

Hartlebury CE Primary School

September Newsletter- Welcome Back Everyone!

Our value this month is 'LOVE'

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life'

John 3:16

A New Academic Year begins!

Welcome back everyone! It is great to see everyone back and so many new faces! You may notice many of the improvements that have occurred during the holidays. We have had new windows in the Victorian section of our school, which should help with keeping us warmer in the winter! So YES we have been busy again!

School Uniform

Please ensure that, wherever possible, you adhere to our school uniform policy, including coats. We have noticed inappropriate shoes creeping in. All shoes need to be black leather and suitable for wearing all day. All uniform MUST be clearly marked.

After School Care

Please remember this facility needs to be booked and paid for **in advance**, unless in an emergency. Our food order is placed on Fridays and therefore all bookings should be made by this day. We do have limited places in this facility and cannot guarantee places if not booked in advance. Collection time is no later than 5.55pm Monday-Thursday and 4.55pm on Friday. There is a cost penalty of £5.00 per 15mins (or part of) for collections after these times. Children not collected from school by 3.25pm will automatically be moved to After School Care and parents will be charged accordingly. Please remember the cost of After School Care has changed to £8.00 a day Monday to Thursdays and £7.00 on a Friday with 10% discount for siblings.



School Parking- PLEASE CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURS WHEN PARKING.

With the exception of Disabled Parking, for which there is a bay directly in front of the school steps (disabled badges should be on show) the school drive and car park is not for parents parking before or after school. **Parents should not park on the track as this makes access for EMERGENCY VEHICLES to our neighbours' houses impossible.**

Homework

All children will continue to be set homework. In Key Stage 1 this may be reading, spelling, mental mathematics and possibly learning times tables, but by Key Stage 2 we will be setting more formal homework. All homework will be set on a Thursday and must be handed in by the following Wednesday morning. We will be informing parents if homework is not being completed. It is hoped that children will develop the skill of completing their homework at home in readiness for High School. We continue to appreciate your support with homework and know that good habits established in primary school make the transition to secondary school so much easier for everyone.



Reading Rewards

Reading is the ultimate skill that children have to master during their time in Primary school. Without developing fluent reading skills during this time children will be disadvantaged here, in secondary school and throughout their adult life. But to develop this fluency, children need to practice, practice, practice! Hence the reading reward system we have in place. Children need to read every day at home and to achieve this you need to set aside 5-10 minutes per day to ensure their success is guaranteed. A small commitment to support your child's success and self-esteem.

Our reading rewards will continue this year. There are 2 award systems.

Reading Stars- Bronze, Silver, Gold and Super Star!

These are awarded for every time your child reads 50 times at home. With 190 school days every child has the opportunity to achieve their 'Super Star' prize. You need to confirm their reading efforts by recording this in their reading diary and initialing/signing this record. Unless this record is kept we cannot award the badges.



Termly Reading Reward Celebration



The target for this celebration is set termly, depending on our aim and the length of the term. It is achievable for every child who reads 5 days per week. When a child achieves this target they will receive an invitation to the celebratory reading party. **IT IS A DAILY READING TARGET. YOU CANNOT READ 5 TIMES IN ONE DAY. ONE DAY = 1 COUNTED ENTRY TOWARDS THE PARTY TOTAL.** All reading entries need to be recorded or signed off by an adult. We are rewarding regular daily reading at home; rewarding those regular reading habits. This term's party will be on Wednesday 7th December for those who have read 65 times from Monday 5th September up until the party day. That is 86 days to read 65 times; quite a challenge

BUT challenge is what we're after!

We had over 70 children at our reading carnival and BBQ in July; our most ever!!

Reminders- PE kits, labeling uniform, reading diaries and water bottles

Some gentle reminders!

- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE label all clothing! As you will appreciate all the jumpers, cardigans, coats etc are exactly the same and finding yours is very difficult especially when children forget where they left them. Please check regularly if you have written their names on the labels, as these do fade after washing and often are impossible to read.
- Book bags and reading diaries- these need to be in school every day please.
- Water bottles also need to be in school every day and **MUST** only water in them. Research has shown that water is best for the brain and also for teeth. We do insist that only water is taken during lesson time. Children can have milk, squash or fruit juice at break and lunch times.
- Full PE kits and pumps (and trainers in Key Stage 2) should be in school at all times. We do timetable set PE times but these may vary and additional opportunities do occur, so please leave the PE kits in school during the week.
- **Inhalers should be with the child every day** and will be kept in an easily accessible space for the child. Parents are responsible for ensuring that inhalers are kept up to date and replenished.



GOOD NEWS- We have maintained our GOLD Sports Award AGAIN!

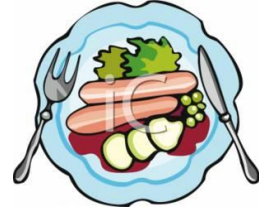


We are delighted to tell you that at the end of last term we were again awarded the Sainsbury's Schools GOLD Sports Award. Mr Hickman has been steering us towards this achievement for the past 12 months and after rigorous external moderation we were delighted to gain the award for our second year. WELL

DONE EVERYONE, but especially to Mr Hickman!

Hot School Lunches

As many of you will be aware children in Reception class, and Years 1&2 are continuing to be eligible for Universal Free School Meals - no more packed lunches to make for your youngest children, Hooray! BUT our delicious lunches remain very popular with staff and children! If you want hot lunches in school these have to be taken for a whole week and booked on the previous Friday. The cost of hot meals for a week is held at **£11.00 per week**, which I know provides excellent value for the quality of food supplied. Please send payment in a sealed envelope with your child/children's name and class on the front. Cheques should be made payable to **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**.



BUT VERY VERY IMPORTANTLY:

If you are also eligible for free school meals (and in receipt of Universal Free School Meals) you should still apply, as this will offer you support with lots of school expenses as well! Miss Gledhill will be able to help and advise with the application. School receives funding for all children who would qualify for free school meals for their entire time here at Hartlebury and this makes a massive difference to our funding.

Lunch Time Supervisor Opportunity in School

We have a vacancy in school for a Lunch Time Supervisor. If you are interested in this position please speak with Miss Gledhill and she will give you all the information you may need.

Class Music Lessons in School

Learning violins and guitars in school is going really well. Our beginner violinists gave a brilliant demonstration at the end of last term to their parents and the whole school; their annual violin recital! They inspired many of our Key Stage 2 children to want to have a go. Miss Gledhill will be contacting last year's budding musicians but if anyone else (year 2 upwards) wishes to learn a musical instrument she will gladly sort out the instrument and booking form, giving you all the details you need to get you going! Remember if you are in receipt of Free School Meals (year 3 upwards) you are entitled to support with these costs.



Parents Representative Group

We are hoping to set up a Parents Forum, which will be a sounding board for the ideas and polices we are formulating in school. The meetings will be termly during the school day. If you are interested in joining this group please let Miss Gledhill know by Monday 12th September. We are looking for possibly 6/8 parents. Should we have more volunteers interested we will ask those volunteers how they wish to be chosen, ie parent vote, names out of a hat, 1st come: 1st served etc.

