

Hartlebury CE Primary School

July 2024

Newsletter

Our School Vision



Goodbye Reverend Winter! Monthly Church Worship - Thursday 4th July at 9.00am

We are saying 'Goodbye' and 'Thank you' to our good friend Reverend Stephen Winter, who will be retiring in August. Reverend Winter has been a wonderful support and ambassador to us all here at Hartlebury, children, parents and staff alike. He will be greatly missed by us all. Please join us at St. James' Church on **Thursday 4th July 2024** for a special Church Collective Worship assembly at 9.00am.

Hartlebury Sponsored Sport Circuit

Well done to all the children who completed the sponsored sport circuit on Monday 24th of June 2024. The children had to complete a circuit as many times as they could in 15 minutes. The circuit included bouncing basketballs, balancing bean bags on a tennis racket, dribbling a football, throwing a rugby ball and many more activities! The children worked so hard to raise money for their chosen charity, Alzheimer's Society. We have raised £105 so far and it would be amazing if we could raise even more. Therefore, we are going to leave the page open in case anyone wants to make any last-minute donations. Thank you so much for your support with this! The link for donations is: [Hartlebury Just Giving Page](#)

School Games GOLD Again!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 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 over 100 of our children 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 awarded this year. A special thanks to all of the staff and parents who have supported us in taking children to sports events this year, especially our incredible PE Lead, Mrs Moulder. We look forward to applying once again in 2024/2025!



Sports Morning - Friday 5th July

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. Afternoon school sessions will continue as normal so children will be picked up at the usual collection times and after school care will be operating as normal.

PTA Summer Fayre - Friday 12th July from 3.00pm

We are very excited about our PTA Summer Fayre this year that is taking place on **Friday 12th July 2024**. Please note the updated confirmed time of this event is 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Children can be collected from their classroom doors from 3.00pm on this day.

The PTA have asked if anyone is able to donate any sweets/biscuits (preferably not chocolate as it melts!) for the Summer Fayre tombola. Please bring these into the school office by **Monday 8th July 2024**.

Please see a poster for a Disney Day coming up at the Old Halesonians RFC. There is an opportunity to win a voucher at the Summer Fayre for a family ticket to this event, (2 adults and 2 children under 12), from our raffle.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Eco News

A big thank you to those families who donated toys to our 'Recycle to Read' project- we are currently waiting for them to be weighed to find out how much we have raised for new books, but the amount donated was HUGE so thank you!

In other exciting news, we have signed up as a school to work towards our 'Sun Safe' accreditation next year! This is a really worthwhile and educational project which focuses on children staying safe in the sun. To successfully achieve the accreditation, our school must show commitment to protection, education and collaboration which focuses on providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun, whilst also learning about sun safety to increase knowledge by using lots of fun resources! Keep your eyes peeled in the September newsletter for more information!

Thank you for all your contributions this year as always to making our school a greener and safer place for everyone.

Reports to Parents - Friday 12th July

Reports will be sent via Arbor again this year to your email address, 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 - Tuesday 16th July

The children will spend this afternoon in their new classroom, with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Early Years	Miss Salter (Early Years Lead and Reception Class Teacher) Mr Adams (Pre-School)	Mrs Leavesley Mrs Tristram
Year 1	Mrs Barrett	Mrs Bellison Mr Cadwallader
Year 2	Miss Westwood	Mrs Bearfield (am) Mrs Best Mrs Preece
Year 3	Miss Williams	Mrs Best Mrs Powell
Year 4	Mrs Vernon (M, T, W) Mrs Wares (T, F)	Mrs Powell
Year 5	Mrs Branagh	Mrs Cartwright Miss Harris
Year 6	Mrs Moulder	Miss Harris
Forest School Lead and PPA Cover Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)	Mrs Wilton Mrs Cartwright	

Leavers Parents' Lunch - Wednesday 17th July at 12.45pm

This year we are inviting the parents of our leavers to join us for one last lunch! Maximum of 3 adults per child please. We are hosting it at 12.45pm 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. This is an occasion not to be missed! The lunch will be a Roast of the Day. If you do not want this, but would still like to attend, please let the office know.

Leavers' Service in St James' Church - Friday 19th 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 - Friday 19th 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 **1.00pm**.

Please send your child with a picnic lunch or order a picnic lunch from our kitchen. Children will be collected from class at **1.00pm**. There is no after school provision on this day.

Health News - Increase in Pertussis (whooping cough) cases

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a respiratory disease which is spread by coughing and sneezing. The symptoms often start like a cold, progressing to outbursts of coughing which can sometimes cause vomiting or choking. The cough sometimes has a characteristic 'whoop' sound and can last for up to 3 months or more in some people.

Whooping cough is caused by the *Bordetella pertussis* bacteria and can cause serious and life-threatening complications such as pneumonia, difficulty in breathing and seizures. Whooping Cough can affect people at all ages; however, severe complications and deaths occur mostly in infants under 6 months of age.

Immunisation is the most effective way to protect against whooping cough. It is vital that:

- Pregnant women get vaccinated to protect their babies from birth. Women can be vaccinated against whooping cough at any time in pregnancy from 16 weeks gestation until when they give birth. However, ideally pregnant women should receive the vaccine between 20-32 weeks gestation. This ensures the mother has enough time to respond to the vaccine and for antibodies to be transferred to the baby across the placenta. If the vaccine is given after the 18-20-week congenital anomaly scan this means that, even if a baby is born prematurely, they are likely to have some protection.
- Infants receive their vaccines at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age or as soon as possible after that if their vaccines are delayed. This will offer them protection against Pertussis until their booster at age 3.

Further information can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/>
- [Information for individuals who have whooping cough - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- [Confirmed cases of pertussis in England by month - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Wider Curriculum Events -The Sealed Knot are coming to Hartlebury Castle!

We are delighted to have been invited by parent and friend of the school, Tim Cornah, to visit the on-site excavation at Hartlebury Castle next week. Class teachers from Years 2 - 6 will be contacting parents directly on the times and days that we will be walking the children to the Castle to see the dig in action.

The Sealed Knot are also coming to the 'Discover Civil War Open Day' at Hartlebury Castle on Saturday 13th July and it is an adventure and spectacle not to be missed, it is such an amazing event!



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.

Book Return – Monday 8th July

Please can all school reading books be returned to school by Monday 8th July. No staged books will be set from this date but children are welcome to borrow books from our school library.

Diary Dates for July

School finishes @ 1pm on Friday 19th July 2024!

Please remember to collect all **MEDICATION and INHALERS that we hold in school before your child finishes for the summer.**

Thursday 4th - Monthly Church Worship @ 9.00am

Friday 5th - Sports Morning

Friday 12th - PTA Summer Fayre from 3.00pm

Reports to Parents

Tuesday 16th – Whole School Transition

Wednesday 17th – Leaver's Parents' Lunch @ 12.45pm

Friday 19th - Leavers' Service in St James' Church at 9.00am

End of Term Whole School Picnic

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

Stay safe and well!

Return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

at 8.45am, doors open from 8.35am