

Hartlebury CE Primary School

December Newsletter

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Parents Evening- Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd December

Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December! We aim to see everyone during this time so if you haven't signed up it's not too late- Just see Mrs Waterall and she will book you in! It is really important that we take this opportunity to see parents face to face; to discuss your child's progress, set targets and agree what support is needed. Children only do well when we are all involved in and value their education and efforts!

Representatives from the Governing Body will be available during both evenings handing out Parent Questionnaires and listening to your thoughts and opinions. Please take the time to fill these questionnaires in; your opinions about our school matter.

Thank you!

We start with a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Children in Need Day. We raised just over £249.00, a massive amount. **WELL DONE!**

Bonfire Night follow up

What a brilliant evening we had; despite the rain and damp conditions! Our fire was enormous and the fire works superb. We welcomed many new and old friends to this event and it really did go off with a BANG! The PTA raised over £1500 from the Bonfire and we are looking to buy a new playground tower for on the field.

New Member of Staff

A warm welcome to Miss Laura Hardiman who joined our Lunchtime Supervision Team at the end of November, we look forward to getting to know her.

Clubs Finishing

Just a reminder that all activity clubs (not After School Care) have finished. There are no activity clubs now until the new year.

After School Care

There is no After School Care on **FRIDAY 18th December**

Congratulations

Our football teams took part in the Small Schools' Football Tournament on Friday 20th November, held at Stourport High School. Several schools took part and we were able to take two teams, a Year 5 and 6 team. Both teams played very well and represented the school admirably. Our Year 6 team (brilliantly managed and coached by myself!!) won the tournament and will go on to represent The Wyre



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Forest at the county championships. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks must go to Mr Hickman for organizing the event.

NOW For All Things Christmassy!

The Choir

Our fabulous choir, led by Mrs Wares and supported by Dr Karl Stapleton, will be out and about this month. We have a program of events, which include performances at the Christmas Craft Sale, the end of term service and at various residential care homes, spreading Christmas cheer amidst our local community. We really are VERY proud of their achievements.



Memory Baubles

We are again giving children the opportunity to hang their memory baubles on the school Christmas tree and tell us who they are remembering this year. If your child would like to take part they need to create their own memory bauble, showing who they are thinking of and bring it to school. They will then be invited to tell us all who their memory bauble is for and hang it on the tree; always a lovely thing to do.

Please ensure that the baubles are not glass and will not break if dropped. If you want them returned please make sure your child's name is securely attached to the bauble.



12 Treats of Christmas

Shire Services are running a Christmas promotion throughout December where they will be providing 12 'special' sweet treats to have with School Lunches. There is no cost for these treats, please tell your children to look out for them.

Christmas Post

A school post box will be available for your children to post their cards to their friends from Tuesday 1st December. The post box will be emptied daily and the cards delivered by the children in class 6. Should your child wish to post cards please ensure that they put the full name and class on the envelope so that Class 6 can get the letters to the correct children. The post box will be in the main school corridor, by the cross.



Help the Aged Christmas Hampers

We are going to give Christmas Hampers to Help the Aged this year and are asking for the children's support (and yours really) in thinking of the older less fortunate members of our community at this giving time. We are collecting individual Christmassy wrapped food items and the children will then put these together to make Christmas Hampers to be distributed by Help the Aged. We will also make Christmas cards to wish a Happy Christmas from all the children here. If you would like to contribute to the hampers we are looking for individual Christmassy items that would be ideal for older people living on their own. Help the Aged have suggested mince pies, small Christmas puddings, small Christmas cakes, nuts, chocolates, tinned salmon, tinned ham, tea, coffee, jams, marmalades, lemon curd, marmite, soup, biscuits... the list is endless! Donations need to be in school by Wednesday 9th December, so that we have time to make up the hampers for that Friday.





Key Stage 1 Nativity extravaganza! –Tuesday 8th December @6.00pm

This year our Key Stage nativity is on Tuesday 8th December @ 6.00pm. Both of these performances are in the school hall. Rehearsals are well underway! Stars, Kings, Shepherds, everywhere!



Reception and Preschool Nativity - Thursday 10th December @ 2.00pm

Always a special occasion and not to be missed! This year's Christmas production for our youngest children is on Thursday 10th December @ 2.00pm

Christmas Crafts Sale - Friday 11th December from 2.00pm

The children are busy designing and making Christmas Crafts to sell from their classrooms on Friday 11th December from 2.30pm. These crafts will be priced between £1.00- £2.50 depending on the making costs.



