

Hartlebury CE Primary School

October 2023

Newsletter

Our Value this half term is 'Kindness'



Harvest Festival - Thursday 5th October 2023 at 9am

All children from Reception - Year 6 (Hares but not Hedgehogs) will be taking part in our Harvest Festival service on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 9.00am. We hope you and your families can join us. Harvest is always such an important celebration in the Christian calendar, a time to give thanks to God for crops and growth. It also provides our school community with the opportunity to appreciate those working in agriculture and food production.

For our school, it is also a time to think of those in our local communities, who experience food poverty. We'd like to invite families for donations of non-perishable food (tins, packets, pasta, rice, jars.... anything you can spare) to be blessed at our Harvest church service and donated to a charitable organisation afterwards.

Any donations are welcomed in school from 9.00am on Wednesday 4th October 2023. The donations will then be taken over to the church by the children and placed near the altar for our service.

Flu Nasal Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 Thursday 5th October 2023

You should have all received the information regarding the Flu Nasal Vaccinations that are taking place in school on **Thursday 5th October 2023**. Only children whose parents have consented through the portal, will receive their nasal spray in the afternoon.

Family Learning Course - 'Marvellous Me'

We are pleased to announce our partnership with 'Learning Services Worcestershire' this term. We are hosting a course to support parents through fun and creative learning experiences in-school, so that they can improve the outcomes of their child. The 10-week course 'Marvellous Me' is delivered weekly by a Family Learning Tutor in our Mobile Classroom on Wednesday mornings between 9am - 11am. If you are interested in learning more about the course, do please contact the office.

School Open Morning – Tuesday 17th October 2023 from 10am-11.30am

We are very excited to be running an Open Morning in a couple of weeks. Do you know of children looking for places here at Hartlebury? Are you a parent/carer looking for a Preschool place now or Reception place for September 2024? Do please join us on our Open Morning when children and staff will be showcasing our fabulous school. Please help us share this information throughout the community: [Hartlebury Open Day Tuesday 17th October 2023](#)

All things Eco!

Only a few weeks in and already it's been a busy half term for eco! I am very pleased to announce that we have our new Eco Councillors ready and raring to go: Erin and Harrison from Cherry class, Isla and Isabelle from Ash, Denis and Blossom from Lime, Millie and James from Hazel Class, Jasmine and Josh from Chestnut and Noah B and Ava from Alder!

We are very much looking forward to starting new projects and continuing our work to become a plastic free accredited school!

I am also excited to announce that we have had ten brand new litter pickers donated! We are very fortunate to have these donated and will be starting our litter picking class rotas again soon. If any of our families would like to borrow these to litter pick around the village please do come and see us and you are more than welcome!

Mrs Branagh-Wall and the Eco Council.

Severn Trent Water Assembly - 'Super Sewers'

Andy Hussey will be delivering a 'Super Sewers' assembly on Wednesday to Key Stages 1 and 2 and additional workshops. The focus will be on how a healthy sewer system can contribute to a healthy environment and how we can measure how much families use water in the home.

PCSO Gallagher Assemblies - 'Personal Safety' (Years 1 - 6) and 'Knife Crime' (Year 6)

Last Friday, PCSO Gallagher spoke with Key Stages 1 and 2 about Online Safety. We are welcoming him back on Tuesday October 24th to talk about 'Personal Safety' and then on Wednesday November 8th, for a special Year 6 assembly on 'Knife Crime'. Please can I ask all parents/carers to be vigilant when children are out and about in our community, in parks and on their journeys home, reminding the children of the importance of personal safety at all times.

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 24th October 2023 and Wednesday 25th October 2023

We would like to invite you to your child's Parents' Evening this term, being held on Parents' Evening will give you an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher, as to how they have settled into their class and how they are progressing. You will also be able to look at your child's work. If you are unable to attend Parents' Evening, please contact the class teacher and we will be happy to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Booking for appointments will be online and will open on Friday 13th October 2023. The office will send more details nearer the date.

Operation Encompass

Our school continues to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Children First and West Mercia Police. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and county council will inform a member of staff if a child or young person has experienced any domestic incident. This will be done prior to the start of the next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse. For further information please look at our website, using this link [Operation Encompass Letter](#)

SEN News Dyslexia Awareness Week - 2nd to 8th October 2023

Dyslexia Awareness Week is taking place from 2nd to 8th October 2023. The theme this year is Uniquely. You and the focus are on celebrating individuals with dyslexia from all walks of life. Having dyslexia can be a challenging experience but it also brings with it many strengths and qualities that make dyslexic learners unique in many ways that are not always recognised. For further information visit the British Dyslexia Association website: Dyslexia Awareness Week - British Dyslexia Association bdadyslexia.org.uk

Locally, the Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association can provide support to young people and their families. They run weekly workshops in Hereford, Worcester and Bromsgrove and also give advice and provide resources on their website: Welcome to Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association -Hereford & Worcester Dyslexia Association hwda.org.uk You may also like to follow them on Facebook HWDA | Facebook.

The Solihull Approach - Understanding your child's feelings. For parents or carers, who find themselves wanting to understand their child, and child's feelings, the FREE 'Understanding your child's feelings' course can help. This short course provides an introduction into understanding your child, their feelings and how to nurture their emotional development. Parents can access this course for FREE by visiting In Our Place website and using the access code PARENTSROCK.

Medical Conditions

If your child has any Medical Conditions, Allergies or Dietary Requirements that we need to be made aware of, please let Miss Gledhill know and she will update our records. If your child has Asthma and requires an inhaler in school, please ensure your child has ideally 2 x inhalers in school. One for the classroom and one for the school office. If your child no longer has any of the above, please email office@har.saet.co.uk and we will remove this information from our records.

Are you Eligible for Free School Meals or Further Support?

Check if you are eligible by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Free School Meals can only be awarded if you or your partner are claiming either;

- Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

Further Support

Ready Steady Worcestershire provides holiday activities and food at Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods. Eligible benefits related Free School Meal Children can attend these activities free of charge - [Ready Steady Worcestershire](#)

The Household support fund can help families who don't qualify for Free School Meals but are struggling with food costs. Household Support Fund - [Household Support Fund](#)

Leave of Absence Requests

If you are requesting Leave of Absence during term time for a holiday, it is essential that the parent/carer taking the child away completes and returns a Leave of Absence form available from the school office.

Thank You Coogan Family

We have had an amazing delivery of new seating logs for our Forest School. James' family heard our plea for new logs after ours were aged and falling apart. James worked with his Dad and Grandad, who own Summerway Wood, to cut all these for us. Thank you Coogan family. We are very grateful.

Diary Dates

October

Wednesday 4th October - Severn Trent Water Assembly and Workshop

Thursday 5th October - Harvest Festival at St. James' Church at 9am

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October - Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 24th October - PCSO Gallagher 'Personal Safety' Assembly

Wednesday 25th October - School Houses Afternoon

Thursday 26th October - End of Term at 3.15pm

November

Monday 6th November - Back to School

Wednesday 8th November - PCSO Gallagher Year 6 'Knife Crime' Assembly

December

Friday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Exchange

Wednesday 13th December - EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Tuesday 19th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2pm and 5.30pm

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper and Santa Dash Day

Thursday 20th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 21st December - Christmas End of Term Service at St James' Church at 9am

Remember Half Term starts after 3.15pm on Thursday 26th October 2023

SAET Conference Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) – Friday 27th October 2023