

Hartlebury CE Primary School

February 2016 Newsletter

Our value this month is 'Generosity'

Follow up from Parents Information Session on Thursday 21st January

Thank you to the parents who attended this session on the new National Curriculum, how we assess your children and communicate their progress and attainment to you. Although only 7 parents were able to join us the session was extremely useful to all... I hope! It certainly was for us. Following our discussions we have agreed the following:-

- The web site will contain a Curriculum section under the Parents and Pupils tab
- The Key Learning Objectives (Working Walls) will be available on the web site under the Parents & Pupils tab. This will enable parents to see what their children should be achieving to be at 'Age Related Expectations' in each year group.
- The children should be aware of their 'small step' target; please ask them. It is important that **they** know what **they** are working on; if they don't please ask your class teacher!
- The Working Walls/ Learning Objectives will be available on Parents Evenings so that you will have a reference of Age Related Expectations when you are looking in their books.
- The interim reports will remain as they give parents a clear guide to their child's attainment and achievement and form the basis of the Parents' meeting discussions
- The wording on interim reports has been changed slightly to reflect a more accurate assessment. The colours used will continue to follow the 'Traffic Light' approach for clarity. The 'above expected' will be blue to avoid any confusion.
- The interim reports will be sent out the afternoon before the 1st parents meeting day to cause less anxiety for parents.

If you have any queries or comments please ask; that's why we're here!

National Safer Internet day –Tuesday 9th February

We are planning lots of different activities during this week, focusing on children developing the skills to keep them safe whilst using the internet. All activities will be age appropriate, but with the rising issues of safety when on the internet, we feel it is an important area to begin discussing; even with our youngest children. As parents you can access information at www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015



Computing Parents Information Session- Tuesday 9th February @ 6.15pm



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Following on from the parent questionnaires and a request for more information/support sessions we are offering an evening of all things to do with IT in school. This session is coinciding with Internet Safety day to support parents with keeping their children safe on line. The session will be hosted by Miss Fulwell and Miss Salter, who will give a brief overview of the session and update you on keeping children safe on line. The other teachers will then be available in the classrooms to share with you different aspects of our computing curriculum and show you the on line activities that are subscribed to by school and available for you at home.

We hope to see lots of parents here on this evening; otherwise we'll be talking to ourselves!

Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles

Please, please, please help us with the national drive to remove added sugars from children's diets where ever possible and support our aims to ensure all snacks at break times are healthy and all water bottles contain just water. We all realize and know that our children are encouraged by advertising and promotions to want products with lots of additional sugar in them. We are trying to ensure that whilst the children are in school healthy choices need to be made. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you are sending in chocolate bars, cakes, sweets, crisps etc for your child's snack please **STOP!** If you are adding squash or water flavours to the water bottles please **STOP.** Children will only eat and drink in school the items you send in; let's make school a place where we change the need for additional sugars in our children's diets and encourage them to enjoy a healthier choice.



Busy Things



We have subscribed to Busy Things for our school again this year and sent out a leaflet explaining how to access the web site. We have also sent out the user name and password via Parent Mail but here it is again-

User Name- home1816 Password- riding5300

If you have any queries the Reception team and Miss Gledhill will be able to help.

A Small Reminder

Payment for all lunches (£2.20 daily; £11.00 each week) needs to be made in advance. Money is collected on a Friday for the following week. Please send cheques (made payable to Shropshire Council) or cash in a sealed envelope marked with the full child's name, their class and the date, as this payment is dealt with by the kitchen staff. Children need to take meals for a complete week, unless there is a celebration meal, then a separate booking form is sent and they may pay for just that day. Costs for these 'event days' may vary.

Arrears do mount up and Shire Services will no longer be able to supply cooked meals to children if there is more than 1 week outstanding money.





Another Reminder- Coats!

Children go outside every break and lunchtime. The only time we do not is if it is raining heavily- yes we do go out if the rain isn't too bad! But more and more children are coming to school without coats and on the very cold, crisp days, we have had children not warm enough on the playground. Please ensure all children have named coats in school daily during winter months.

Remember Half Term in February

Half term is from Monday 15th –Friday 19th February, we are back to school on Monday 22nd February @ 8.50am

Mother's Day Lunch in School - Friday 4th March

Hello Mums make a note in your diaries if you would like to join us for a cooked lunch (or your own packed lunch) on Friday 4th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Details to follow soon for this very popular annual event!



Mothers' Day Service- Sunday 6th March @ 9.30am

Our Mothers' Day Service is being held in St James's Church, Hartlebury on Sunday 6th March @ 9.30am. This is always a very special service for the children of our school, with most taking part. We do like to see lots of our families there; we hope you can make it! Tea, coffee and flowers are available!

If you would be eligible for Free School Meals PLEASE...

Contact the school office for an application form. To qualify for Free School Meals, you must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based**
- **Employment and Support Allowance – Income Related** · Support under **part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Guarantee element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit**, provided you are **not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed **£16,190**

Each valid claim helps your child/ren's school. Your child does not have to take their free meal even if they are eligible. If you qualify for Free School Meals, your child will also receive further benefits of half price activities such as School Trips, Guitar and Violin lessons. Further information is available along with the application form from the school office. Please do ask!!



Further ahead- March/April

- **Thursday 3rd March** – World Book Day (some dressing up required! Watch out for more information)
- **Friday 4th** Mothers' Day Lunch
- **Sunday 6th** Mothers' Day Service 9.30am @ St James' Church
- **Tuesday 15th** Interim reports out
- **Wednesday 16th** Parents Evening until 7.00pm
- **Thursday 17th** Parents Evening until 6.00pm
- **Friday 18th** Sport Relief day
50 Reads this term party
- **Friday 18th** Clubs finish
- **Thursday 24th** Whole School Easter Service 9.30am @ St James Church
School breaks up- No After School Care