



Harpley CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely proud of how hard the children have worked this term. There have been plenty of bugs going around and children have continued to try their best even when feeling a bit rotten. We hope you all have a wonderful rest over half term and come back fighting fit for a very busy term ahead. Please see below for Dates For Your Diary including our Nativity performance! It's great to see the children wearing red and supporting anti-racism on Friday.

If you know anyone who might be willing to donate us a REAL Christmas tree nearer the time, please let us know. We would love to have one.

Please can we ask that parents and carers come onto the playground so that we can clearly see when we are releasing the children to you. Many thanks.

Please do not drive/drop off in School Lane at the beginning and end of the school day, without prior arrangement.

Please do not bring dogs onto the school playground. Thank you

ICS FOOTBALL COACHING

<https://forms.gle/Jh2djBNKbRz5gXp99>

Please follow this link if you would like to sign up for football coaching. It will close on Tuesday 1st November so make sure you book before this date to ensure a place.

We have changed the day from a Monday to a Wednesday at Harpley and Aaron Watson who is a Senior Coach will be delivering the sessions.

WEEK BEGINNING 17th October 2022

Infant News

This week in the Infants we have enjoyed the most brilliant forest schools session. We learned how to make fire using a flint and steel. It was NOT easy!! Some children were able to persevere for 20 minutes before they managed to light their cotton wool. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop those fine motor skills and hand strength and also to learn the value of not giving up. We were so busy and engaged and having so much fun that the grown up's forgot to take photos, but please ask the children all about it. We can't wait for our next session and also hope to invite parents along to join in a session soon (watch this space!).

The Ladybirds have been busy reading CVC words this week. They are getting better at blending the sounds together. They can also segment some words and write them. There is a lot to think about! We hope to share more information with you about phonics very soon and are planning a phonics information session. Again watch this space.

Juniors News

Year 5 & 6 - We have been editing our Lego story report. We have to think about the punctuation, spelling and grammar. We use a dictionary to check our spellings and add our corrections in purple pen.

We've been learning about ancient Egypt. We started to create a poster about different pharaohs. We found out that Tutankhamen died at the age of 18 or 19. We have looked at different pyramids and what they have inside, like jewellery, furniture and pottery.

In science we were learning about what materials will keep a hot drink warm for the longest. We tried out bubble wrap and fabric with cups without a lid and cups with a lid. The bubble wrap with the cup with a lid stayed warmest the longest. By Alfie and Heidi.

Year 3 and 4 - We have been delving into our imaginations to develop ideas for an instruction leaflet on how to care for sea monkeys. Sea monkeys - "ugly creatures with webbed hands and feet and greasy green fur" feature in our class text, *Oliver and the Seawigs*, the children are gripped.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants

Maud and **Lola** for exceptional perseverance during forest schools

Luke for fantastic engagement with reading this week.

Juniors

Matilda for writing a brilliant persuasive letter using varied sentence starters

Anna for careful, thoughtful and very accurate maths work

All **Y3s** and **4s** for their enthusiastic and hard working attitude to their learning

Annabelle, Charlie & Alfie for diligent learning in computing this half term

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th November Week of Parent Consultations

1st December Christmas decorating afternoon

6th YR height, weight, vision & hearing checks

Y6 height and weight checks

8th 2.00pm 'Nativity Rocks' in St Lawrence Church, parents & family invited

14th School Christmas lunch

15th Christingle in school hall for pupils

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

When we go swimming in the Spring and Summer term we will need volunteers please. We wouldn't be able to go without you. Please let Sue know if you are able to help so we can arrange a DBS check if you haven't already got one. Many thanks.

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 31st October

Y5 & Y6 visit to Swaffham Museum - pupils must be in school by 8.45 please. Please remember to wear full school uniform, including a Harpley cap. The Museum have just said they are no longer charging for the visit so we are putting your contributions towards the cost of the coach.

Infants to come to school in their PE kit, for gymnastics at Lynnsport, they will remain in them all day. Please note later return time of 3.30pm.

PM Junior music with Estelle Furnell

TUESDAY

PM Infant Forest Schools - We will go outside whatever the weather. Please can Infants come to school in their school uniform and **bring to school** in a bag, the following items for Forest School on a Tuesday:

Long sleeved warm top

Long trousers (joggers/jeans/warm leggings)

A waterproof coat with hood (if you have them, waterproof trousers may also be a good idea)

We will change at school after lunch ready for our Forest School session.

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WEDNESDAY

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ICS Coaching after school football club - 4.30 pick up

THURSDAY

All to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. **Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.** PE with Rob from ICS Coaching
Stef Judd guitar and drum tuition

FRIDAY

8.30 school photographer for families with younger siblings

12.00 Bonfire Bangers lunch

PM Flu vaccinations




VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored persistence. We saw how the persistence of characters in Finding Nemo paid off and the children were able to reflect on times when they felt like giving up. Children shared success stories from their own perseverance and persistence. We heard about the impact of Marcus Rashford's persistence to reach his goals and how he used this to impact the lives of many children. Through his persistence, many families were supported during lockdown and continue to be supported today to buy food to feed their families. Our weekly mission this week was: To try try and try again.

Our 5 Core Values:



TERM DATES

| 2022 AUTUMN TERM  | 2023 SPRING TERM  | 2023 SUMMER TERM  |
|---|---|--|
| Tuesday 6 th September - Friday 16 th December (Half term - Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October) | Wednesday 4 th January - Friday 31 st March (Half term - Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February) | Tuesday 18 th April - Friday 21 st July (Half term - Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June) |

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

| INFANTS | JUNIORS | OVERALL |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 96.48% | 93.62% | 94.74% |

FIRST ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24

Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 26th September 2022 and 15th January 2023)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14th January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.



CLOTHES & TEXTILE RECYCLING

Planning a 'clear out'? Don't forget the school textile bank for unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, in fact any material. From August 2021 - March 2022 this raised £42.90. The more we put in there the more we'll get, please support it - every little helps!

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 31st October.
Kind regards,

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