

Hartshorne C of E



Primary School

April 2023 Updates

Thursday 20 April 2023

Christian Value

Our Christian value this half term is: Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Phonics Screening Check

All year 1 children and some year 2 children will be taking the phonics screening check in June. You will soon be invited to a meeting to find out what we have been doing in preparation and how you could support at home. In the meantime, our [Phonics](#) page has been updated with resources and further information. Have a little browse. Please come and talk to us if you require any further information.

Attendance

Attendance from September to the Easter break will be analysed and children who have attendance 90% or less (persistence absentees) will receive a letter shortly. It is important to send your children to school each day as long as they are well. Please do not panic if you receive a letter; it is a good opportunity to discuss attendance and plan a positive way forward to ensure children get the best chances in school. We are here to work with you.

Online Safety

Our i-vengers would like to show you how to manage your mobile to get the best out of it and keep safe. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Our Christian Vision

We are a learning family, inspiration at our heart.

Inspired by our Christian values of friendship, compassion, creativity, trust, respect and responsibility to live life in all its fullness.

Family, showing God's love for one another to help us reach our full potential.

Learning continually and encouraging one another.

School, parents and governors.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

Well-being & Health Support

This link: <https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/well-being-mental-health-sexual-health-support/> will take you to a page on our website to support parents and children on all aspects of health. Please take a look at the information. The posters for periods have been placed in the toilets for children to access support. This part of the school website should be shared with your children. If you need advice on anything else please let school know using this [link](#).

NEU Industrial Action

The National Education Union (NEU) may continue to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members may plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

**Thursday 27 April*

**Tuesday 2 May*

*The impact of the industrial action will mean that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates. Nursery will be **CLOSED** on these 2 days as ratios and safety cannot be guaranteed.*

Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

While trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on 27 April.

NEU members have the right to strike and to change their minds and they are not under obligation to inform school of their decisions. I will not be covering strike action with supply or TAs so please have a contingency in place.

You might find it easier to assume we are closed on the strike days.



INSET Day Reminder

Friday 21 April is INSET day and will be closed to all children.

Co-Headteacher Interviews

I have made a request to governors to reduce my working hours from September 2023. As a result, interviews for a co-headteacher will take place next week. If the governors appoint they will write to you to let you know who the successful candidate is.

Dates For Your Diary

21 April INSET Day

25 April Life Skills sessions start for Y6 <https://lifeskillseducation.co.uk/resources/the-dare-primary-programme/>

27 April Governor visits into school

1 May Bank Holiday

5 May Coronation celebrations - Maypole

8 May Bank Holiday

9-12 May KS2 SATs

12 May Bag2School <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

26 May INSET Day

5-9 June Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week

12-16 June Y1 Phonics Screening Check

29-30 June Y6 Bikeability



Have a lovely weekend.
