

Hartlebury CE Primary School

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Newsletter

Our School Vision



Parking! AGAIN! A SAFEGUARDING Concern

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider how you park! We are constantly having to deal with complaints from parents and neighbours....and it gets tiring!! Often parking is just thoughtless and selfish but sometimes it is dangerous and unsafe! We often see potential near misses outside the front of school and no one wants to be responsible for hitting and injuring a child.

THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL, IN EITHER CARPARK, UNLESS YOU ARE A BLUE BADGE HOLDER. The front of school is being used more and more by latecomers to drop their child, please don't, it simply is not safe. I can't really be any clearer!

School Day Start Time is 8.45am

Just a reminder, following Government guidance that all schools be open for 6.5hrs per day, we brought the start of our school day forward to 8.45am, with the doors opening at 8.35am. We are still getting several children arriving after this time. If the classroom door is closed your child is required to come in via the main office door and you are needed to come and sign them in. The school gates will be closed from 8.50am.

School Games GOLD Again!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. With a total of 53 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to all of the staff and parents who have supported us in taking children to sports events this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Goodbye Open the Book - Wednesday 5th July

After many, many years we are saying 'Goodbye' and 'Thank you' to our original Open the Book Volunteers, and there have been lots of them over the passed 12 years that I have been here. Our particular thanks go to Mrs Lynne Moseley who has orchestrated the proceeding for all this time. The children have loved the weekly bible stories that have been brought to life by all the brilliant staging of these volunteers and they will be greatly missed. We are hoping to welcome as many volunteers, past and present, who are able to join us for their final performance! There is sure to be coffee, tea, cake, stories and a few tears I am sure!

But Hello to a new look 'Open the Book' for September

But Open the Book won't go away.... hooray!! Mrs Branagh-Wall, Mr James Homer and the Worship Group will continue bringing the Bible stories to life. We are really looking forward to this new phase.

Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 6th July at 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on **Thursday 6th July 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 '**Courage**'.

Sports Morning - Friday 7th July - slightly different; broadly the same!

We will be holding our Sports Day between 9am and 12pm this year. Our youngest children (Reception & Pre-School) will go first, from 9.00am (or as close as possible) and our Years 1 - 6 children will compete from 10.15am.

Chairs will be placed on the field for parents but please stick to the right-hand side of the track as you approach it; the children will sit in their classes on the left-hand side. Please avoid calling the children over to you or visiting them in their classes, as this often upsets the children and makes it doubly hard to ensure their safety.

Children will return to their classes after their races have finished for their lunch and then parents will be able to sign their children out of school (if they wish) from 1.30pm, to attend our Fayre. We are, of course, happy to keep your children until 3.15pm and after school care will be operating as normal.

PTA Summer Fayre - Friday 7th July from 1.30pm

We were very disappointed to cancel our Spring Fayre earlier this term, but happy to be hosting a Summer Fayre! A new approach for us...we are holding it on the afternoon of Sports Day. We are hoping this supports working parents and means that only 1 day of juggling work commitments is needed! As before, there will be much to look forward to with stalls, a bouncy castle, refreshments and, of course, our Hartlebury's Got Talent Grand Final @ 3.30pm. The Fayre will run from 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Uniform Swap Shop - Monday 10th July at 3.00pm

Our Eco Council will run a Uniform Swap Shop from 3.00pm on the main school playground. Please let us have any outgrown school uniform, clean and in good condition please, on the morning of Monday 10th July and we will do the rest. Hopefully then the 'swap' will happen and you will be able to get some school uniform ready for September. Please don't be shy; recycled uniform is great for the planet and great for the pocket!

We will be putting all Lost property items into the Swap Shop (and there is lots.... all, sadly un-named). Any uniform left over will be sent on Tuesday 11th to the Gambia Appeal for uniform. Our plan is to start September without an overflowing Lost Property cupboard!

Music Workshops 11th June - Year 5 at Stourport High School)

Our youngest pupils have taken part in their own Music Festivals last month and now it's the turn of our Year 5s. Parents are invited to Stourport High School to join in with the festival, please check your Arbor emails for details, including how to make payment on ParentPay, allowing us to proceed with these exciting events.

Reports to Parents - Thursday 13th July

Reports will be sent via Arbor again this year, saving paper and ensuring they all reach their intended parents. You will receive these during the afternoon, and certainly by 4.00pm. They won't all come at the same time, so please wait until 4.00pm to tell us if you haven't received yours.

Transition Afternoon - Monday 17th July

The children will spend this afternoon in their new classroom, with their new teacher and teaching assistant. I know how excited they are already as many keep asking me who their new teacher is!

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Early Years	Mrs Anneka Hall	Mrs Maxine Leavesley Mrs Ellie Warby Mrs Hayley Bellison Miss Rachael Willets
Year 1	Miss Charli-Ann Porter	Mrs Trina Preece Mrs Denise Wilton 1 day
Year 2	Miss Rebekah Salter	Mrs Lucy Tristram Mrs Angela Mercer 2 days Mr Derek Cadwallader 3 days
Year 3	Miss Emily Williams	Miss Libby Harris
Year 4	Mrs Debbie Wares Mrs Joanne Vernon	Mrs Natalie Powell
Year 5	Mrs Toni Branagh-Wall	Mrs Claire Cartwright
Year 6	Miss Caitlin Perry	Mrs Nicola Purslow

Parent Drop In Meetings - Monday 17th July - 3.30 - 4.30pm

Hopefully, following the Parents' Evenings you have already attended and the conversations you have had with your teacher already there will be very little on your end of year report that is a surprise. If, however you wish to discuss your report with your class teacher they are available during this time. Please email the office with your wish to attend and we will offer you a time slot.

