

Hartlebury CE Primary School



March Newsletter Spring is coming and so is Easter!

Attendance class by class so far this term-

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
95%	95.7%	97.7%	97.7%	96.9%	90.4%

Giving us an average of 95%- broadly in line with the Government's target.

We believe that every day missed has a negative impact on children's learning. Please remember we are no longer allowed to authorize holidays taken during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional. In almost all applications the holidays taken will be unauthorized and remain on a child's attendance record.

Great Sporting News!

Our Upper Key Stage 2 football team is through to the regional finals of the annual football competition being held at Nottingham University on Saturday 19th March. They won the Wyre Forest league, and then proceeded to the county finals, having won this we are off to represent Worcestershire at the regional finals. GOOD LUCK BOYS! Our cross country runners from Years 5&6 were the overall winners of the small school section of the Wyre Forest competition held just before half term. They showed great team work and support for each other in this competition deserving this overall accolade. VERY WELL DONE TO YOU AS WELL!



Great Tesco's News

We would like to share some good news with all of you..Hartlebury CofE Primary School has been successful in being awarded a grant from Tesco for a Play Tower to be installed on the school field. We now need your support to ensure we secure the maximum amount of funds available. Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative in hundreds of regions across England and Wales. The scheme will see three community groups and projects in each of these regions awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge. Hartlebury CofE Primary School is one of the three successful applicants in this region. Bags of Help offers community groups and projects in each of Tesco's 390 regions across the UK a share of revenue generated from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags. You will be able to vote in your local Tesco store from **Saturday 27th February until Sunday 6th March, 2016**, on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards.

We need you to spread the word so we can achieve as many votes as possible. You will get a token to vote with each time you shop in your local Tesco store.

THE MORE VOTES WE GET, THE LARGER THE GRANT AND THE LARGER THE PLAY TOWER....GET VOTING!!!

World Book Day- Thursday 3rd March

We are celebrating World Book day with lots of stories in school during that day and the opportunity to get a bit more involved! You are invited to take part in one or more or all of these possible activities

1. Dress up as a fictional book character and come into school with the book
2. Write a book review of your favorite book and bring both into school to share
3. Make a puppet of your favorite book character
4. Recreate a scene from your favorite book by drawing, painting, collage or modeling

We are also running an 'Extreme Reading' competition for the month of March! Can you take a photograph of yourself or a family member (could be your pet!) reading in the most bizarre place. All entries must be in school by **Wednesday 23rd March at 9.00am**. Extreme winners will be judged and prizes given on Thursday 24th March. Entries can be emailed and will go on our website.

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Mother's Day Lunch Celebration- Friday 4th March

A reminder that the long awaited Mothers' Day Lunch is on Friday 4th March. You will have received a separate booking letter via ParentMail, please return with your payment as soon as possible. Last day for ordering food will be Tuesday 1st March. Due to popular demand and catering plans any parents booking after this date will have to bring a packed lunch. Details of your 'lunch sitting time' will be sent out by Thursday 3rd March..

Mothering Sunday Service- Sunday 6th March

We will be taking part in the Mothering Sunday First Service at St James' Church on Sunday 6th March @ 9.30am. Most of the children who attend will be taking part in the service so we do need to know if you are definitely coming, then we can issue the parts. Look out for the ParentMail and let us know then we can make sure they have a role for the day! We hope to see as many families as possible at this special service; the children always enjoy taking part in this service for their mum's and giving out the flowers (but that is the secret surprise!).



Parents Evening Bookings- From Monday 7th March

The booking sheets will be available on the playground from Monday 7th - Thursday 10th March; before and after school. Please book a time that is convenient for you. Appointments will be strictly limited to 10mins, should you require longer please make a separate arrangement with your class teacher. We aim to see or at least speak to all parents about their children's progress and attainment at this point in the year, so if you are unable to make these evenings please arrange to see your class teacher on another occasion.

Parents' evenings are on Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March. Please note Teachers from Year 4 will not be available on Thursday after school but will offer meetings during the school afternoon from 1.30pm.



PARKING

It really is important that we keep our neighbors 'on side' and our children safe. At the moment a few parents are jeopardising this for the vast majority! Please think about where you park! If you are blocking our neighbors in their homes, or parking disrespectfully on the White Hart car park PLEASE DONT! The behavior of the minority may stop all of you parking there so please act and tell people not to park there!





Sport Relief- Friday 18th March

We are running, walking and swimming for Sport Relief! Children are invited to come into school wearing Sports gear on this day. They will be walking or running a mile on our field and YOU are invited to join in too! Reception and Key Stage 1 children will walk and run at 9.00am, along with any parents that are able to join in, and Years 3,4,5&6 will be going at 2.30pm, with parents who are able to come a bit earlier and take part with their child. The Sports Council will be selling squash and biscuits on the field during these times. All we ask is for a donation towards this charity. We will be rattling buckets as often as we can!! Years 4&5 will be swimming lengths in the pool during their swimming session on Thursday 17th March.

Easter Lunch- Friday 18th March

Look out for the extra special Easter Lunch, including Easter Egg spot prizes! The kitchen will be sending out the special menu soon and all children will be able to take part in this lunch if they wish!



Easter Service-Thursday 24th March

The whole school, with the exception of those children away on their residential adventure, will be taking part in an Easter Service at St James' Church on Thursday 24th March at 9.00am. Parents, grandparents, carers, friends and members of the local community are very welcome to join us and we would love to see as many as possible there! Refreshments will be available in church from 9.00am; so please do come along.



After school Care- Thursday 24th March

As usual there is no after school care on the last day of term



Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are collecting these vouchers again this year and hope to be as successful as previous years; BUT we need your help! If you could collect as many as possible and send them into school we will do the rest!

After School Activities Finish- Friday 18th March

These clubs (not after school care) finish on Friday 18th March. New clubs will be advertised for booking next term. These will start week beginning Monday 18th April.

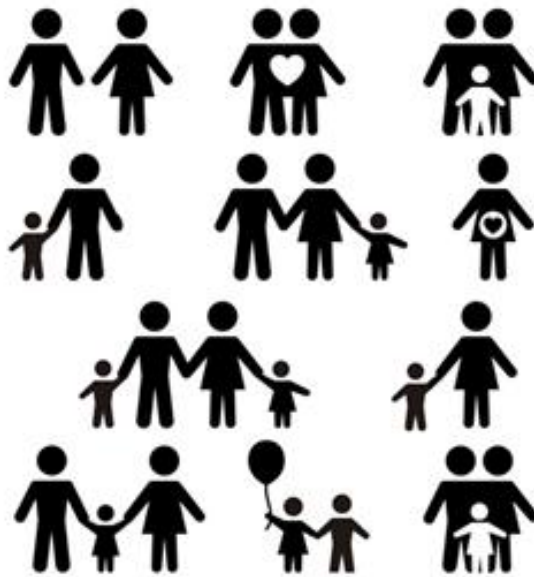


Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March

Women's World Day of Prayer is taking place on Friday 4th March after the Mother's Day Lunch at 2.00pm in St James' Church. You are all very welcome to join us. The choir is performing and 9 of our older girls are taking part with the readings.

Dates for your diary in April & May

- Monday 11th April 8.50am back to school
- Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday
- Monday 9th May SATs week for Year 6 children
- Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June (inc) half term



Let's celebrate family life

St James Church Hartlebury

gifts for mothers cake local produce
raffle book sale easter cards
cards **childrens activities**
handmade gifts quiz refreshments

Saturday, 5 March
10.30 to 12.30