



Hartlebury CE Primary School

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

September Newsletter- Welcome Back Everyone!

This is a **REALLY LONG** newsletter... please persevere, there is lots to tell you!

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; we are really looking forward to seeing you all on **WEDNESDAY**. An especially BIG welcome to all our new children and to Miss Porter, our new Teacher in Year 2. Most importantly a MASSIVE WELCOME BACK to Mr Humphries. I know lots of you will be particularly pleased to see his happy, healthy face around our school after such a long time away. We wish to really thank Mr Plant for stepping in and keeping the school 'ship shape' during Mr Humphries absence; we wouldn't have managed without him! 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 how you feel we are doing.

News of a different kind- Mrs Nicola Roberts decided, during the holidays, to leave us for pastures new; we wish her well with all her new adventures.

Attendance

We are having a real push on attendance this coming year. We want your children here every day! This helps them in every way; it helps them academically but equally important socially.

We know that those children with poor attendance have difficulty making friends and feeling like they are a part of school. This makes their attendance even worse!

We are changing our weekly reward system. For this term we will be awarding a cup to the class with the best weekly attendance. This will run from Thursday to Thursday and the weekly winners will be given 1 hour 'free' time on a Friday afternoon, being able to bring in a toy from home to play with.

Persistent absentees, those with less than 90% attendance, will be reported to SAET and to the Education Investigation Service (EWS). Our Attendance Officer (Miss Gledhill) will meet regularly with the SAET Attendance Officer to discuss any concerns. Children in this category will need medical certificates for all absence to avoid being referred to the EWS

If you are unsure if your child is really poorly please send them in, let us know and we will call you if there is a problem. You and your children know that Miss Gledhill is very understanding and will always keep you informed. If they are poorly we understand but please call and let us know; you can call at any time and leave a message on our answer phone. **WE WILL BE CALLING YOU IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE.**



School success starts with attendance

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The Builders are ON SITE

The building of our 2 new classrooms has begun! We are all very excited as these new rooms will give us so much more space in school. It is due to be completed by January, so fingers crossed! We are hoping for minimal disruption in school but outside school things may be trickier! We have a plan in place and need your help (and patience) with ensuring everything goes to plan! Once completed Years 1 and 6 will have the new classrooms, the mobile will become a dedicated wrap around cabin and Year 1's old classroom will become an office space and meeting/intervention room. Please let us know if our plans don't work and you have a better solution, you will be the people dropping off and collecting, experiencing the routes first hand!

Wellies or Old Trainers Needed Everyday!

As you will see we have no Playground space this term, so will be using our field at break and lunch times every day. The grass does get very wet at this time of the year, especially at morning break, and muddy as we move through the term. We are requesting that **ALL** children have a pair of named wellies or old trainers in school every day to save their school shoes during break times. Your children will go on the field all term so if you don't want muddy, wet school shoes please ensure your children know to change them.



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 and we must be advised of the requirement in advance) the school drive and car park is not for parents parking before or after school and will have a temporary barrier across preventing anyone turning into the drive. The entrance will be closed from 8.15am – 3.30pm. This request is to ensure the safety of all our children who walk to school or are using the front drive to access school and the playgrounds.

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.



Access to School for Years 4, 5 & 6

The children in Years 4, 5 & 6 will need to come into school across the main drive and onto the field via the small blue gate, just passed the library windows. Parents and children will gather on the field before the 8.40am bell. At the bell children will come into school via playground 3, with years 4 & 5 entering school through the hall doors. Collecting Years 4, 5 & 6 in the afternoon will be from the field at the moment until we work out a better solution! I realise this could potentially cause difficulty but whilst we 'iron out' the teething problems; we will keep the children with us until we have seen you.



Wrap Around 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.



ACCESS TO ALL WRAP AROUND CARE WILL BE VIA PLAYGROUND 3, DOWN THE TRACK BETWEEN SCHOOL AND OUR FIELD whilst the building work is going on. Breakfast club will be in the hall and after school care in the mobile.

PLEASE HELP US TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS SAFE AT SCHOOL

READING. READING. READING

Reading Rewards- Just a reminder and a little clarification!

Reading is the ultimate skill that children have to master during their time in Primary school. Children cannot be writers without first establishing their reading, without developing fluent reading skills children will be disadvantaged here, in secondary school and throughout their adult life. To develop this fluency children need to practice, practice, practice every day! Children need to read every day at home and to



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achieve these skills you need to play your part and listen to them read. Please set aside 5-10 minutes every day to ensure their success is guaranteed; a small commitment to guarantee your child's success and self-esteem. Also please ensure 'Bedtime story' is an important part of your bedtime regime; they need to see (and hear) you enjoying reading too!

1st - the Accumulation Reading Award!

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 250 home reads; McDonalds the last 2 years but you never know where this year! 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, the Super Star Prize or the party invitations!



2nd - the Termly Reading Reward Celebration

The target for this term is **80 reads in 95 days**; the celebration is on **TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER** and counting stops on this day. When a child achieves this target they will receive their invitation. 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. We are also encouraging the children to be responsible; looking after their reading diaries and ensuring they present them in school. **UNLESS AN ADULT IN SCHOOL SEES THE READING DIARY EVERY WEEK THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PARTY!** We are

challenging the children to develop these reading and responsibility habits early on. Just making it a little harder to get such a sought after invite (and a little easier when they get to High school with being responsible!).



For these awards we will start counting on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

3rd - the Summer Reading Challenge Award

We will also be counting your summer holiday reads for the first time this year and will award a very special badge and certificate for 30 reads during the Summer Holiday Reading Challenge.

**READING REALLY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE DO
the most important skill for their future success and happiness!**

The Usual Reminders- Labeling uniform, reading diaries and water bottles, etc

- 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. Coats always look smart and help us easily identify the children when out and about on visits.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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 snack, you know they deserve it!



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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. 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 for children in Years 3 to 6 these have to be taken for a whole weekly at a cost of £11.50. They must be booked on the previous Friday for the following week. **IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A HOT LUNCH IN THESE 1ST 3 DAYS BACK TO SCHOOL, PLEASE SEND YOUR MONEY AND REQUEST IN ON WEDNESDAY.** Children in the 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.**

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BUT VERY VERY IMPORTANTLY especially for children receiving Universal Free school Meals:

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If you are in receipt of any benefits you may also be eligible for Pupil Premium. This will entitle you for free school meals in Years 3-6 and will also offer support with school trips, music lessons and other school expenses from Reception class onwards! 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

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please don't be shy and apply!

Class Music Lessons in School- Violins, Pianos, Ukelele, Guitars and Drums

Learning a musical instrument in school is going from strength to strength. Our violinists and guitarists gave brilliant demonstrations at the end of last term inspiring 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 (year 2 upwards) wishes to have a go she will gladly sort out the instrument and booking form, giving you all the details you need. Remember if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium you are entitled to support with these costs.



Macmillan Coffee Morning –Friday 28th 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 provide the cakes for this event; all we need you to do is roll up, enjoy a coffee 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. 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 are gratefully received. All proceeds from the day will go to Macmillan.

Dates

September

- Wed 5th Back to school; door are open from 8.40am
- Friday 28th MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.00-10.00am School Hall

October

- Mon 1st Harvest Collection Week
- Sun 7th Harvest Festival 9.30am @ St James' Church
- Fri 26th School Closed (SAET Day)
- Mon 29th Half Term- Back to school Monday 5th November

Important Date Changes for January and July!

- School will be closed on Monday 7th January for a Teacher Education Day
- School will be open on **FRIDAY 19th JULY 2019**, finishing for the summer on this day. A long way off I know but still a change!

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