

Hartlebury CE Primary School

January 2020

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 again! 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 2020.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported the PTA Christmas Fayre. We raised £1234.39, which left £945 after expenses, from the crafts and Christmas sales; a massive achievement! **WELL DONE** to all involved! Some of this money has already been spent in the purchase of Hi-viz vests for the children, to improve their safety during walks around the village and school trips.

GOOD LUCK WISHES go to Miss Bagnall, who has taken a Reception Teacher's position at Cookley Primary School, and will be leaving us at Easter. Miss Bagnall will be missed by us all, but we wish her all the best as she takes on this new venture.



Attendance



We would like to highlight the need for good attendance this year. **The Government's target for attendance is 97% and we aim to improve on this.** 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.**

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 need emergency after school care.

Before and After



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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. **This is causing us a safeguarding issue.** 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.

If your child is in After School Care please ensure they are booked in and on our register. This register is a live document and is compiled by our office staff. It can be amended if you need to book your child in urgently, but under normal circumstances the children should be booked in prior to their day of attendance. **If your child is attending a club after school, we must also be notified if they are then unable to attend. This is a safeguarding procedure** in order for us to keep all the children in our care safe, even beyond normal school hours.

Our aim is to provide the children with the opportunity to attend a range of after school activities that engage and interest them, but we are only able to do this, if we are able to do it safely!

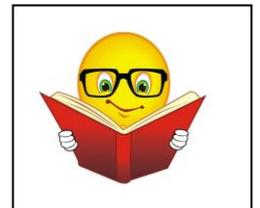
Healthy Snacking- Safeguarding your Children's Health

Just a reminder about our policy of healthy eating in school. We encourage health and well being and teach the children the benefits of a healthy life style as part of our curriculum. Therefore, could you please consider the snacks you give your children. Fruit, vegetables, malt loaf, rice cakes, low calorie & low sugar yogurts and 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 Passports

Last term we introduced Reading Passports for each class. The children were challenged to a variety of reading activities, including daily reading at home. This proved very successful and we were pleased to celebrate that success at our Christmas Church Service. We have reviewed the activities and have increased the reading challenges for the children this term. Each class teacher will send out their Reading Passport and we look forward to the challenges being returned. This aims to promote the love of reading in our school.



SAET Children's Day February 3rd 2020

SAET Children's Council have requested an event where all the children of the Trust can work together. Consequently, the Primary Schools have organized a Children's Day for all the children across the Trust, based on Harmony. The day aims to bring each year group together to enjoy a project that will be creative, inspiring and fun! It will enable the children to meet others of the same age from all six Primary Schools in our Trust. Building relationships that will form connections for the future. Further details will be sent out regarding this exciting event nearer the time. Our School Council is currently raising money to fund some of the activities through their 'Tuck Shop' sales, which will continue every Friday throughout January 2020.

Outline Dates for your diary- Spring Term

January	7 th	Return to school
	13 th	Anxiety workshop – Information for Parents 2pm
	28 th	Parents' Forum Meeting @ 2.00pm
February	3 rd	SAET Children's Day
	17 th – 21 st	Half Term

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