

# Hartlebury CE Primary School

## November's Newsletter

Our value this month is 'Forgiveness'

*'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins'*

Matthew 26:28

Whole school attendance for the first half term was 96%. Buckingham Bear weekly class winners so far are:-

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0 bears	1 bear	2 bears	2 bears	0 bears	2 bears	0 bears
89%	97%	98%	98%	96%	95%	96%



The competition builds! With 7 full weeks left to go the competition is still wide open to every class! Which class will win their very own Buckingham Bear? It's anyone's guess and the race is on!

### Assembly Time is Moving- for a trial period!

We are going to try holding our daily assemblies (Monday-Thursday) at 9.00am for this term. We are hoping this will give the children a calm, thought provoking start to their day; time to reflect on the message of our worship. Assembly will start at 9.00am, with the children coming into the hall at 8.55am. As you know our classroom doors open at 8.40am with the bell for registration ringing at 8.50am. From today registration will be prompt at 8.50am with the children lining up and leaving their classes at 8.55am. If your children arrive after this time you will need to bring them into school via the front office as there will be no one in your classrooms and the doors will be closed. Children arriving after assembly has started will need to wait with Miss Gledhill; as you will appreciate they won't be able to disturb assembly once it has started. We will review the different assembly time and its benefits in the New Year.

**PLEASE NOTE-** before 8.40am is teacher/ teaching assistant preparation time; we cannot let children in before this time as we cannot guarantee your children will be supervised. If you wish to discuss a matter with your teacher, which is more than passing on a quick message at the door in the morning, please make an arrangement with them to meet at a mutually convenient time. They are always happy to meet with you.

### Great News!

- We have been awarded our SILVER Eco Award thanks to all the efforts of our Eco Committee, Miss Bagnall and Mrs Purslow! VERY WELL DONE one and all!!
- Our annual MacMillan coffee morning was supported by nearly 30 parents and all the children, raising **£186.64**.

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- Wrong Trouser Day and the Staff Mud Run was great fun and raised £567.05 for this worthwhile charity in memory of Elizabeth Spencer, Lola's cousin.
- Over 80 grandparents came to our annual Grandparents' Lunch; our biggest corporate entertaining event so far!

### **Double Edged News!**



This is one of those good news/not so good news paragraphs! We are both happy (for them!) and sad (for us!) at the news from 2 of our school community. Many of you may already know that Rev Arnold and his family are leaving Hartlebury and moving to Devon in February. We will be very sad to see them go, but send them all our good wishes for this next part of their life's adventure.

Mr Hickman is also leaving us during this month. He will be sadly missed around school, but has secured a wonderful new opportunity at a secondary school in Worcester; teaching and supporting young people with health and fitness. We wish him well as he progresses with this exciting new career path.

### **Holy Communion in School- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 9.00am**

We are holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 9.00am, taken by Rev Derek Arnold, who as you know is very familiar to all the children. Everyone in school will take part in the worship, but only those who wish to be blessed or receive communion will be invited to join in this part of the service. ***We would love parents and family members to join us if you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*** Please make your way to the school hall, via the front office, as soon as you have dropped off your children.



### **PTA Bonfire Party- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00pm**



The annual PTA's Bonfire Party is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and everyone is invited to join us for this extravaganza. Gates open at 6.00pm with the fire being lit at 6.30pm. The fireworks will be launched at approximately 7.00pm. Tickets will be available at the gate, but are better value in advance! There will be refreshments and fun stalls available on the evening. Please bring along your friends and family; the more the merrier!

### **Parish Council Consultation Event- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm**

A reminder that the Parish Council are running a consultation evening for members of the parish to voice their opinions about the way forward for this village. This date is an over 18 meeting and all parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. It is YOUR village; what do you want it to be like?



### **Remembrance Day- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

We shall be selling poppies in school from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you would like your child to have a poppy they will need to bring their donation into school and the Year 6 children will sell them on a daily basis for that week.

