

Hartlebury CE Primary School

January 2018

Our Value, this month, is 'Truthfulness'

'Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ'

John 1:17

HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us!

Welcome back everyone! It is always lovely to see, and hear, all the children back in school! The place just isn't the same without them! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts and cards at the end of last term, and wish you all a very happy, healthy 2018.

A **HUGH THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Sale. WELL DONE to all involved!



Attendance

Duffle Bear was won by Year 6; Miss Branagh's class! They were the clear winners this time. They were very excited and thrilled to get their own, individual Duffle Bear; it was a real team effort!

64 children received Bronze Awards for 100% attendance during the Autumn Term; WELL DONE to all of you



Class by Class Last Term-

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
94%	95%	95%	95%	96%	97%

Giving us an average of 96.5% broadly in line with the Government's target of 97%.

Every day missed has a negative impact on children's learning. It also affects their attitudes to learning, to school and affects the relationships they form. Without all of these aspects children cannot and will not learn. We understand that when a child is genuinely too poorly to come to school they cannot be here, but if in doubt please send them to school; we will always call and keep in touch with you during the day to let you know how they are feeling. **Any child falling below 90% attendance is classified as a 'PERSISTANT ABSENTEE' by Her Majesty's Inspectors and Ofsted. We are instructed to tackle this level of attendance through the Educational Investigation Service.**

Welcome to our new Attendance Mascot... Haggis

This terms Attendance Mascot is 'Haggis' the Highland Cow!! Now I wonder which class will win their very own! I'm sure he'll be very popular and keenly fought over! He really is rather cute.



After School Activities

These activities will begin week beginning Monday 15th January, 2018 except for Gymnastics Club which will run from Monday 8th January, 2018 for 6 weeks. They will run from 3.15pm and be hosted by our brilliant Teachers and Teaching Assistants. There will be a variety of different opportunities on offer, spread across all age groups (we aim to give a varied selection to

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encourage all children to have a go!). A separate letter will be sent out and we ask that it is returned by **Wednesday 10th January, 2018 @ 9.00am**. Places will be limited and if the activity is oversubscribed a draw will take place. If you have **NOT** been allocated a place at the club/s of your choice you will be notified. Assume if you hear nothing you're in!!

A Breakfast Club and After School Care Reminder

Wrap Around Care is becoming increasingly popular and places **MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR** in advance. Bookings are only confirmed with payment and cannot be guaranteed without. We will need 24 hours notice if bookings are to be cancelled; otherwise the full payment will be expected. If you are interested in this provision please speak to Miss Gledhill, in the office, or the club leaders directly. For safety reasons numbers are limited, so we must ask that no child just 'turns up' as they may not be able to stay; please telephone the office if you are in need of emergency after school care.



Collecting After School- Keeping your Children Safe

School finishes at 3.15pm and we appreciate that 95% of parents always collect on time. We also understand that on occasions, through no fault of their own, parents do run late but we are getting more and more children being collected late; sometimes up to 10 children are waiting outside the front office and some of these are quite regulars! **This is causing us a Safeguarding nightmare as there are too many children and the front door is constantly in use.** Please ensure, wherever possible, that you collect your children on time BUT if you are running late please notify the front office by 3.00pm, we can then ensure their safety.

Healthy Snacking- Safeguarding your Children's Health

You may have seen on the news yesterday the Government's drive to reduce the amount of sugary snacking for children in Primary schools. **28%** of children under 5 have rotting teeth, due to the amounts of sugar they eat, and **50%** of this sugar comes from snacking in between meals. These levels of sugar are adding to the rising amounts of Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. The government is recommending that primary school children have no more than **2 low calorie snacks (under 100 calories)** each day. **So again I am asking that water bottles just contain water! Juice and squash are a primary cause of tooth decay and rotting.** Your child may tell you that they don't like water; they do drink it if that is what is in their bottle!



Also please reconsider the snacks you give them. Fruit, vegetables, malt loaf, rice cakes, low calorie yogurts and fromage frais are all recommended, so please review the high sugar snacks we regularly see...think of their teeth, their weight and their health!

Please remember children in Early Years, Reception, Years 1 & 2 all receive free school fruit so don't need snacks from home at all.

Reading Awards Celebration

- Last term saw very nearly 100 children (our highest number yet!) join our animal themed reading celebration. We all had great fun with the Classroom Zoo; getting close up and personal with lots of different animals, including a snake! Well done also to everyone who achieved this target.

We will be offering another Reading Party this term, but are really setting a challenging target of 70 reads in 84 days! The reading tally for the party begins on Thursday 4th January, 2018 and ends on the party day- **Wednesday 28th March, 2018**. The tally for the Reading Star Badges is ongoing until the end of the Academic Year in July.

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Hot Lunches Here- Shire Services

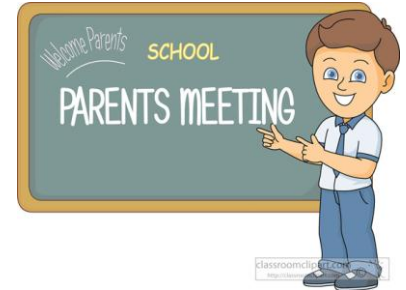
If you are in Year 3-6 and want hot lunches this term please ensure all accounts are settled for last term with Shire Services. Children with outstanding bills may be refused hot school lunches until the arrears are settled. Should you wish your child in Years 3-6 to have hot school meals these will need to be paid for on a weekly basis, in advance. The weekly charge for school meals is £11.50 and should be paid by the preceding Friday. Money should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name, year group and the date on the outside.



Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 remain on Universal Free School Meals.

Parents Forum Meeting- Monday 15th January @ 2.00pm

Following our recent Parents' Questionnaires last term we have now collated your responses (which are extremely positive- thank you) and would like to invite you to a Parents Forum Meeting on Monday 15th January. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss the findings of the questionnaires and offer us your thoughts about your broad experiences of our school. Obviously we won't discuss individual concerns in a public forum as I know that you will do that directly with me. I would also like to discuss the vision statement for our school; what do you hope for your children from their time with us. I am offering a general invitation to everyone this time rather than selecting names by numbers in the registers; please let myself or Miss Gledhill know if you are able to attend, in person or by email, office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk . The Governors and I hope to see lots of parents at this meeting, so please don't be shy!!



Dates for your diary- Spring term and beyond

- January 15th @ 2.00pm Parents' Forum Meeting
- February 19th -23rd Half term

- March 20th 3.30-7.00pm Parents Evening
- March 21st 3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening
- March 28th Reading Party Celebrations
- March 29th @ 9.00am Easter Service in St James' Church

- March 30th – April 13th Easter Holiday
- April 16th @ 8.50am Term Starts
- May 14th Year 6 SATs Week

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