

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## March 2024

# Newsletter



### **Our Value this half term is 'Forgiveness'**

#### **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March**

We're already excited for World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March and hope you will join us celebrating too! Please read on for more information and events that will be taking place to mark this fantastic event.

#### **Dressing Up + Bring-a-book**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character: this could be the Cat in the Hat, Pippin Longstocking, Harry Potter...or even the Gruffalo himself! We love to see everyone getting involved, but please make sure you consider the weather and children still bring coats for this day.

Children are also invited to bring their favourite book on this day to share with their friends – we love seeing your favourite stories!

#### **Spoon Character Competition**

Children are invited to take part in our World Book Day Wooden Spoon Character competition. Let your imagination run free and decorate a wooden spoon as any book character you choose. Entrances should be brought into school by 7<sup>th</sup> March for the winner to be announced in Celebration Worship on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. Fabulous prizes will be given for: Pre-school and Reception, Years 1 + 2, Years 3 + 4, Years 5 + 6. Happy creating!

#### **Author Visits**

We are delighted to be taking part in the SAET World Book Day author visits again this year and Willow Class Hares (Reception) had a fantastic morning working with the poet [SPOZ](#) at Stourport Primary this week. This brilliant experience is paid for by our Trust, SAET, but we do ask that you help with a contribution of £3.40 to cover transport to and from this event, payable by the end of Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> via ParentPay. Children will eat lunch in school as normal on these days.

Please see below for dates/times for each year group and letters attached with more information about the authors:

Year 3 and 4 - Tues 5th March, Daniel Henshaw @ Stourport Primary

Year 5 and 6 - Weds 6th March, Daniel Henshaw @ Stourport Primary

Year 1 and 2 – Thurs 7th March, Terry Caffrey @ St Bartholomew's

### **Monthly Church Worship**

Please be advised that there will be no service on Thursday 7th March now, as this has been changed to the Friday to celebrate all our wonderful mums!

### **Mother's Service - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday 4th 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' have been sent out already. Lunch times will be staggered to avoid long queues at our server. If you would like to attend and have not yet completed the google form, please do so before Monday <https://forms.gle/v9jumTR9FEfyUJkW6>

### **HSBC Bank Workshops - Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March**

HSBC bank will be running interactive workshops for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 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:

#### **Tuesday 12th March**

- 9.30 – 10am: EYFS- Ed and Bunny Spend
- 10.15 – 11am: Year 2-Where does money come from?
- 11 – 12pm: Year 1-Woodland Adventure

#### **Wednesday 13th March**

- 9 – 10am- Year 3 Shopping Sense
- 10.15 – 11.15am Year 5 Shopping Sense
- 11.15 – 12:15pm Year 6 Fraud and your money
- 1:00-1:45pm Year 4 Lost Purse

### **Science Week - Friday 8th March - Sunday 17th March**

We are very excited to be holding our annual 'Science Week' in school from the 8th 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. Mrs Wares, our Science Lead, has booked a Space VR Experience Session for Years 1-6 on Monday 18th March to round off our special week. The children that took part in the animal VR workshop last year loved it and the space experience looks even more exciting! The cost works out at £5.50 per child and we would really love for this workshop to go ahead. This has been set up on parent pay already I believe, and we would like payment by Friday 8th March please. We have attached a link below which includes a video to give you an idea of what your children will be experiencing. <https://www.educationgroup.co.uk/workshops/space>

### **Parent's Evenings - Wednesday 13th March 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday 14th March 3.30pm to 6pm**

Please look out for further details regarding Parent's Evenings this month. Bookings will open on Monday 4th March 2023.

### **Comic Relief - Friday 15th March**

This year, we are supporting [Comic Relief](#), the theme this year being 'Do Something Funny For Money.' As this is hot on the heels of 'World Book Day', we are inviting children to bring a small coin donation in return for telling the class a joke or wearing their school uniform in a funny way e.g. jumper or cardigan

back to front, odd socks, red noses or headbands, funny hats etc. We are very much looking forward to seeing and hearing the children's ideas!

### **Eco News: Uniform Donation Share - Friday 15th March**

On Friday 15th March we will be putting all lost property out in the playground at the end of the day. Sadly, all the lost uniforms don't have names in, so we are using this as a chance to recycle as much as possible! If you need any uniform for your children at all please do come and have a look and take what you would like- we will then be donating the rest to charity.

Please also remember that we have the facilities in school to recycle batteries and printer cartridges and if you bring these to the office or send them in with your child we are more than happy to recycle these for you!

### **Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Craft Competition – Friday 22nd March at 2.30pm**

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 Friday 22nd 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 decorate an egg for entry into a competition with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places being awarded again by our guest judge.

### **Easter Service - Friday 22nd March at 9.00am**

Please join us at 9.00am on Friday 22nd March at 9.00am for our Easter Service at St. James' Church Hartlebury. The service will be led by our Worship Group with singing contributions from the whole school. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

**TechJam** - Thank you so much to Georgia, Simon and Justin for leading our after school TechJam sessions on Mondays. The girls had a brilliant time and loved trying out some new technology.

**Netball** - Year 6 had a fantastic first Netball lesson on Tuesday 20th February 2024. The children worked on passing the ball and how to move around the Netball court. Mrs Moulder was so impressed with how the children's netball skills had developed since the class was in Year 4. Well done Alder class!

### **Teacher Training Day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

School will be closed on this day for Teacher Training and will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**Last day of half term is Friday 22nd March 2024**

**Back to school on Tuesday 9th April 2024**

### **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day

**Friday 8th March** - Mothers Day Service - St James' Church @ 9.00am

**Friday 8th March** - Mothers Day Lunch

**Tuesday 12th March** - HSBC Bank Workshop

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**Thursday 14th March** - Reception Eye Tests

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**Friday 22nd March** - Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Competition

**Friday 22nd March** - Easter Service

**Advance Notice!**

**Friday 5th July (Morning)** - Sports Day

**Friday 12th July (Morning)** - Sports Day Reserve Date