School will hold a Remembrance assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November to ensure the children have an understanding of this national act of remembrance and are given the opportunity to show their respect. Class 6 will be attending the Remembrance Service at St James' Church, where they will call the role of honour and place crosses around the memorial. Parents are invited to join this village act of remembrance if they wish. We will gather at church from 10.45am.



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### **Children in Need- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November-A ‘Spotacular Party!’**



For Pudsey we always like to have fun and raise money. With this in mind the children are invited to come to school dressed all in SPOTS for the day, including spotty faces as long as they are not contagious! Please also remember your spotty outdoor shoes, boots or wellies for play time. We are being supported this year by Lloyds Bank PLC who is hosting a ‘Spotacular’ party in school on this day; with party games running throughout the day based on a spotty theme. Lloyds Bank PLC is also going to DOUBLE the amount of money we raise for Pudsey this year; SO PLEASE DIG DEEP.

### **Anti-Bullying Week- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

During this national week we will be focussing the negative impact of different types of bullying behaviours on victims and perpetrators, where ever it is happening, and how children can protect themselves. Children will take part, throughout the week, in activities that raise their awareness of the negative impact of unkind behaviours on themselves and others. We will be discussing different types of bullying behaviours, including physical bullying, exclusion bullying and cyber bullying. This week will culminate with a drama group into school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to demonstrate and support ‘The Power of One’ and the duty we all have to confront and report any unwanted behaviours we experience or witness. Hopefully your children will talk to you about their understanding of these issues.

**COOL TO BE KIND**  
**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
**14-18 NOVEMBER 2016**

### **Parents Evenings- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Remember there will be NO signing sheets this year and Miss Gledhill does not have access to your Parent Mail accounts. Booking your appointments and remembering what time you’ve booked will be available through Parent Mail. This will be set up soon...so keep a look out! We will be sending the Interim reports, as requested by parents so that you all have less time to wait for your meetings once you have received the report, closer to Parents Evenings on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. These interim reports will inform you about where your child is at compared with Age Related Expectations (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. They will also be handing out our annual Parent Questionnaires, which this year will focus on our Christian Distinctiveness.



**AND FINALLY, BUT IMPORTANTLY-**



**Christmas is Coming! (Sorry- BUT YES it’s true!) So ‘Keep reading!’**

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## So here are some extra warnings of the Christmassy things going on!

### PTA Christmas Fayre- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.15pm

Mince pies, tea, coffee, carols and children's crafts all available during this annual event. Look out for more details to follow.

### Autumn Term Reading Celebration –Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm

How close is your child to their 65 reads this term and to their invitation to the spectacular reading party? This has to be the most sort after party invitation of the season and the theme is always such a well guarded secret. Remember to receive your party invitation your child needs to read on 65 different days during this term and each entry in the reading diary needs to be signed by an adult. The cut off date for the 65<sup>th</sup> read is the morning of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December! So plenty of time!! Get reading!!



### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 Christmas production @ 6.00pm

Just one performance this year for Years 1&2 children! Parents and friends are invited to this traditional end of year extravaganza. There are no tickets; all that we ask is that the adults per family are restricted to 4 as a maximum. More information, like the dreaded costume request, to follow!

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December –Early Years Nativity @ 9.30am

Just one performance for our Early Years children as well this year, but always the highlight of the calendar!! Again there will be no tickets and again a maximum of 4 adults per family.



### And all the rest

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Santa Visits! We hope we've all been very good!
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 4Front Theatre Christmas production in school
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' day  
School Christmas Lunch  
After school care ends
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas end of term service, St James' Church @ 9.00am;  
all parents welcome
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Term ends- NO AFTER SCHOOL care

### Christingle Service @ St James' Church – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.30pm



This is an annual event in the Church, village and school's calendars and Claire Thorley is again looking for children who would like to take part in the service. She is looking for 3 readers and approximately 13 children to be involved in the 'Scratch Nativity', no rehearsing necessary! If your child is interested in taking part please contact Claire via her email, [claire.thorley1@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.thorley1@btinternet.com)

**Back to School- WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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