

Hartlebury CE Primary School

A founding member of the Severn Academic Educational Trust (SAET)

September Newsletter- Welcome Back Everyone!

Our value this month is 'LOVE'

Love is one of our three core Christian values; Love, Tolerance and Forgiveness.

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'

St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 13v4-7

A New Academic Year begins!

Welcome back everyone. An especially BIG welcome to all our new children and to Mr Cadwallader, a new Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and Mr David Pitt as a training teacher in Year 5! A new academic year is always exciting- for everyone- and as always we welcome your thoughts and ideas on how we are doing. This is 'OUR' school and we want it to be what you want. Obviously we can't always fulfil every individual wish or request, but please keep letting us know. Many of your ideas, ie ukulele in Year 4, we are able to act upon so please keep letting us know. If there are any things you feel we should defiantly consider don't be shy, let us know!



New for this Academic Year- Meet your New Teacher Session – THIS Friday 8th September @ 2.30pm

We are offering parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, to find out the year group routines and have a look in their classroom. We hope that this will give you the opportunity to ask those 'burning' questions that your children tell you haven't been mentioned, maybe homework!



NEW- Wellies Needed

We are really keen to make more use of our field at break times BUT the grass can be very wet at this time of the year, as we found out today!! We are therefore requesting that ALL children have a pair of named wellies in school. We are hoping to get welly racks for them but in the meantime they can be kept outside the classrooms. We will only be taking those children with wellies on to the field at break and lunch times; those without wellies will have their playtimes on the playground. No one will miss out! **If anyone is able to make us some 'welly racks' we would be really grateful! Please let Miss Gledhill know if you are able to help and we won't order any....they really are a silly price in the catalogues!**



Keeping Your Children Safe- putting them first; on every newsletter!

SAET Safe Guarding Review

One of the many advantages of being part of a Multi Academy Trust is the support we are now offered. We received a safeguarding Audit in July. A thorough, day long review by Sally Mills, an experienced, well respected safe guarding consultant who sits on the West Midlands safe Guarding Children's Group. I am pleased to report that we were 'exemplary' in all areas. Assuring us and you, that our procedures and protocols are rigorous and appropriate.



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School Parking- Putting your children first; Keeping them safe.

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. This is to ensure the safety of children walking to school or using the front drive to access the playground.

Parents should not park on the track or in front of the gates at any time. Parking here makes access unsafe and access for EMERGENCY VEHICLES to our neighbours' houses impossible.

PLEASE HELP US TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS SAFE AT SCHOOL

PE- A New Approach!

We have received a significant boost to our PE funding and are really excited about the new opportunities this offers. Look out for Gymaroos teaching in KS1 and lots of specialist coaches in KS1! We already have Rugby and yoga booked!!

With this in mind we are tightening up on those children who sometimes avoid all things sporty!! We are hoping to give a wide range of choices that will appeal to everyone and maybe encourage some longer term club activity; promoting healthier life styles. We are asking that all children have PE Kits in school and that KS2 in particular have outdoor PE kits available when needed. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PE KIT IN SCHOOL THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PICK FROM THE SPARE KIT BUT WILL USE THEIR SCHOOL SHOES OR HAVE BARE FEET. Not ideal but we do feel 'I have no kit' was becoming a bit of an excuse!

If your child can't do PE for a medical reason we ask that you send a note or an email into school excusing them from PE. Thank you for this.



Harvest Collections-Monday 25th-Friday 29th September



We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food during this week. All food donated will make up the harvest display at St James' Church Harvest Festival and will then go to a homeless refuge in Worcester for them to use. If everyone in school was able to donate one or two items from their store cupboard our donations would really make a difference; PLEASE help if you feel able.

Children should bring their donations into school during this week and these will be displayed around the cross in our main corridor ahead of going over to church on Friday 29th. Thank you for any support you can offer.

Macmillan Coffee Morning –Friday 29th September @ 9.00am

We are hosting our annual coffee morning in aid of this amazing charity in the hall and hope that as many parents as possible are able to delay their post drop off start to the day and join us for coffee and cake. Staff in school provides the cakes for this event; all we need you to do is roll up and make a contribution- simple!! The children will also be able to take part at their break time when the Year 6 children will host a tuck shop on the playground. All items will be 50p each, enabling them to buy 1, 2 or 3 items, but we will restrict them to 3! The PTA will also hold their now infamous cake sale after school –all donations to this cake sale gratefully received. All proceeds from the day will go to Macmillan.



