



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 enjoyed a great first week back after half term. The children have settled straight back into school routines and have been working really hard with their learning.

We loved seeing a few children in school in representing their organisations for 'Thinking day' - Beavers and Badgers were delighted to share their outfits, knowledge and stories.

BOOK WEEK is NEXT WEEK - Don't forget, Dress up day is on **WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH**
Children (and staff...) are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character for the day.

Week beginning 20th February 2023

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants

We have had a great start to the second half of the Spring term. It sounds like all the children had a lovely holiday. They have enjoyed sharing their news and have done so with confidence and much improved listening skills!

The staff's highlight this week was an absolutely wonderful PATHS circle time where we took turns to talk about what makes us happy and what makes us sad. The children were all so thoughtful in their responses and spoke from their hearts. Some of their thoughts we would love to share with you are:

"I feel happy at Christmas time when I get to spend lots of time with my family"
(Not a mention of presents! - How wonderful Ruby)

"I feel happy when I cuddle my dog and play with him"
(Dogs are the best therapy Tillie)

"I feel happy when I am colouring"
(Again great therapy Valee)

"I feel happy when I am by myself and quiet"
(Alone time is really important Clara)

"I felt sad when my dog died"
(So so sad George. You will always remember what a great friend he was)

We were blown away by the children's comments and their empathy and understanding of these feelings. Well done class I. You are brilliant.

News from the Juniors

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed beginning the picture book Journey. They have looked very carefully at the illustrations and made some fantastic and complex predictions about what will happen in the story. They have also begun to understand how to use apostrophes to show possession.

In maths Y3 have begun to learn their 8 times table and Year 4 their 12 times table. In maths lessons Y3 are beginning to multiply a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number and Year 4 have been multiplying by 100 and dividing by 10.

We are also really enjoying continuing to hear the adventures of Varjak Paw.

In computing, we have been making our games with Mr Heazel and we had to make variables in code to make a timer, lives and a running score.

We found out about the tools used in the stone age. They were made out of flint and wood and were used for hunting and building shelters.

We have been writing horror stories using the book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman as our inspiration.

It made me feel scared as I wrote mine!

By Charlie and Nelson

★ Special Mentions ★

Infants

Felicity for super effort in all her learning this week.

Ruby for some lovely independent writing in her own time.

George for conquering his fear of writing!

Juniors

Chloe for writing a fabulous diary entry in role.

Anna and **Matilda** for beginning to use speech punctuation in their writing.

Molly for being able to express feelings so well, when writing in role.

PACKED LUNCHES

Children may bring a packed lunch to school. Packed lunches should be in a secure box. Please make sure drinks (which should not be fizzy) are in a secure plastic container. The children are encouraged to eat healthily in school so sweets should **not** be part of the meal although a chocolate coated biscuit is acceptable.

SNACKS

Infant children receive free fruit daily from the school fruit and vegetable scheme. Junior children may bring fruit, vegetables or cheese to eat at playtime.

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 27th February 2023

PLEASE NOTE THAT INFANTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR PE KITS INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON A MONDAY

TUESDAY

3.20 PFA meeting

WEDNESDAY

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** Please find the booking form for Great Massingham and Harpley.

<https://forms.gle/sn3xJ1VKJQQWCENo7>

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

AM Junior's swimming at the Oasis in Hunstanton. Helpers this week are Corynn Inward, Lucy Price & Catherine Alexandra-Kaye

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH : FEDERATION DAY

On Wednesday 8th March, we will be holding a Federation Day - more information is attached. All Junior pupils will be at Harpley for the day and all Infant pupils will be at Great Massingham. Please can you arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected from the relevant school as follows:

- Harpley infants arrive at Great Massingham 9.00 - 9.15
- All juniors to arrive at Harpley 8.40 - 9.00
- All juniors leave Harpley at 3.10
- All infants leave Great Massingham 3.15-3.30

Hey everyone,

We've organised some concerts for the guitar and drum students to perform. These will be happening on Thursday 9th March. Harpley's concert will be in the main hall in school at 11:10am and Great Massingham's concert will be in Great Massingham church at 2:30pm.

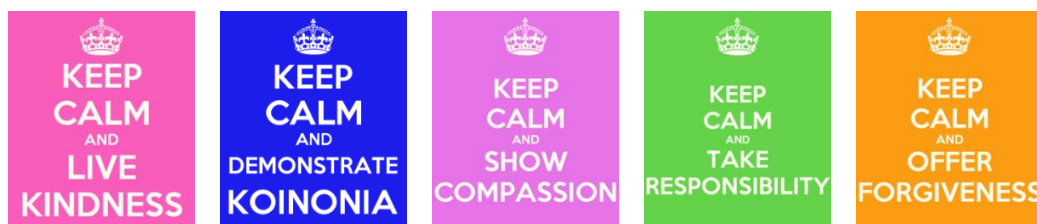
I hope you can make it! Best Wishes, Stef Judd.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP




This week we reflected on Mathew 17 1-9 and the transfiguration. We did some deep thinking as we considered the question: Have you ever felt changed for good by an experience, person or words you have read or heard? What happened? The infants enjoyed making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and we had a special collective Worship on Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday.

We launched our Value for Life: FRIENDSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



TERM DATES

 2023 AUTUMN TERM	 2023 SPRING TERM	 2023 SUMMER TERM
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 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
September	96.48%	93.62%	94.74%
October	92.86%	94.76%	93.99%
November	94.81%	92.89%	93.66%
December	85.12%	91.02%	88.68%
January	92.94%	96.77%	95.23%

KEEPING WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER

This page (see link below) has information to help you find agencies and schemes that can provide support if you are struggling to heat your home this winter and tips for staying warm.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/keeping-families-warm-well/>

Free School Meals - if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school, go to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to see if you qualify. NCC has released details of its new cost of Living Support Scheme, to support families in need. This includes a monthly award for children eligible for means tested free school meals.

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are looking for a co-opted governor to join our friendly team of Federation Governors. Training and support will be given with this role. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Stibbon or Mrs Stephens.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

The Harpley Team

Website: gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk