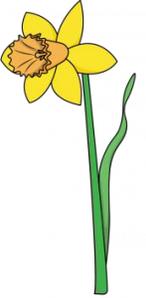


Hartlebury CE (VC) Primary School

April Newsletter *Our value this month is Wisdom*



'The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive and full of mercy.'

James 3:17

Office open hours 8.30am-4.00pm

Just a reminder that the office (and hatch) is open from 8.30am; please avoid coming to the hatch before then. The school telephone is not manned before 8.30am, but you are able to leave absence messages on our answer phone. If you drop off at Breakfast club before this time please put any messages in writing and they will ensure these get to Miss Gledhill at the start of her day. You can always email messages in to office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk.

Thank Yous

During the Easter holiday we had 2 more, 'state of the art', Promethean Boards fitted in Year 1 and Year 4. These have replaced the very old Smart Boards and projectors that had served us well but were well passed their 'sell by dates.' Our thanks must go to the PTA, who through your continued support have raised over £4000 for these boards.



We are still fund raising for these boards as we need 2 more for Early Years and Year 6 to ensure that all year groups benefit from this fantastic resource. Very many thanks again.

Congratulations

Very well done to Mrs Bartlett who has become a **Specialist Leader in Education** for her experience and commitment towards children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This will see Mrs Bartlett supporting other SEND leaders in other schools across Worcestershire, ensuring that disadvantaged children benefit from the best possible chances in school. Mrs Grand has become a **SAET Trust Improvement Lead for English**, focusing on writing. This will see her working with the other primary schools in our Academy Trust to support and lead the improvement in outcomes for all our children.

These are 2 of the great ways that being a part of the Severn Academies Educational Trust is benefitting everyone here at our school and across our Trust.

Spring Term Attendance data

Reception	Year 1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
93.4%	95.4%	97.2%	94.8%	97.4%	93.4%	94.5%



Attendance successes

72 children received their 100% attendance reward last term and very many congratulations to all of them. Being in school 100% of the time is a great achievement. They all received their badges, certificates and Attendance pencils.

Congratulations to Year 4 who won the class attendance prize and all took home their very own Haggis. This term we have a new attendance mascot and she is...



Gwendoline our new Welsh Dragon

Our new attendance mascot for this term, named by Year 4, our current winners! Who will Gwendoline go to... Every class is hoping!



Toy Friday

I promised an update and...so far so good! We are going to continue with our Toy Friday plan but just to remind you of the rules! Your help with steering your children towards suitable toys is very much appreciated! We will recap the 'rules' as well!

1. No electronic toys or games
2. Nothing so precious that if it is lost or broken it will cause sleepless nights
3. The toy must not be for play fighting, ie no guns, swords, weapons
4. The toy must be small enough to fit in their own locker in KS2 or in the toy box in Early years and KS1
5. The children have to be responsible for their own toy, we cannot look for it if misplaced, or replace if broken



Using the Field- wellies are a must!

The field will be open at break and lunch times and although I had hoped the grass may be a bit drier the continuous rain (well it feels like that!) during the holidays has left us a bit muddy. So in order for the children to access the field we are going to enforce the 'welly rule' for a bit longer. Please ensure your child has wellies in school if they wish to go on the field.



Reading Party- a small, but important, change!

Over 90 children attended the Easter Reading Party!! Our largest number ever!! The children were entertained by Andy's Magic and wore their most magical outfits. One of my favourites was the half dinosaur, half wizard outfit!

The aim of the Reading Party is to set challenging but achievable targets that encourage regular reading habits for everyone. Research shows that fluent reading and good comprehension skills, acquired by the end of Primary School, ensure success in secondary school and later with job prospects and careers. It is no surprise that children who read every day with an adult succeed most in school, but these habits need to be established from a young age. Parents' participation is fundamental to this early success.



PLEASE remember that part of the challenge is your responsibility to write in the reading diary/journal every time your child reads and ensure it comes back to school in their book bag. This term we are adding the additional target of ensuring the children take responsibility for having and using their reading diary. Unless the diary is seen in school every week, and initialed by an adult in school the reads won't count towards the party!

Next term's challenge begins on the Monday 16th April and finishes on Wednesday 18th July. The target is 75 reads in 86 days. Don't be caught out by missing a few reads!

May

Monday 7 th	Bank holiday, school closed
Saturday 19 th	PTA Victorian Spring Fayre
Monday 28 th	Half Term