

Hartlebury CofE (VC) Primary School

March Newsletter- Spring is coming and so is Easter!

“The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name.” Luke 24:46-47

Attendance class by class for the first half term

	Recep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	94.8	94.5	96.8	96.2	97.1	95.2	95.8
Bears	0	1	1	2	2	0	0

Giving us an average of 95.8%- broadly in line with the Government’s target.

So which year will win their very own Haggis? It’s still wide open with 4 weeks to go, but every day matters!

We believe that every day missed has a negative impact on children’s learning. Please remember we are no longer allowed to authorize holidays taken during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional. In almost all applications the holidays taken will be unauthorized and remain on a child’s attendance record.

Lateness for Registration

Lateness is a concern. Being late makes the children feel uncomfortable and doesn’t start the day in the right frame of mind. We need **all** children to be in school for 8.50am, using their classroom doors to enter the building. Children arriving after registration at 8.50am will arrive via the front office, be entered in our late register and receive ‘L’ for **Late Arrival**. Children arriving after 9.15am will be registered as ‘U’ for **Pupil Arriving after the Register has closed**. This will go down on their personal data as an absence- there is nothing we can do about this! It is a DFE requirement.



Attendance Pathway

Children with less than 90% attendance will be placed on our Attendance Pathway, a copy of which is being sent with this newsletter and is available on line.

Wellies needed back in school

Hopefully we will be using the field again as soon as the snow has gone, so wellies should be back in school please.



Toy Fridays

We are always thinking of ways to make playtimes more fun for the children, so for a trial period we are introducing **Toy Fridays!** The children are invited to bring a toy from home to play with during their break times but there will be stringent guidelines!

1. No electronic toys or games

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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

With all these rules you may think it is not worth it!! But we would like to give it a go up until Easter and then review; your thoughts would be really appreciated. Teachers will discuss the rules with the children.

Parking in the village

As we are all aware, parking around the school remains a concern for the villagers and the parish council. The parish council are publishing their parking proposal/solution at the Parish Hall as follows.

1. At the parish hall café on Tuesday 20th March, from 10.30am-12.30pm
2. At a 'Drop In' event on Thursday 22nd March, from 4.00-8.00pm

This will effect where parents may park, so if you are able to go along and have your say that would be great



World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

We have celebrated World Book day with lots of stories in school during that day and the opportunity to get a bit more involved! You are invited to take part in one or more (or all!) of these possible activities throughout the month of March

1. Write a book review of your favorite book and bring both into school to share
2. Recreate a scene from your favorite book by drawing, painting, collage or modeling
3. Make a puppet of your favorite book character

More Reading Challenges for March

We are also running an 'Extreme Reading' competition for the month of March, in addition to our regular reading targets! Can you take a photograph of yourself or a family member (could be your pet!) reading in the most bizarre place. All entries must be in school by **Monday 19th March at 9.00am** in time for Parents' Evening. Extreme winners will be judged by our parents attending Parents' evenings and prizes given on Friday 23rd March. Entries can also be emailed and will go on our website. office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk



Mother's Day Lunch Celebration - Friday 9th March

A reminder that the long awaited Mothers' Day Lunch is on Friday 9th March. You have already received a separate booking letter via ParentMail, please return with your payment as soon as possible. Last day for ordering food is Monday 5th March. Due to popular demand and catering plans any parents booking after this date will have to bring a packed lunch. Details of your 'lunch sitting time' will be sent out by Thursday 8th

Mothers Day Lunch Celebration - Friday 9th March

We will be taking part in the Mothering Sunday Service at St James' Church on Sunday 11th March @ 9.30am. All of the children who attend will be taking part in the service so we do need to know if you are definitely coming, then we can issue the parts. Look out for the ParentMail and let us know then we can make sure they have a role for the day! We hope to see as many families as possible at this special service; the children always enjoy taking part in this service for their mum's and giving out the flowers (but that is the secret surprise!)



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British Science Week- Monday 12th - Friday 16th

We are celebrating British Science week with fantastic, exciting science activities, off site learning visits and scientist in school! It should be a really busy, fun week. We are encouraging everyone to discover the fun of science and to develop their ‘inner scientist!’ Listen out for all the things your children get up to; there will be lots to tell!

