

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## January 2017 Our Value, this month, is 'Respect'

*'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do unto you.'*  
*Matthew 7:12*

### 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 2017.



### Thank You

- A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Sale. We raised over £550.00 from the crafts and Christmas card sales; a massive achievement! WELL DONE to all involved!



### Attendance

- Buckingham Bear was won by Year 5; Miss Salter's class! Although the award went absolutely to the wire with Years 1, 3 and 5 all in contention; Miss Salter's class came through in the end! They were very excited and thrilled to get their own, individual Buckingham 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 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 97%     | 96%     | 97%     | 96%     | 98%     | 96%     |

**Giving us an average of 96% - broadly in line with the Government's target of 97%.**

We know that every day missed has a negative impact on children's learning, but it also affects their attitudes to learning and to school; their involvement and engagement with school life, their understanding that learning is important to them and their futures and their friendships with others. Without all of these aspects children will not and cannot 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.**



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### Welcome to Haggis

This term's 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 next week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. 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 encourage all children to have a go!). A parent mail form will be sent out today and we ask that it is returned by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January @ 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 Club Reminder

These two clubs are becoming increasingly popular and places **MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR** during the previous week. 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. If you are paying for Breakfast Club and After School Club, please mark the envelopes clearly with the dates of the sessions you are booking.



### Multi-Academy Trust Status

We are continuing towards joining the Severn Academic Educational Trust and hope that this will be achieved by the end of this Spring Term, but certainly by the end of the academic year. We have been given our Academy order, which is the permission we need to get going. More information will be coming this term and we hope the process will be seamless.

Multi Academy Trust



### Reading Awards Celebration

Last term saw over 80 children attend our reading celebration to reward them for all their reading at home. Our largest total, by far, to date! We all had great fun and it amazed me that children could eat so much so soon after their lunch! Well done also to everyone who achieved this standard, you should wear your 'Bronze Star Reading Badge' with pride.

We will be offering another reading celebration this term, but are really setting a challenging target of 70 reads in 85 days! The reading tally for the party begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and ends on the party day- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. The tally for the Reading Star Badges is ongoing until the end of the academic year in July.

### All Payments to be made to Class Teachers

If there is not an option to pay online, i.e school lunches and wrap around care, all future payments are no longer to be handed in to the school office. If you are required to make a payment to the school, please could you hand in the correct money or cheques in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class, details of what the payment is and the amount to your child's Class Teacher. We no longer hold change on the school premises. Cheques should be made payable to Hartlebury CofE Primary School or Shropshire Council for the lunches.



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### **Dates for the Spring term**

- February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00am Whole school Holy Communion in St James' Church
- February 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Half term
- March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm Reading Party Celebrations
- March 29<sup>th</sup> 3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening
- March 30<sup>th</sup> 3.30-7.00pm Parents Evening
- April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00am Easter Service in St James' Church
  
- April 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Easter Holiday
- April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8.50am Term starts
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week

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