



Hartlebury CE Primary School

December Newsletter Advent

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life” John 3:16

Children’s Entrance- Keeping your children Safe

More and more children are coming in via the front office entrance. This is causing congestion at the front door and safeguarding concerns as Miss Gledhill has to keep the front door open at our busiest time. The classroom doors are always open from 8.40- 8.50am every day. Only children who are late (so hopefully not many) should be coming to the front door.



The Sickness Bug!- Keeping Your Children Well!

Just a reminder that if your child has a sickness and/or diarrhea bug they have to have a clear 48hours minimum before they return to school. So if their last bout is at midday they have to have the rest of that day + a further 2 days away from school. I realise this seems a lot of time and especially when we are discussing attendance with parents, but we are trying to stop the spread of these bugs to children and adults in school. This is the recommendations from Worcestershire Health. Your support is very much appreciated



Memory Baubles

We are again giving children to 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.



Christmas Post

A school post box will be available for your children to post their cards to their friends from Monday 4th 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.



Key Stage 1 Nativity extravaganza! –Tuesday 12th December @ 6.00pm

This highly anticipated performance is in the school hall. Rehearsals are well underway! Stars, Kings, Shepherds, everywhere! There are no tickets, but we ask parents to restrict to 4 adults per family. Thank you



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Dippy The Clown- Wednesday 13th December

The PTA are funding this Christmas entertainment for all children this year and I'm sure everyone will enjoy it!! This is the PTA's way of giving something back to the children as a way of thanking you all for your brilliant support again this year.

If you know your child is a little wary of clowns please ensure you have told your child's teacher.

Reading Party- Thursday 14th December

This Reading Party is much anticipated by the children and we are expecting record numbers to attend- which is AMAZING!! So THANK YOU for all your support; the children's reading skills are definitely improving! The party will take the whole afternoon, with the Animal Man coming in to tell us all about some exotic creatures. Watch out for your party invitation and get your 'animal' themed outfit ready!



FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER- The BIG DAY in school!

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 15th 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!

Reception and Preschool Nativity- Friday 15th DECEMBER @ 9.30am

Always a special occasion and not to be missed! Please do come along to watch your little ones performing.



The Christmas Lunch- Friday 15th 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. 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 Friday 8th December; as you will appreciate the increase in numbers on this day will need planning for so advanced notice is essential.

Christmas Crafts Sale- Friday 15th December from 1.45pm

The children are busy designing and making Christmas Crafts to sell from their classrooms on Friday 15th 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 1.45pm, with Years 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 entertaining you with festive songs from at 2.00pm



4 Front Theatre- Christmas Castaways

All children are going to see an extravaganza from 4 Front Theatre in school on this afternoon. They are watching Christmas Castaways! We have this theatre company in every year and they are always great fun, whilst delivering a meaningful Christmas message. You may like to ask them all about it; I'm sure they'll be keen to tell you!



School End of Term Carol Concert – Tuesday 19th December

The whole school will be visiting St James' Church for Christmas readings and carol singing on the morning of Tuesday 19th December at 9.00am. 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- Tuesday 19th December

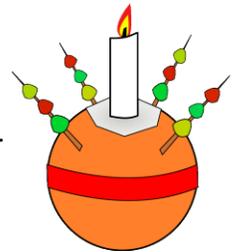
Children can bring in their electronic toys for the last day of term if they wish BUT I must insist that these will be the children's responsibility (school cannot accept ANY responsibility if games are lost or broken). I ask that that you, as parents, are aware that these devices have been brought in 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.



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.thorley@icloud.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!



School Re-Opens –THURSDAY 4th January @ 8.50am