Parents Evenings - Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March

Remember there will be NO signing sheets again this time. Booking your appointments and managing your booking is all done via ParentMail and **is available now!** If you do not have access to ParentMail Miss Gledhill will happily make the arrangements for you. We will be giving your child their Interim reports on Monday 27th March and these will inform you about where your child is compared with Age Related Expectations (ARE) and tell you how they are progressing. This information will form the basis of your meeting. A Representative from the Governors will also be available on both parents evenings should you wish to discuss with them any aspect of school life.



Reading Challenge Celebration Party - Thursday 22nd March

Are you on target to get to the reading party? The target this term is 70 reads in 84 days. The reads need to be completed by Thursday 22nd March to get your invitation but invitations are handed out right up until the morning of the party! An Easter themed party will be the order of the day, with a lot of chocolate I’m sure! So...keep reading!



Sport Relief - Friday 23rd March

We are supporting Sport Relief again this time and invite all our amazing sports boys and girls to come to school dressed as their favourite sports personality. We will also ask for a donation to this great cause.

The children will be running a mile on this day and we really would like you all to join them! Key Stage 2 –Years 3-6 will run at 9.00am, with Early Years, Years 1&2 running at 2.30pm. We hope lots of you can join us... think how virtuous you’ll feel!!



Years 3&4 Production - ‘Mermaids and Pirates’-Tuesday 27th March @ 6.00pm

We have decided that for this year we will split the end of year huge production and give more children the opportunity to perform on the BIG stage. Hence Years 3 and 4 are rehearsing madly for their very own production of ‘Mermaids and Pirates’. Everyone is invited to attend; although the evening production is mainly reserved for adult members of the family. The children will see the performance during the day. We do hope that lots of family members will come along to experience the Arts in our school; it’s definitely ‘alive and kicking!’



Easter Crafts Competition – Wednesday 28th March

Your children are invited to take part in an Easter Craft Competition and their entries have to be in school on Wednesday 28th March by 9.00am. Judging will be by the Lunch Time Supervisor team that morning. Their entry is to be made at home and the whole family can help! Prizes will be given in each year group; so happy crafting!

- Early years, Reception, Years 1 and 2 are invited to make Easter Bonnets
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to decorate hard boiled eggs



Parents are invited to join us in watching the Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.45pm and to view the entries to the competition if they are able

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After School Care Finish – Thursday 29th March

There is no after School care on Thursday 29th March



Easter Service - Thursday 29th March

The whole school, with the exception of those children away on their residential adventure, will be taking part in an Easter Service at St James' Church on Thursday 29th March at 9.00am.

Parents, grandparents, carers, friends and members of the local community are very welcome to join us and we would love to see as many as possible there! Refreshments will be available in church from 9.00am; so please do come along.

Advanced Notice - PTA Spring Fayre, Saturday 19th May

We are really excited about the Spring Fayre... we are starting the celebrations of our 140th anniversary with a proper Victorian event! The PTA have worked so hard organizing as many Victorian type activities as possible and we are all on the case with our Victorian Outfits - even me!! There will be

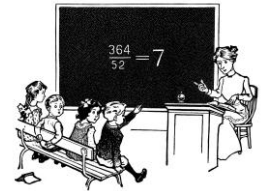
- Swing boats
- Coconut shy
- Victorian sweets and ice creams
- Maypole dancing
- Donkey (well pony really) rides
- Flip the Clown
- Punch and Judy
- Victorian fancy dress competition
- Plus many more activities



We hope everyone will make a special effort to come, dress up as Victorians and enjoy our launch event. AND we have ordered the SUN!

Our Victorian Week - Monday 9th July

We will be having a Victorian Week in school from Monday 9th July. Children will need to dress as little Victorians all week. We have planned a KS1& KS2 trip to The Black Country Living Museum, so if you were thinking of doing this soon maybe you could 'hold fire'. We will also be going to Hartlebury Castle for a whole school Victorian picnic. Many more exciting events to be planned but I just wanted to give you the 'heads up' on the lead events.



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