Harvest Festival at St James' Church- Sunday 1st October @9.30am



Our annual traditional Harvest festival is taking place again. This is always a lovely service in church and celebrates all the gifts we have and are able to share. All children who are able to attend (and we hope there are lots) will take part in the service; singing, presenting food gifts, taking part in Open the Book, maybe taking readings, saying prayers or doing the collection, but everyone will be involved, so please come along and bring Grannies, and Grandads and any other family members who are keen to join in.

Great News for Mrs Grand

After a rigorous application process Mrs Grand has been awarded 'Specialist Leader in Education' status; a real 'flag in her cap' and a well-deserved recognition of her leadership and teaching skills. She will be available to support teachers across Worcestershire. Well done Mrs Grand!



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School Uniform

Our school uniform suppliers are working well, with a very efficient service. 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.



After School Activities

These are running again this term with a much improved array of activities on offer. Some of these will be free and some will be charged for, ie Mad Science and Gyमारooos. Look out for the letter coming soon.

Reading Rewards- Just a reminder

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 practise, practise, practise! 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 mins per day to ensure their success is guaranteed; a small commitment to guarantee your child's success and self-esteem. Our reading rewards will continue this year. There are 2 award systems.

First the 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 badges and the 'Super Star' prize for 200 home reads. You need to confirm their reading efforts by recording this in their reading diary and initialing/signing this record. Unless this record is kept up to date, no filling in 100 entries in one go, we cannot award the badges or the Super Star Prize!



Second the Termly Reading Reward Celebration

The target for this term is 70 reads in 90 days and the celebration is on **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER** and counting stops on this day. 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.**

We are rewarding regular daily reading at home; rewarding those regular reading habits.

For all awards we will start counting on Wednesday 6th September- we will not be counting your summer holiday reads for these awards; but are really thrilled that you have done some!

Reminders- 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 have 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.



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- **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.
- **Healthy Snacks.** Your children will eat what you give them in school. Follow all good health advice from Health England and send in a healthy, low fat and sugar free snack, you know they deserve it!

GOOD NEWS- We have maintained our GOLD Sports Award Standard AGAIN! 4th Year Running!



We are delighted to tell you that at the end of last term we were again awarded the Sainsbury's Schools GOLD Sports Award. Miss Branagh and Mrs Odell have 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 4th year. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

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 for the time being - no more packed lunches to make for your youngest children, Hooray! BUT our delicious lunches, at a daily cost of £2.30 remain very popular with staff and children alike! If you want hot lunches in school these have to be taken for a whole week at a cost of £11.50 and booked on the previous Friday for the following week. Children in Early Years Unit who are not Reception age ie pre-school age can also book lunches at a cost of £1.60 per day. Please send payment in a sealed envelope with your child/children's name and class on the front, plus the date and amount of money included. Early Years children should also put the days they are having lunch on this envelope. All moneys for school meals are dealt with by Mrs Crowe in the kitchen, not by Miss Gledhill, so this information is essential. All cheques should be made payable to **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL.**



BUT VERY VERY IMPORTANTLY:

If you are in receipt of any benefits you may also be eligible for Pupil Premium which will entitle you for free school meals but will also offer support with school trips, music lessons and other school expenses as well! Miss Gledhill will be able to help and advise with the application.

School receives funding for all children who qualify for Pupil Premium for their entire time here at Hartlebury and this makes a massive difference to our funding. So please don't be shy and apply!

Class Music Lessons in School- Violins, Pianos and Guitars

Learning violins and guitars in school is going really well. Our violinists and guitarists gave brilliant demonstrations at the end of last term to their parents and the whole school; their annual 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.



WANTED by Miss Bagnall

Miss Bagnall is looking for resources for the outdoor learning area. If you are able to help she is looking for great logs for sitting on, mulch or wood chip and planks of wood. Please speak with Miss Bagnall to organize if you are able to help. If you would like to offer any help with our outdoor area, ie volunteering with the children during the day or after school or volunteering with the garden maintenance please don't be shy; we desperately need help! Very many thanks

From the Parish Council

On Thursday 14th September between 4pm and 8pm there is a drop in event at the Parish Hall for residents to see the outline designs for the Parish Hall extension, the car park, tennis courts and play area. When the children were asked about what they wanted for the village they were very keen on this. This drop in session is open to everyone.

The second planned event is on Thursday 28th September; again at the Parish Hall but at 7pm. This is an informal consultation event to talk about parking issues, concerns and hopefully potential solutions. Again, this may be of direct interest to you as parents.



Dates

Half term begins at 3.15pm on THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER (**we are not here on Friday 20th October**). We are back on MONDAY 30th OCTOBER

- Grandparents lunch day- Friday 13th October