

Hartlebury CE Primary School

January 2019 Our Value, this month, is 'Respect'

'Show proper respect to everyone'

1 Peter 2:17

HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us!

Welcome back everyone! It is always lovely to see, and hear, all the children back in school! The place just isn't the same without them! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes, gifts and cards at the end of last term, and wish you all a very happy, healthy 2019.



A **HUGH THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Sale. We raised over £300 from the crafts and Christmas card sales; a massive achievement! WELL DONE to all involved!

Attendance

Year 3 won the attendance award this term; well done them! They were the clear winners and had received 6 award afternoons during the term; it was a real team effort!

Over 60 children received Bronze Awards for 100% attendance during the Autumn Term; well done to all of you. I am really hoping to take all of these children to the Cathedral in June, to receive their 100% attendance awards from SAET.



Class by class % in brackets last term-

Early Years	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
1 (94.4)	1 (93.8)	1 (93.2)	6 (95.7)	1 (94.0)	3 (95.3)	2 (94.8)

Giving us an average of 94.5%- broadly in line with the Government's target of 97%.

Every day missed has a negative impact on children's learning. It also affects their attitudes to learning, to school and affects the relationships they form. Without all of these aspects children cannot and will not learn. We understand that when a child is genuinely too poorly to come to school they cannot be here, but if in doubt please send them to school; we will always call and keep in touch with you during the day to let you know how they are feeling. **Any child falling below 90% attendance is classified as a 'PERSISTANT ABSENTEE'. We are charged by the Government to tackle this poor level of attendance and will use the SAET Attendance Officer and Worcestershire Educational Investigation Service.**



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A Breakfast Club and After School Club Reminder

These two clubs are becoming increasingly popular and places **MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR** in advance. Bookings are only confirmed with payment and cannot be guaranteed without. We will need 24 hours' notice if bookings are to be cancelled; otherwise the full payment will be expected. If you are interested in this provision please speak to Miss Gledhill, in the office, or the club leaders directly. For safety reasons numbers are limited, so we must ask that no child just 'turns up' as they may not be able to stay; please telephone the office if you are in need of emergency after school care.

Collecting after School- Keeping your Children Safe

We appreciate that 95% of parents always collect on time. We also understand that on occasions, through no fault of your own, parents do run late but we are getting more and more children being collected late; sometimes up to 10 children are waiting outside the front office and some of these are quite regulars! **This is causing us a safeguarding nightmare as there are too many children and the front door is constantly in use.** Please ensure, wherever possible, that you collect your children on time BUT if you are running late please notify the front office by 3.00pm, we can then ensure their safety.

Healthy Snacking- Safeguarding your Children's Health

You may have seen on the news yesterday the Government's drive to reduce the amount of sugary snacking for children in Primary schools. **28%** of children under 5 have rotting teeth, due to the amounts of sugar they eat, and **50%** of this sugar comes from snacking in between meals. These levels of sugar are adding to the rising amounts of Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. The government is recommending that primary school children have no more than **2 low calorie snacks (under 100 calories)** each day.

So again I am asking that water bottles just contain water! Juice and squash are a primary cause of tooth decay and rotting. Your child may tell you that they don't like water; they do drink it if that is what is in their bottle!

Also please reconsider the snacks you give them. Fruit, vegetables, malt loaf, rice cakes, low calorie & sugar yogurts and low sugar fromage frais are all recommended, so please review the high sugar snacks we regularly see...think of their teeth, their weight and their health! **Please remember children in Early Years, Reception, Years 1 & 2 all receive free school fruit so don't need snacks from home at all.**



Reading Awards Celebration

Last term saw very nearly 100 children join our 'Greatest Showman' themed reading celebration. Well done to everyone who achieved this target.

We will be having another reading celebration this term, but are really setting a challenging target of **75 reads in 88 days!** The reading tally for the party begins **Monday 7th January** and ends on the party day- **Thursday 4th April**. The tally for the Reading Wrist bands is ongoing until the end of the academic year in July.



PLEASE REMEMBER we are rewarding regular reading at home and need to see completed reading records **AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK** for the tally to count. We do hope that this also instills in the children the need to complete homework in an organized way and hand it in on time and regularly. I appreciate this may require support from parents! I do always have the pleas just before the reading party that they 'do read' they just don't keep the diary and don't hand it in. At High School that doesn't work, so please see this as training for High School. **NO DIARY ENTRIES=NO PARTY! Sorry!**

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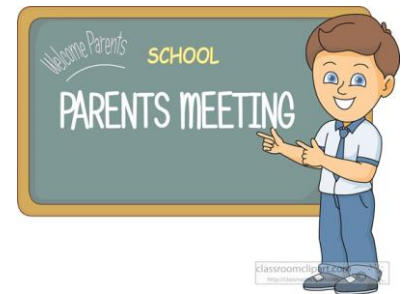
Building Update and School Closure Day- Friday 25th January

Lots has continued to happen over the Holiday period and we are really excited to have the 'end in sight!' We are really hopeful that the builders will have completed the internal work by Monday 21st January and we shall start to move in during that week. The external work, to restore the playground may extend for a further 2 weeks. With this in mind we are **CLOSING on FRIDAY 25th JANUARY** to complete our move . This will be an EXTRAORDINARY DAY. We can't wait now!



Parents Consultation Meeting- Monday 28th January @ 2.00pm

The Governors would like to invite you to a Parents Consultation Meeting on Monday 28th January. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss school and offer us your thoughts about your broad experiences of our school. Obviously we won't discuss individual concerns in a public forum. I would also like to discuss the vision statement for our school; what do you hope for your children from their time with us. I am offering a general invitation to everyone this time rather than selecting names by numbers in the registers; please let myself or Miss Gledhill know if you are able to attend, in person or by email, office@hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk . The Governors and I hope to see lots of parents at this meeting, so please don't be shy!!



Parent Pay is on its Way!

The aim of our Trust (SAET) is to go cashless across all our schools during this term. This will be such a HUGE benefit for you and our front office; ensuring that all payments are secure, cashed/banked promptly and receipted. This great way of paying for school meals, trips, wrap around care and events etc will take all of the hassle out of finding those envelopes and the correct change! Parents will be able to book and pay securely online for a range of items using a debit/credit card or through PayPoint. Paying online gives you the peace of mind that your money reaches school safely.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR ACTIVATION LETTER.



Outline Dates for your diary- Spring term

January

- 25th School Closed
- 28th Parents' Forum Meeting @ 2.00pm

February

- 18th -22nd Half term
- 25th TED Day school closed

March

- 29th Mothers' Lunch

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