Meet your New Teacher - Tuesday 18th July at 2.00pm & 2.30pm

We are offering 2 meetings again this year for parents to come in and meet the new class teacher and find out the different routines and expectations. Two repeated meetings so that you can visit 2 different classes, if you have more than 2 children we will make separate arrangements if required.

The children will not be available to leave early, so possibly best to attend the 2.30pm meeting if you are only attending 1 meeting.

Miss Williams (Year 3 Teacher) is not available on this day. She will be holding her 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Friday 14th July at 2.15pm.

Leavers Parents' Lunch - Wednesday 19th July at 1.00pm

This year we are inviting the parents of our leavers to join us for one last lunch! Max of 3 adults per child please. We are hosting it at 1.00pm to make it a memorable occasion for all! Tables will be laid and all our leavers and the parents will have the hall to themselves for one final meal together; we do hope you will join us if your child is leaving this term. Please look out for the item on ParentPay and get booked in....an occasion not to be missed!

Leavers' Service in St James' Church - Thursday 20th July at 9.00am

Please join us for our annual Year 6 Leavers Service, always a beautifully memorable occasion, never a dry eye! Your child doesn't need to be leaving, you can just come to support our Year 6s. Tea and coffee will be available before and after the service.

End of Term Whole School Picnic - Thursday 20th July

We are making our last day really special this year by having a whole school picnic on the field before we break up at 12.30pm.

Please send your child with a picnic lunch or order a picnic lunch from our kitchen.

Children will be collected from class at **12.30pm**. There is no afterschool provision on this day.

Safeguarding News:

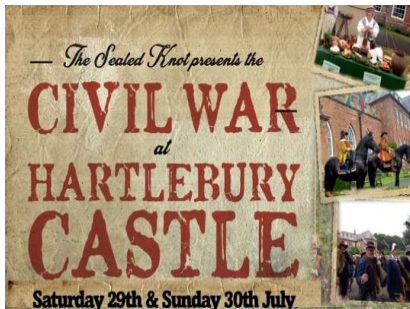
New Procedures for Administering Medication in school

If your child needs to be given prescribed medication in school we have reviewed and revised our procedures. These are available from the front office but, briefly: -

- You will be required to complete an Administering Medication Consent form giving, full details of the dosage and time required and hand over the medicine to a First Aider or member of the Senior Leadership Team. These forms will be available in the front office or in Breakfast Club.
- You will be required to put a red wrist band on your child, with their name and date of birth, for an additional layer of security and identification.
- 2 adults, 1 of whom must be a First Aider or member of the Senior Leadership Team, will administer the medication and sign to say that it has been administered following our procedure. This documentation will be available for scrutiny.
- The parent is responsible for arranging collection of the medication at the end of the school day or from After School Care. Any medication will only be given to the adult collecting.

We are only able to administer prescribed medication; we do not administer pain or hay fever relief in school.

Wider Curriculum Events -The Sealed Knot are coming to Hartlebury Castle (and school!)



The Sealed Knot are coming to Hartlebury Castle at the beginning of the school holidays and it is an adventure and spectacle not to be missed, it is such an amazing event!

Years 5 & 6 have been learning all about the Civil War this term with visits to The Commandry in Worcester to fully immerse themselves in the Roundhead and Cavalier experience. We are pleased to announce that The Sealed Knot are also coming to work with the children on Monday 10th July, ahead of their weekend at the Castle...and we can't wait!

Eco News

We are ending our academic year with one final uniform swap shop! This will take place on the playground on Monday 10th July at the end of the day and is a great chance to claim any lost uniform and help yourself to anything you think your child might need for September.

Anything which is not claimed by this date and all spare uniform will be sent to Gambia to make sure that all children have a school uniform. This is being organised by a wonderful charity made up of retired teachers who are passionate that lack of uniform should not stop children getting an education. A representative from this charity will be on the playground at drop off and collection time on Tuesday 11th July, so if you have any old uniform at home that would be happy to donate, please bring it along. After this date, there will be no spare uniform or lost property in school so please do claim anything you need by then.

Summer Reminders

With the Summer Term now in full swing and drawing to a close (hard to believe another school year is almost done!), we are looking forward to more good weather, continuing our outdoor learning on our fabulous field and in Forest School. The children will be making full use of these facilities, making dens, exploring our adventure equipment and enjoying lots of sporting activities.



Consequently, here are a few reminders:

Sunhats and Sun Cream - Please send your child into school with sun cream already applied and a sun hat or cap when it is appropriate for the weather.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child always has a water bottle in school. They will be allowed water to drink whenever they require it during the school day. We ask that the children limit their intake of sugary drinks and request they have sugar free squash at lunch and break times only.

Diary Dates for July

Thursday 6th	Whole school worship in St James', all welcome
Friday 7th	Sports Day from 9am - 12pm and Summer Fayre from 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 10th	Uniform Swap Shop @ 3.00pm
Tuesday 11th	All uniform left in school being collecting for the Gambia
Thursday 13th	Reports due by 4.00pm
Friday 14th	Next term's Year 3 parents meeting with Miss Williams @ 2.15pm
Monday 17th	Transition afternoon Parent Drop in Meetings 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 18th	Meet the Teacher meetings @ 2.00pm & 2.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Leavers' Lunch @ 1.00pm Parents invited
Thursday 20th	Leavers Service @ 9.00am Whole School Picnic School finishes @ 12.30pm

We wish you all a very lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September

Stay safe and well!

Return to school Wednesday 6th September at 8.45am, doors open from 8.35am

