

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## July Newsletter

Our value this month is 'Friendship'

'A friend loves at all times.'

Proverbs 17:17

### Slip, Slap, Slop-A Safeguarding Reminder

Please remember, to keep your children safe, sun cream, sun hats and water bottles (just water please- more and more research says water not sugary squash and juice!) as we move into July. The children are regularly outside and these precautions are very important if we are all to enjoy the summer!

### Signing In- A Safeguarding Reminder

All visitors, including parents, will need to sign in when they are in the school building. This is in order for us to monitor who is in school in case of any incidents or emergencies. The Signing Book is now kept in the main school corridor for easy access. All visitors MUST report to the Front Office on arrival at school; look out for our new signage!



### Thank you to the PTA...and you!

The PTA have kindly funded a new Promethean Screen in Year 1, this will be installed during the summer holidays. BUT most importantly they have also paid for the small Bobby Bears, which will be given to the class with the best attendance this term and the 100% bears with a £5.00 gift card! Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraising.



### Yet Another Thank You!!

We have had a thank you letter from the 'Friends of Jan Jan Bureh Nursery' in Gambia. They say that your support will make a real difference to the pre-school children there, who have very little resources and greatly appreciated the donations we were able to send. So...THANK YOU! If you would like to read the letter of thanks, please see our School News page of the school website along with many more fabulous news items!

### Great News!

The fantastic art work created by Year 1, inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers, is going to be used by Student Pupil Tracker On Line (a National Tracking system used by us, SAET and many other schools nationally) as the background for their front page!. Obviously no children's names will appear or any other identifying means BUT quite an accolade we think!! Severn Academies Educational Trust is also going to display this art work too!



### Violins & Guitars

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let us know if you want to start these instruments in September. Our brilliant teachers get booked up really quickly and we would like to be able to secure all the teaching time we need. Just see Miss Gledhill and she will do the rest! Please let us know if there are any other instruments you are interested in; we will possibly be able to sort that too!!



### Opportunities for September

Are you interested in being a school volunteer? We are always looking for people who are willing to commit to supporting us every week; for as much or as little time as you can manage. If you are interested and want to talk about the type of things you could offer please contact Miss Gledhill and she will do the rest.



We are also looking for lunchtime supervisors to work in school between 11.45am-1.15pm, 5 days per week during the school term; please get in touch if this role appeals to you.

### Reports Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Parents Drop In's Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

The annual reports will be sent home in envelopes addressed to the parents and carers with the children on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. These are detailed reports with all the information about the children's progress and attainment for this current academic year. There is also a response slip that we ask you to return so that we know you have received your child's report. A 'drop in' parent's opportunity is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. We are not expecting many parents to drop in, as the reports are detailed and any concerns will already have been discussed, but the teaching staff will be available if there is anything else you wish to ask.



### PTA Discos- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July



The PTA are hosting Summer Discos for all children on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Reception, years 1&2 (sorry cannot have our youngest children, there will just be too much running around!) will be straight after school at 3.15-4.15pm. We will get the children dressed in their disco gear if they bring it into school in the morning. Years 3,4,5&6 will be from 4.30-5.30pm. The cost will be £3.00 per child, to include drinks and sweets. Please look out for further information from the PTA.

### Reading Party- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

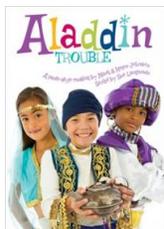
The much anticipated reading party is being held on the afternoon of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, during school time. Children need to have read **70 times** this term to receive their invitation and these will be winging their way to the invitees from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The cut-off date for invitations is the day of the party. Happy Reading!



### Aladdin in Trouble- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

The Years 5&6 production us upon us again and there has been much rehearsing, laughing and crying (exclusively from the staff!) as this extravaganza has taken shape! We are looking forward to sharing this with the school, preschool, governors and all the parents on the evening of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will have characters bucket rattling at the end of both performances to help with the cost of the costumes and new back drop curtain. If you feel able to contribute we would be enormously grateful (and thankful).

