat (each teacher to arrange) for our Spring Fayre Tombola. This is always a really popular stall, which raises much appreciated funds for the school. A sweets station will be open on Playground One for all those wishing to donate.

### **Eco News**

It's been another very busy and exciting month in school for all things eco! We celebrated Earth Day with some fun homework options and we have had some absolutely fantastic work handed in! We've had poems, projects on endangered animals, art made from recycled materials and lots of wonderful gardening projects, so thank you to everyone who worked so hard on these at home. We will be announcing some winners very soon but it's going to be so hard to pick them as they were all fabulous!

We are also very proud to say that we have added another item to our ever-growing list of things we recycle here at Hartlebury! We are now recycling clothes and other textiles as part of a project called 'Recycle to Read', and the more clothes we donate, the more book vouchers we receive for school! This keeps clothes out of landfill and means we can get some more lovely books for our children, so if you have any clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, bedsheets, covers and pillowcases (not pillows and duvets) that you need to dispose of, we would very gratefully receive them. Please also remember that we recycle pens, printer cartridges and batteries also. As always, if you have any ideas as to how we could make our school even greener, please do come and see me!

Mrs Branagh-Wall

### **School Council Sponsored Sports Circuit Event - Friday 16th June**

On Friday 16th June, staff and children will be taking part in the first Hartlebury Primary Sports Skills Circuit! This event will be taking place around the school playground to raise money for this year's chosen charity, Acorns Children's Hospice. The event is being organised by the School Council and the children will be challenged to complete a sports skill for 15 minutes around the playground. Children can skip, dribble a football, use a hockey stick and ball, bounce a basketball or balance a tennis ball on a racket, all whilst moving around a circuit. The challenge is to complete the course as many times as you can within the timeframe. By taking part, we are hoping to raise as much money as we can for the children's chosen charity and we will kindly be asking family and friends who are able to support us, for sponsorship of children who are taking part in this fundraising challenge. Children will be coming home with details of sponsorship on Wednesday 24th May, following a special Acorns Children Trust Assembly, with details on how to donate any money raised.

### **Father's Day Lunch**

Once again, we will be holding a special Fathers' Day Lunch this year, which we have booked in with the school kitchen for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Fathers 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. Details of your 'lunch sitting time' will be sent out by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. 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](mailto:office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk)

### **Our Value this half term is Respect**

‘So, in everything, do to others, what you would have them do unto you.’

Matthew 7:12



## Diary Dates

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Tea Party 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Bank Holiday: School Closed

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Hartlebury's Got Talent Pupil Class Heats

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Sweets for Treats Donation Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Fayre 3.00pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half term holiday: School Closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June –School Council: Sponsored Sports Skills Circuit

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Lunch

*In aid of*

**acorns**

*Care for the child,  
support for the family*

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