

Hartlebury CE Primary School

May 2024

Newsletter

Our School Vision



Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 6th June at 9.00am

Please join us at St. James' Church on Thursday 6th June 2024 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 'Perseverance'.

A Warm Welcome and a Fond Farewell

We have recently welcomed Mrs Debbie Gough to our Lunchtime Supervisor team. Mrs Gough has been supporting us with lunches and on the playground and has been getting to know our wonderful children. She is a super addition to the team.

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Anneke Barrett will be joining our team as a new, experienced classroom teacher, starting with us in September 2024. We are very excited to have her join us. Anneke's appointment follows Mrs Debbie Wares' retirement at the end of the school year after 24 years of exceptional service here at Hartlebury. Mrs Wares will be truly missed by staff and children alike and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Sports News - Eco Cycling

On Friday 26th April, a group of KS2 children attended the Eco Cycling Festivals, supported by Open Trail and Burlish Bike Park Severn Trent and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Children have cycled, been on ecology walks & learnt about saving water. The children enjoyed the sessions and behaved beautifully. Well done team!

Eco - Grab your walking shoes!

The entire month of May is National Walking Month and as the weather is beginning to look a bit brighter, it's a great excuse to get outside. May 20th-24th is Walk to School Week and we would love to see as many of you as possible walking to school. Walking not only is a great form

of exercise but helps us reduce our carbon footprint too. If you go on any great walks as a family this month please send us a photo as we'd love to feature it on our website!

Forest School

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to run our weekly Forest School sessions this term. We will be ensuring that as the weather improves, children will access the outdoor learning areas but this will be communicated to you by class teachers, if children are required to wear anything to school in addition to their uniform.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Are you or do you know any specialists in sport, Forest School, the arts or STEM? We are looking to enhance and extend our extra-curricular offer and we are keen to work with those skilled practitioners in our community. Do please contact the office if you, or someone you know, is interested in supporting children in an after-school club capacity.

Breakfast Club and After School Club - Advance Notice of September 2024 Fees

Costings for September 2024 are as follows:

£5.50 for Breakfast Club - 7.30am - 8.30am daily

£9 per session Mondays - Thursdays 3.15pm - 6pm

£8 per session Fridays 3.15pm - 5pm

PTA Quiz Night

On Friday 26th April 2024, we hosted our annual PTA Quiz Night. Alex Jolly, our Chair of the PTA was a fantastic Quiz Master, well supported by Charlene Measom and Claire Cheeseman. We are hugely grateful to the team, a total of £140 was raised, which will provide learning resources for the children. We had great representation from both parents and staff, with a delicious fish and chip supper and a fun, lively atmosphere. The competition was fierce but there could be only one winning team... the Pistachio Club (second year in a row for a staff team!). Join us next year to see if parents can take back the crown!

Parking at the White Hart

Our relationship with the White Hart landlords over the years has always been one of mutual respect. We appreciate that they allow parents and carers to use their car park to pick up the children but understand that they are also an operating business.

As we enter into the summer months, can we please ask those using the car park to be mindful of this arrangement. Parking in the morning and collection between 2.55pm and 3.30pm is acceptable if we do not block any deliveries or overstay unnecessarily. We do have the overflow car park and off-road parking adjacent to school if you are collecting before or after these times.

We are aware that the pub may look to alternative actions if the car park is used by non-customers for extended periods of time. Parking in the Castle driveway is always an option.

KEY STAGE 2 ASSESSMENTS - Years 4 and 6

May is the beginning of the National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) period for Years 1, 4 and 6 children. Year 6 SATS are being assessed from **Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May**. If your child is away or late during this time we may **not be able to enter** them for the assessment as the dates and times are governed by a national timetable.

Year 4 pupils have a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) to complete in the fortnight beginning **Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June 2024.**

NATIONAL PHONICS SCREENING CHECK - Years 1 and 2

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 10th June.**

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 14th 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 13th 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

Safeguarding News - Tick Awareness

As we head into spring and summer, Worcestershire Children First are reminding people to be 'tick aware' as they enjoy the great outdoors. Ticks are small, spider-like creatures that are found in leafy, grassy areas and feed on the blood of animals and humans. Ticks can be active all year round, but they are most active in the months April to July. Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, but they are particularly common in grassy and wooded areas. You are therefore more at risk of being bitten if you take part in activities such as hiking, cycling, or camping. You might also be exposed to ticks while on a walk in some urban parks and gardens. Ticks can carry infections, including Lyme Disease and, very rarely, tick-borne encephalitis (TBE). In the UK, the most important tick species to human health is *Ixodes Ricinus*, more commonly known as the sheep, castor bean or deer tick. This species can be found feeding on humans and is the principle vector of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne infections.

Lyme Disease is a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans by infected ticks. Studies in Europe estimate that 1% to 5% of tick bites can lead to Lyme Disease. It is easier to treat if diagnosed earlier. One of the most common symptoms of Lyme Disease is a spreading, 'bullseye' rash at the site of the tick bite which typically develops 3 to 30 days after being bitten. This rash does not occur in all cases. Other symptoms include mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache and fatigue, a facial droop, nerve pains and numbness or tingling in the hands or feet. Lyme Disease should not deter you from enjoying the outdoors because you can reduce your chance of infection by following the precautions below. More information on Lyme Disease treatment can be found [here](#).

Online Safety Corner - Fortnite (Rated 12+)

Because of its frequent scenes of mild violence, Fortnite is rated 12+ by [PEGI](#). Violence is cartoonish, but some characters and scenes might disturb younger players. It's important that parents are aware of the risks and understand how to help their children play safely.

Fortnite's Battle Royale mode has an unmoderated chat functionality in which players are open to communications, either by voice or on-screen, from anyone they are playing with. Just like other games with chat functions, children may be at risk of exposure to inappropriate language, bullying or extremism.

Fortnite offers three levels of privacy settings: Public, where anyone can enter your child's online group; Friends, where only friends can join a group; and Private, which means that no one can enter your child's group without being invited by the child themselves. Fortnite allows for voice chat to be disabled. Some settings allow you to filter out mature language and the possibility of receiving friend requests from players you don't know.

Make sure that children understand what to do if they encounter any unpleasant behaviour whilst playing Fortnite, and remind them not to share any personal information with other players.

If you're concerned that a child may have had inappropriate contact with someone on Fortnite, you can also seek advice and make a report to CEOP, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command, through their [online safety centre](#).

Summer Fayre and Hartlebury's Got Talent Final – Friday 12th July

We will once again be holding our Summer Fayre on the field this July. 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 1st July 2024**. 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 Summer Fayre news, coming soon!

Last day of the Academic Year

We finish at 1.15pm on the last day of the Summer term, **Friday 19th July**. We will have a picnic lunch on that day. Children may bring their own packed lunch or order a picnic lunch from AIP. Details will be sent home soon. There will be no After School Care on this day.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May - Year 6 National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS)

Monday May 20th - Friday 24th - Walk to School Week

June

Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June 2024 - Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Check (MTC)

Monday 10th June - Year 1 Statutory Phonic Screening Test and Year 2 Phonic Screening Retest (for children who did not pass In Year 1).

Friday 14th June 2024 - Father's Day Lunch

Monday 17th June 2024 - Friday 21st June 2024 - Sports Week

Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June 2024 - Arete (Years 5 and 6)