



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,

Wow! We are so proud of the children for their BRILLIANT effort during our Nativity Show. We hope you enjoyed it. We can't help but feel in the Christmas spirit as we enjoy the festive events and activities.



WEEK BEGINNING 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### New from the Juniors

We have been learning about the Holy Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We have drawn our own version of a triptych. We also learned how to play 'Pineapples are fruity (or juicy!)' on the Steel Pans. We had a good go at making origami stars, it was quite challenging but Heidi really got the hang of it. We also sewed Christmas trees and I pricked myself with the needle! By Elizabeth and Jess

In art this week, the Juniors did a fantastic job applying drawing techniques: sketching, shading and mark making. The outcomes are brilliant; we have many talented artists.



### CLASS PARTY

The children will have a class Christmas Party on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We would welcome donations of party food to be brought into school the morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Things such as crisps, cupcakes, biscuits, popcorn, squash and fruit platters would be ideal.

## NEWS FROM ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

15th December

After the children have made their Christingles at school, there will be a Christingle Service at St Lawrence's at 4pm on Thursday 15th December. Please bring your children **STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL** to enjoy some refreshments before the service, (hopefully we will make some Christingles too for anyone without one).



This will be the first Christingle service in Church since 2019 as COVID outbreaks meant they couldn't take place in 2020 & 2021. Christingle services are held to let people know about and to support the work of the Church of England's Children's Society.

Any donations given at this service will be sent to the Children's Society.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have our Christmas post box in school for children to post their cards in.

## HOUSE PARTY

Children in the winning house will enjoy a house party on the afternoon of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

Special mentions go to everyone this week (pupils and staff) for their performance of Nativity Rock which was absolutely **FANTASTIC!!**

Mrs Stibbon and Mrs Stephens are so proud of you all!!

## REGULAR DATES

### MONDAY - 12<sup>th</sup> December

No Infant PE, normal school uniform please  
PM Junior music with Estelle Furnell

### TUESDAY

PM Infant Forest Schools - We will go outside whatever the weather.

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

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** We have brought this forward 15 minutes because of the light fading at the time of year.

12.00 Christmas lunch

PM Class parties - see information above

## 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

Christingle Service in school with Reverend Judith (for pupils).

## FRIDAY

3.15 school finishes for Christmas.

Doors re-open at 8.40 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Children in Need raised £42.34

Thank you for your generous donations.

There is a menu change (see below) for the first day back - it will be pizza instead of roast chicken. Please let Sue know if you would like to change to pizza. Thank you.

### PFA News:

#### 100 Club winners were

103 - Linda Steed

24 - Rose Edwards

59 - Dean Garwood




## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we lit our second candle on our advent wreat. This candle symbolises peace. In the bible it tells us that John the Baptist prepared people for the arrival of Christ. We thought about the lovely things we do as we prepare for Christmas.

Our 5 Core Values:



## TERM DATES

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

## ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
<b>September</b>	<b>96.48%</b>	<b>93.62%</b>	<b>94.74%</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>92.86%</b>	<b>94.76%</b>	<b>93.99%</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>94.81%</b>	<b>92.89%</b>	<b>93.66%</b>

### GREAT MASSINGHAM FOODBANK

Great Massingham Church are running a foodbank which is open every day. This is proving to be of real support to many local families during this time of unprecedented financial hardship. Please use this resource if you need to and please consider donating whatever you can by simply taking tinned or packet goods (including nappies, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste etc.) along to the Church. Many thanks.

### 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.

### FIRST ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24

Parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online

[www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) (website open between 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

The Harpley Team

Website: [gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk](http://gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**School Lunch Menu**

**Margherita Pizza (v)  
with Tomato Pasta Salad  
and Sweetcorn**

**Or**

**Veggie Bean Chilli (v)  
with Steamed Rice and Sweetcorn**

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**Lemon Muffin**