

Hartlebury CE Primary School

February 2017 Newsletter

Our value this month is 'Truthfulness'

Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the light'

John 14:6

SIAMs Inspection- Friday 3rd February



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Our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools is this Friday. The inspector, Steph Boulter, will be with us all day from 7.45am and will be on the playground wanting to meet you and talk about your experiences of our fabulous school as you drop off. We were 'Outstanding' in all areas last time and even though the expectation has risen we are hoping for the same outcome this time- fingers crossed!

Holy Communion in St James' Church - Tuesday 7th February @ 9.00am

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

We are holding our 2nd Holy Communion in St James' Church this time on Tuesday 7th February @ 9.00am, taken by Rev Derek Arnold (for his last service with the children). Everyone in school will take part in the worship, but only those who wish to be blessed or receive communion will be invited to join in this part of the service. *We would love parents and family members to join us if you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. No parents were able to join us for our last Holy Communion in November, but we really are hoping that you will this time.* Please make your way to church, as soon as you have dropped off your children and we will join you there straight away. Please sit in the side pews as we now fill the main body of the church with children.



National Safer Internet day –Tuesday 7th February



We are planning lots of different activities during this week, focusing on children developing the skills to keep themselves 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

Remember Half Term- 20th-24th February

Half term is from Monday 20th –Friday 24th February, we are back to school on Monday 27th February @ 8.50am

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Early Help ‘Drop Ins’ - Tuesday 28th February

Lisa Britton is our excellent Wyre Forest and Hagley Project support worker, offering all manner of help and advice with parenting. She will be in school on Tuesday 28th February, between 2.00-3.00pm, offering a ‘Drop In’ service to answer any questions you may have regarding parenting, or certainly pointing you in the right direction for support. If you know you want to see her just call the office and we’ll pencil you in for a time or just drop in before you pick up



Sugary Squash –it’s creeping in!



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 realise 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 flavouring 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.

Another Reminder about Coats!

Children go outside every break and lunch time. 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 they are not warm enough on the playground. Please ensure all children have named coats in school daily during these winter months. We do prefer School Uniform Coats; these help on trips with identifying our children and are also great quality and very smart. Please consider buying a school coat where possible.



Are you entitled?

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals PLEASE talk to us

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!!

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Multi Academy Trust update

We are progressing with our conversion to a MAT within the Severn Academies Education Trust (SAET). Our expected/aimed for date of conversion is 1st April 2017, although I do feel this may be postponed when the solicitors try and fathom out any land issues we may have. I am sure when they delve into this it will be complicated as we have been a school on this site since 1878!! I will keep you all informed!



Further ahead- March/April

- **Thursday 2nd** World Book day
- **Tuesday 21st** Years 3&4 production @ 6.00pm (*please note date change*)
- **Friday 24th** Mothers' Day Lunch
- **Friday 24th** Comic Relief Day
Clubs finish
- **Sunday 26th** Mothers' Day Service 9.30am @ St James' Church
- **Monday 27th** Interim reports out
- **Wednesday 29th** Reading Party- Target 70 reads
Parents Evening until 7.00pm
- **Thursday 30th** Parents Evening until 6.00pm
- **Friday 31st** Wear a Hat Day for Brain Tumour Research

April

- **Friday 7th April** Whole School Easter Service 9.00am @ St James Church
School breaks up- No After School Care
- **Monday 24th April** Back to School

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