

Hartlebury CE Primary School

March Newsletter- Spring is coming and so is Easter!

“The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name.” Luke 24:46-47

Attendance class by class for the first half term

	Recep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	91	96	97	97	96	97	91
Bears	0	1	1	2	1	3	1

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

So which year will win their very own Haggis? It’s still wide open with 6 weeks to go, but every day matters!

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.

It’s Official- We’re ‘Outstanding’ in all areas!

‘This vibrant school community thrives within an atmosphere in which the development of the whole child is secured’ SIAMs 3rd February 2017.

As many of you are aware we had our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMs) at the beginning of February and were delighted with the outcome of ‘Outstanding’ in all areas. We also chose to have our teaching of RE inspected, although this is not statutory in a Voluntary Aided School, and are thrilled to report that this too was graded ‘Outstanding’. The inspector was with us from 7.30am-5.30pm and was amazed at all she saw; your children were the most amazing part! We are lucky (I Think) in church schools to benefit from 2 different types of inspection process (HMI & SIAMs) and although they look at similar outcomes a SIAMs inspection considers the ethos and values of a school more and how these support excellent outcomes for our learners. We had graded our school as ‘outstanding’ in all areas and were delighted to have this self-evaluation validated. Well done and thank you to all of us in this fantastic school community!!! Please read our report; we are pleased as punch with it! <http://www.hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk/public/documents/HartleburySIAMsReport.pdf>



More Great News!

Over the half term week we have installed 3 brand new, state of the art Promethean Screens in Years 2, 3 and 5. They really are fab and offer us a 21st century learning platform for the children in those classrooms. More to follow as funds allow!! If your child is in one of these

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classes please ask them about the boards and the things they are capable of doing; even though we are still getting to grips with them; well the adults are, the children know exactly what they are doing!

Our thanks must go to the Queen Elizabeth Trust in Hartlebury who funded most of this investment and to the Parent Teacher Association (so to you really) who made up the difference. It is hoped by the end of next term and the outcome of the Summer Fayre that we will have raised another £2000 for a further board.

Lateness for Registration

Lateness is a concern. We are tightening up on our lateness procedures and are trying to encourage everyone to be in school promptly for registration at 8.50am. Being late makes the children feel uncomfortable and doesn't start the day in the right frame of mind. They also miss out on the regular settling routines, which do have independent spelling, reading, problem solving at their heart; these are then discussed and shared as a start activity for the day, which late children can't fully take part in.

From Monday 6th March we would like all children to be in school for 8.50am, using their classroom doors to enter the building. Children arriving after registration at 8.50am will continue to arrive via the front office and will be registered as '**L**' for **Late Arrival**. Children arriving after 9.15am will be registered as '**U**' for **Pupil Arriving after the Register has Closed**. All of this data is recorded on the pupils' formal records and follows them to the next school.



World Book Day- Thursday 2nd 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 throughout the month of March

1. Write a book review of your favorite book and bring both into school to share
2. Make a puppet of your favorite book character
3. Recreate a scene from your favorite book by drawing, painting, collage or modeling

More Reading Challenges for March

We are also running an '**Extreme Reading**' competition for the month of March, in addition to our regular reading targets! 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 29th March at 9.00am** in time for the Reading Challenge Party. Extreme winners will be judged by our Lunch Time Supervisors and prizes given on Thursday 30th March. Entries can be emailed and will go on our website. office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk



Be a Chorister for an Afternoon-Saturday 4th March

The Cathedral's extremely popular *Be a Chorister for an Afternoon* event will be taking place on Saturday 4th March between 1:30 and 6:15pm. This offers pupils the opportunity to participate in a workshop to develop their singing skills under the expert guidance of the Cathedral's Director and Assistant Director of Music. At the end of the afternoon participants will join the world-famous Cathedral Choir to sing Choral Evensong, accompanied by the Cathedral organ. Full details of this event and an application form are available from Miss Gledhill.

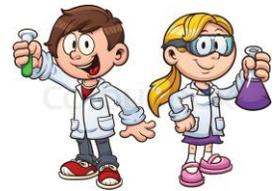
For further information or about this event please contact Worcester Cathedral Music Department on 01905 732 908 or email: alansheldon@worcestercathedral.org.uk



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British Science Week- Monday 13th - Friday 17th

We are celebrating British Science week with fantastic, exciting science activities, off site learning visits and scientist in school! It should be a really busy, fun week. We are encouraging everyone to discover the fun of science and to develop their 'inner scientist!' Listen out for all the things your children get up to; there will be lots to tell!