The hall will be open for hot drinks, cake and mince pies from 2.00pm . The choir and Year4 will sing at 2.15pm

The Christmas Lunch - Thursday 17th December

The much anticipated 'Christmas lunch' is on Thursday 17th December. All children are invited to have a hot dinner on this day if they would like one. Children in receipt of Universal Free school meals will automatically receive a Christmas lunch. Those children who have opted out of Universal Free School Meals and those in Key Stage 2 can order a lunch for £2.80 to include a bottle of flavored water. Pre-school children can order a lunch at the reduced price of £2.00 – complicated I know!! If you would like your child to join in with this special lunch please send your money in an envelope marked with the child's name and 'Christmas Lunch' as soon as possible but certainly by Wednesday 9th December; as you will appreciate the increase in numbers on this day will need planning for so advanced notice is essential.

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day-Thursday 17th December

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school for this day if they wish. They should wear their normal, regular school uniform with the exception of their jumper, replacing their Hartlebury top with a seasonal one of their choice! If they don't have a Christmas jumper they can decorate their school jumper with some Christmassy tinsel! There is no charge/donation for this event, but parents may wish to donate to ITV's TextSanta the following day.



Santa is Visiting!- Thursday 17th December

Santa is visiting on Thursday 17th December during the day. All children will see him as he visits each class. This year he will bring presents for the class to use during wet play.



School End of Term Carol Concert – Friday 18th December

The whole school will be visiting St James' Church for Christmas readings and carol singing on the morning of Friday 18th December at 9.15am. Parents, grandparents, carers and friends are all very welcome to join us on this occasion; get the Christmas season and holidays well and truly started! Tea, coffee and refreshments will be on offer, thanks again to the PTA.



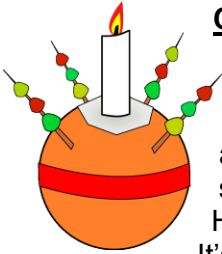
Last Day of Term- Friday 18th December



Children can bring in their electronic toys for the last day of term if they wish BUT I must insist that these will be the children's responsibility (school cannot accept ANY responsibility if games are lost or broken). I ask that that you, as parents, are aware that these devices have been brought in and talk to the children about their personal responsibility for all games and devices. There is **no** access to the internet for any home devices or iPads brought in, as home devices are not governed by our security systems. If children ask to bring in devices that need internet access they will not be able to be used in school.

There is no need for the children to bring anything in to school on this day as it is always a busy day BUT we do know they like to bring their games from home when they can!

NO MOBILE PHONES PLEASE



Christingle Service - St James' Church on Christmas Eve @ 4.00pm

Claire Thorley is again organizing the Christingle Service at St James' Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. She is hoping lots of our children will go and is looking for some of our older children to volunteer to take readings and say prayers. There will also be an opportunity for some of the younger children to take part in the nativity story. If you are able to go and would like to take part please let Claire know by email. Her address is claire.thorley1@btinternet.com
It's always great to take part in a service at this special time of year.



On behalf of everyone here at Hartlebury Church of England Primary School we wish you a very Merry Christmas ...



...and a Happy New Year!



January 2016

TED Day –Monday 4th January 2016

School will be closed for the children on this day; we will be open from **Tuesday 5th January @ 8.50am.**



Staff Changes!

Miss Gledhill returns for this New Year. We are delighted that she is returning, but that sadly means we are saying ‘Goodbye’ to Mrs Waterall. We must thank Mrs Waterall for ‘holding the fort’ so admirably whilst Miss Gledhill has been away on maternity leave.

ParentMail Re-Register!

We LOVE ParentMail! It means that we can get all notifications and letters to you effectively (well more effectively than ‘Pupil Post!’). Also in emergencies we can text you directly. BUT with apologies, you will need to re-register for ParentMail in January. We are assured this will be easy to do!



Look out for your re-registration password early next term and **PLEASE** complete the task ASAP! We are told that with this new registration the service will have been updated and is far more reliable.

ParentMail is our main way of communicating; often parents not on ParentMail are missing out on school information. Please consider doing this if you haven’t before.

Messages can be delivered to all Smart Phones, iPads and PCs – anything with an email facility.