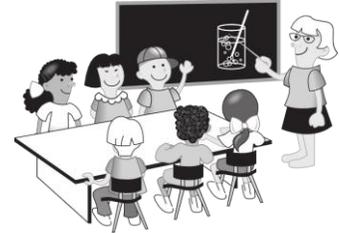
**NB THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE WHITE HART FOR EITHER OF THESE PERFORMANCES SO PLEASE DON'T. THE PRODUCTION WILL BE STOPPED, AS PREVIOUSLY HAS HAPPENED, AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE YOUR CAR!**



### **Transfer Afternoon- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

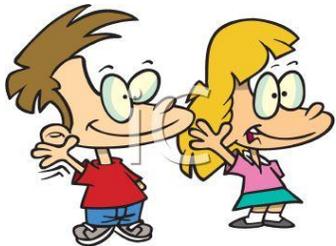
All children will have an afternoon with their new teacher on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. During these sessions the children will spend time in their new classes, with their new teachers and teaching assistants and any new children that are joining us. We're sure they will be very excited about this. Class teachers for next year are:-

- Early Years – Miss Louise Fulwell
- Year 1- Mrs Sophie Bartlett
- Year 2 – Mrs Jo Vernon
- Year 3 – Miss Gemma Bagnall
- Year 4- Mrs Claire Grand (am) & Mrs Debbie Wares (pm)
- Year 5- Miss Rebekah Salter
- Year 6 – Miss Toni Branagh



### **Leavers Service- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July @ 9.00am**

It is time to say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 children and this will be done again in our annual leavers' service in St James' Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July @ 9.00am. All parents, carers, friends, family members and governors from throughout the school are invited, as our whole school says goodbye and wishes our leavers 'good luck' as they leave us and embark on the next stage of their education at High School. The PTA will be offering coffee, biscuits and cakes before and after the service and we will be offering tissues for those needing them at this emotional time! Do join us!



### **After School Care**

As usual, there will be no after school care on the last day of term, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure that any overdue arrears are paid before the end of term.



### **Shire Services**

Please ensure all accounts are settled with Shire Services for Hot lunches if you are in Year 3-6.

Jill needs to close all accounts by the end of the school term. Children with outstanding bills may be refused hot school lunches until the arrears are settled. Obviously parents will be notified if this is the case.

Please remember if you are in Year 2 going into Year 3 in September you will no longer be receiving Universal Free School Meals. Should you wish to continue with school meals in September these will need to be paid for on a weekly basis, in advance.

**Shire Services have informed us that they are increasing the price of their hot lunches to £2.30 per day, a weekly cost of £11.50 from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. This is their first increase for 3 years and I hope that you will agree this cooked meal still offers very good value. Children in reception, Years 1&2 remain on Universal Free School Meals.**



### **All Things Gaming**

With the Summer holidays approaching, I wanted to let you know about a website that you may find useful. Common Sense Media ([www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)) provides independent reviews, age ratings and other information about all types of media. Some children tell us they have access to some games that are very inappropriate for children of their age and often we think this is because parents don't realize the content of these games.





### **Governor corner**

It's now been six months since I joined the school governing board and I thought now would be a good time to share my first impressions and provide you with an update of activity behind the scenes. A couple of things have really stood out for me. Firstly, it is really clear to me how much hard work goes into making our school a place where the pupils can be the best that they can be so on a personal note I would like say a big thank you to all the staff for their efforts in making the school a happy and vibrant place to learn. Secondly, what has also struck me is how smartly dressed the pupils are which is why I was slightly embarrassed when I realised after attending the recent Father's Day lunch that I was wearing my t-shirt inside out!!

On a more serious note, my area of specialism is Health and Safety. Over the past couple of months I have had the opportunity to provide the school with support in reviewing and updating the Health & Safety Policy along with a more detailed observational visit. We will continue to ensure the school is maintained as a safe and secure environment. I have also taken the responsibility for ensuring our school governing board members are provided with the necessary training to allow us to operate effectively.

For those of you that I met during the recent parents meeting it was a pleasure to meet with you and I intend to be available in the future so if you do see me then please come and say hello and feel free to discuss any concerns you have – hopefully not to tell me that my t-shirt is inside out!  
Phil Bruce

### **All That's Left to Say is 'Goodbye'**

Another end of a school year! Good bye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers; we wish them all well as they move on to Secondary School and look forward to hearing all about their successes as they progress through this, the next stage of their education.



**I hope you have a wonderful Summer holiday!**

**Autumn Term dates for 2017- Back to school WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September 8.50am**

Miss Gledhill will be in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September if you have any queries or questions.