Years 3&4 Production- 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'-Tuesday 21st March @ 6.00pm

We have decided that for this year we will split the end of year huge production and give more children the opportunity to perform on the BIG stage. Hence Years 3 and 4 are rehearsing madly for their very own production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Everyone is invited to attend; although the evening production is mainly reserved for adult members of the family. The children will see the performance during the day. We do hope that lots of family members will come along to experience the Arts in our school; it's definitely 'alive and kicking!'



Red Nose Day- Friday 24th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day again this year, along with schools up and down the country. This year the children are invited to come to school dressed all in red! All we ask for is a £1.00 donation towards this fantastic charity. We will also be holding a whole school tuck shop at morning break. Items on sale will include cakes, biscuits, raisins, drinks and many more goodies. All items will range from 20p-50p.



Mother's Day Lunch Celebration- Friday 24th March

A reminder that the long awaited Mothers' Day Lunch is on Friday 24th March. You will receive a separate booking letter via ParentMail, please return with your payment as soon as possible. Last day for ordering food will be Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd March..

Mothering Sunday Service- Sunday 26th March

We will be taking part in the Mothering Sunday First Service at St James' Church on Sunday 26th 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!).



Reading Challenge Celebration Party- Wednesday 29th @ 2.00pm

Are you on target to get to the reading party? The target this term is 70 reads in 84 days. The reads need to be completed by Friday 24th March to get your invitation in the post but invitations are handed out right up until the morning of the party! An Easter themed party will be the order of the day, with a lot of chocolate I'm sure! So...keep reading!

Parents Evenings- Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March

Remember there will be NO signing sheets again this time. Booking your appointments and managing your booking is all done via ParentMail and will be available to book on Tuesday 7th March! If you do not have access to ParentMail Miss Gledhill will happily make the arrangements for you. We will be giving your child their Interim reports on Monday 27th March and these will inform you about where your child is compared with Age Related Expectations

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(ARE) and tell you how they are progressing. This information will form the basis of your meeting.

A Representative from the Governors will also be available on both parents evenings should you wish to discuss with them any aspect of school life.

Wear a Hat Day Friday 31st March

We are gearing up to make **Friday 31st March 2017** the **biggest, boldest and hattiest** Wear A Hat Day EVER – **we can't do it without your help!** We would like everyone in school to wear a hat for the day and donate £1.00 to Brain Tumor research if they feel able. We do this in memory of some of our school family who benefitted from the research this charity supports, thank you. For more information please visit the charities website <https://www.braintumourresearch.org>



After School Activities Finish- Friday 31st March

These clubs (not after school care) finish on Friday 31st March. New clubs will be advertised for booking next term. These will start week beginning Tuesday 2nd May- Monday being the Bank Holiday.

Easter Crafts Competition –Wednesday 5th April

Your children are invited to take part in an Easter Craft Competition and their entries have to be in school on Wednesday 5th April by 9.00am. Judging will be by the Lunch Time Supervisor team that morning. Their entry is to be made at home and the whole family can help! Prizes will be given in each year group; so happy crafting!

- Early years, Reception, Years 1 and 2 are invited to make Easter Bonnets
- Years 3 and 4 are invited to decorate hard boiled eggs
- Years 5 and 6 are invited to make Easter Gardens (entries can be submitted in their absence if they are at Arete)

Parents are invited to join us in watching the Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.45pm and to view the entries to the competition if they are able.

Easter Lunch- Wednesday 5th April

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!

Advance Warning -Easter Service- Friday 7th April

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 Friday 7th April 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.

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!



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News from St James' Church

EDITOR WANTED of the Parish Magazine!

John Hellens, who currently edits the Parish Magazine, has told the PCC that he will be retiring from this role in the middle of next year, 2018.



The magazine is produced by the Church for the community, and recently received a Certificate of Excellence from ACE, the Association for Church Editors, for its cover design. We received some helpful comments as to how the style and content of the magazine might be developed whilst still retaining the 'feel' of a parish magazine. The magazine contains contributions from the Church, village groups, the Parish Council – and interesting articles from individuals. Whilst there is currently little 'commissioning' of articles, this could be an area of development, and the magazine might benefit from a change of style?

Are you able to help us develop what is already a very successful local magazine? You do need to have computer skills – the magazine is produced using Microsoft Publisher (for the content) and Adobe Illustrator (for the cover). The magazine is sent to the printer as a two PDF files.

The Editor is currently ably assisted in the preparation of contributions from local clubs and societies, and in maintaining the network of distributors. The magazine is sent to the printers, Sarum Graphics, in time for them to print and deliver the magazine to us for distribution the last weekend of each month.

The Editor also currently has responsibility for the advertising – but this aspect of the role might perhaps be devolved elsewhere. Please get in touch with John Hellens (01299 251657) for further information – he will be delighted to hear from you.

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