

Hartlebury CE Primary School

May Newsletter This month our value is 'Hope'

'Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit'

Romans 5:5

Bobby Bear has arrived!

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the attendance prize last term and all received their very own 'Haggis' the highland cow! There were some very excited children and the contest was a very close run thing between Year 5, Year 3 and Year 1!
So now the question is...Who will receive their own Bobby Bear this term? Remember every day counts!



Reading Challenge for the Summer Term

This Summer Term the target is **70 home reads** (again not including any reading done in school) in 80 days. The reads **must be recorded in the reading logs** and signed for by an adult each time during a time limited period. We are trying to encourage daily reading at home as part of their homework. This term's challenge begins on Monday 24th April (any reading done in the holiday will count towards their reading star badge and McDonald's trip but NOT towards the reading party) and ends on Wednesday 12th July with a surprise themed party! These invitations are much sought after and the party is always great fun!! Who will meet the challenge this time and make the party??

Our Teacher led Pre-School

Have you a younger child, or know a younger child, aged 3 before September? If so they can apply for a place in our Early Years Unit to start in September, but please let us know as soon as you can as places are filling up fast! If you would like an information pack or to visit our fabulous teacher led Early Years Unit please contact the office; Miss Gledhill will do the rest!



It's Testing Time of the Year!

- Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (Year 6) begin on Monday 8th May until Friday 12th May
- Key Stage 1 statutory assessments (Year 2 children) run from Tuesday 2nd – Friday 26th May.
- Year 1 Phonics screening assessments are week beginning Monday 12th June- Friday 16th June



Please ensure your child is in school during these assessment periods. If you know they are going to be absent in Year 1 or 2 please speak to Mrs Bartlett or Mrs Vernon ASAP, they may be able to rearrange some of the assessments. All year groups are now fixed by the government; if your

child is not in on the assessment day or during the assessment window we can do nothing about it!

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

School is closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday. School is open as usual on Tuesday.

Dress Down Day- Friday 5th May

The PTA are holding a Dress Down Day on Friday 5th May, asking for donations towards the Spring Fayre. They are looking for:-

Early Years & KS1 – Jumble Jam Jars

Miss Fulwell, Mrs Bartlett & Mrs Vernon’s class- A jam jar (or any jar) filled with goodies i.e. sweets, hair bands, paper clips, marbles, stickers etc.

KS2-Summer Hamper Item-

Miss Bagnall, Mrs Grand/Mrs Wares, Miss Salter & Miss Branagh’s class- an item that we could use within a Summer themed Hamper – Straws, Paper plates, Napkins, Juice, Biscuits, Crisps, Plastic Cutlery, ice packs, tooth picks bottles of Wine/Pimms etc.



PTA Spring Fayre- Saturday 20th May

This annual Summer Fayre is being held on Saturday 20th May. It is always a fabulous traditional fayre; a great day out for family and friends. Please make a note of the date and come along, you’re guaranteed great fun!! The PTA will be sending out more details, so do keep an eye out for their flyers.

Sing Up, Sing Out! Monday 24th July

On Monday July 24th young singers from around Worcester are performing in the magnificent surroundings of Worcester Cathedral as part of the 2017 Three Choirs Festival. Under the leadership of conductor, Ula Weber, the concert will include Jonathan Dove’s *Music on the Waters, I Turn on the Tap* by Richard Stilgoe and extracts from Thomas Johnson’s *Four Songs for the End of Wars* (a 2016 Three Choirs Festival commission) as well as songs from the shows and a touch of audience participation!



Do you know someone who would like to take part?

Children aged 9-13 are encouraged to join up to sing in this concert. There will be rehearsals on the morning of July 24th before the concert in the afternoon, and prior rehearsals on Sunday July 16th, 10am-3pm, at King’s School Worcester. Please note that for the rehearsal day on July 16th participants will need to bring packed lunches. This is a great opportunity to do something different during the summer holidays. Please follow the link to sign up: <http://www.3choirs.org/take-part/sing-up-sing-out/>



Beginning Violins or Guitars in September

Is your child in Year 3 or above and wanting to start a musical instrument?? Our excellent violin and guitar teachers are ready to start that journey in a fun way! Please let Miss Gledhill know if you are interested and she will give you all the information. Lessons will not start until September but planning and booking the teachers and time slots start now.

If you are already learning an instrument with us we will assume this will continue unless you let us know before the Half term holiday at the end of May.



Whitsun Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June inclusive.

Governors Corner from Carolyn Gumbley, Vice Chair of Governors



Hello

A word to introduce myself – I am Carolyn Gumbley, Vice-Chair of the Governing Body.

I am a ‘Foundation’ Governor – that is to say that I was appointed by the Church as a representative of, and to uphold, the Christian foundation of the school.

Being a Foundation Governor meant that I was involved with the recent SIAMS Inspection by the Diocese, and was delighted that the school received an ‘Outstanding’ rating both overall and with regard to RE. The school ‘lives and breathes’ the Christian ethos, which was apparent to the SIAMS Inspector.

There is a lot to learn, and I have done quite a lot of training, particularly with regard to Safeguarding – I am the nominated Governor Safeguarding representative. We take our responsibilities very seriously, to ensure that your children are kept safe – not only at school, but also so that they know how to keep themselves safe outside school.

I have done a number of ‘learning walks’, and it is interesting to compare how children learn, or are taught, than when I was at school more years ago than I care to remember!

Wearing my ‘other’ hat, as Churchwarden at St James, I want to say how much the Church welcomes the contribution the school makes to our Mothering Sunday and Harvest ‘Sunday First’ services. We are also glad to welcome the school for its end-of-term services – I’m usually there trying to make sure the CD player works!

Dates for your diary

June

5 th	Back to school
6 th	Holy Communion led by Rev Shelia Banyard
12 th	Phonics Screening Week
16 th	Nigel Huddleston MP visiting our Peace Garden Fathers’ Day Lunch
26 th	Sports Week
28 th	Pyramid Oscars
30 th	Sports Day and Family Picnics

July

10 th	Reports out
12 th	Reading Party Parents Drop In Meetings 3.30-5.00pm
13 th	Transition Afternoons Year 5&6 Performance 6.00pm
17 th	Meet your new teacher session 2.45pm
19 th	Leavers Service @ St James’ @ 9.00am