

April 2020



Hartington C of E Primary School

A Christian Community - Teaching, Learning, Caring

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WELCOME

Welcome to the April 2020 Governor's Newsletter.

We are proud of what our small school achieves and are pleased to share some of this with you through this newsletter.

We continue to promote the school's family atmosphere and a place which is at the heart of our community.

Our children continue to amaze us with their successes and positive attitudes.

Our teaching and support staff continue to work with us to find the best ways of promoting wellbeing and learning opportunities. Please read on to find out more about some of the work we are all doing.

WEBSITE



Hartington school web site can be accessed via this address: <https://hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

If you haven't taken a look at our site, please do, you will find a wealth of information about the school and what we do. You will see photographs and articles written about activities/events/trips undertaken with pupils, a list of current events, and important documents. If you move the cursor over the menu bar you will find drop down menus to further lists.

Home Learning Covid-19 &

Since the outbreak of Coronavirus and the imposed lock-down. School has only been open for children who are considered vulnerable or those of key workers. It has been a strange time for parents and families who have been forced to stay at home, but one which will be talked about for many years to come. Through the Home Learning tab on the school webs site, staff have continually uploaded teaching activities, web links, challenges, games and projects to help keep your child active and learning during this world pandemic.

AAA PROJECT

The Youth Sports Trust (YST) have produced a 4 minute video reflecting the activities undertaken in November and the views of the active buddies (Class 2), Silver Sports (senior members of the community) and Head Teacher Mrs Blackwell. It is available on the school website and has been circulated to parents and governors.



A showing of the video was held at the January Rural Social Group (RSG) session, which many of the Silver Sports attend. It was received to great acclaim and re-enforced the desire of the Silver Sports to access a Curling Club Session in the near future. Mrs Blackwell with Mrs Broomhead will consider possible dates for this to happen after school - 3.30 - 4.30pm, parents will be informed once a programme has been agreed

The video was also shown at Community Lunch on February 14th. It was much appreciated, especially by Class 1 as many of them had not seen it. The content showed a lovely example of how Class 2 children act as role models which in turn is having a positive impact on the younger children, by them emulating their older peers within class 1 with each other.

Activity Cards have been professionally produced by the YST, based on the work done by the children during their IT lessons with Mrs Flower. An impact document, prepared by the YST using surveys and interviews with our children, will be circulated and used to launch an Intergenerational week- March 23rd.

SAFEGUARDING

Governors are currently renewing their training on GDPR to ensure that all the personal information which we hold about our pupils and their families are protected to the high standard required.

Security fencing has now been completed in the small playground to ensure we maintain a safe environment for our pupils.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

As a Foundation Governor of the school I was delighted to be invited to the Community Lunch held on Valentine's Day.

It was an enjoyable occasion for a number of reasons. The Collective Worship team were delivering their first solo worship to an audience other than the pupils and staff. Their enthusiasm and excitement was reflected in the way in which they sang, delivered prayers and said the Grace which was well received by a congregation of parents, relatives, governors and community members. This was followed by a traditional seasonal lunch prepared by Mrs Stubbs.

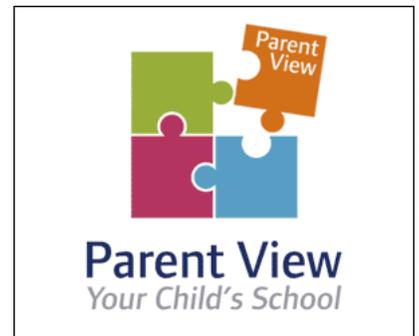


I have spoken to the Collective Worship team and expressed my enjoyment of the day's worship and am looking forward to their next service.

Written by John Dean

PARENT VIEW

'It would be greatly appreciated if parents went on the 'Useful links' menu and clicked on the 'Parent View' link which will take you to the Ofsted site, click on the orange button which says 'Give your views now'. This will take you to the log in page where you can follow the online instructions. If you haven't left your views before you will need to register with an email address and create a password. Once logged in search for the school by name, then answer the questions - It's that easy! Ofsted will look for these views when we are inspected so please log on and complete. Both parents are allowed to leave their views and this does help as we are so small. If you experience problems logging on please call and see Mrs Flower (SBO) who will be happy to help.



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club continues to be well attended and is run by Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Stubbs from 7.45am Monday to Friday (7.30am by arrangement).

A healthy breakfast and fun games are available for everyone who attends.

Sessions cost £3 each or £12 for the week.



GARDENING CLUB AND OUTDOOR AREAS

Sadly, due to the weather and time constraints we have not planted our spring bulbs this year. We will be making amends for this lack of activity over the next few months with several projects.

At the January Governor meeting we were able to approve the planned outdoor project of building a vegetable plot and a reflection area with seating, which the whole school will be able to access.

There is an allocation of money ring fenced for the project but unfortunately the cost of the seating area took the project over budget.

However it was agreed by the governors, that this was an essential aspect of the project and support from Hartington Community Group (HCG) would be sought to meet the shortfall of £500. We are delighted to say that at the AGM and meeting of the HCG they agreed to fund - from the Village trail part of the accounts - the full amount. (Many of you will remember that the Village trail was a partnership project between the school and the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). They have agreed that the donations collected can be used towards community projects).

The Gardening Club will also be involved in various community projects during the summer involving the Silver Sports and a Garden area at the YHA-Hartington Hall.



PUPILS' WELLBEING

All staff have been learning more about Nurture Groups. This way of working offers focused interventions to help children develop the social, emotional and behavioural skills which are key to their wellbeing and therefore, their learning. We are pleased to tell you that Mary Teeboon is undergoing full-training to deliver these valuable groups.



The Positive play initiative is also being re-introduced which supports a multi-sensory approach to learning.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We have recently had two new governors join our team.

We currently have the following job vacancies at the school:

Midday Supervisor

Clerk to Governors

If you think that you or anyone you know, would like to join our team please speak to Mrs Blackwell or Mrs Flower.



MEETINGS

Details of our past and future governor meetings including dates and minutes are on our website.

If you would like to contact the Governors with any suggestions, questions, complaints or any other matter, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Hartington C of E Primary School's Governing Board:

| Name | Governor Type |
|---------------------|--|
| Mrs A Ivins | Parent Co-Chair of Governors |
| Mrs E Broomhead MBE | Foundation/ Derby Diocese Co-Chair of Governors |
| Mrs T Blackwell | Head teacher |
| Mrs J Flower | Staff Governor + Temp Clerk to Governors |
| Mr John Dean | Foundation Ex Officio |
| Mr T Polkinghorne | Co-opted Governor |
| Mrs S Bruce | Local Authority |
| Mrs C Clayton | Co-opted Governor |
| Mr J Marriott | Co-opted Governor |
| Mrs K Webley | Parent Governor |
| Vacancy | Parent Governor |