



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,

It's been another busy week!

EASTER CRISPIE CAKE AFTERNOON

We are looking ahead to the end of term. On the last afternoon, Friday 31st March, we would like to make Easter crispy cakes with the children. For this, we will require some ingredients. Would you be able to donate something? We need the following:

- 2 large boxes of rice crispies
- 8 large bars of chocolate
- 60 cake cases
- mini eggs to decorate

There will be a list up on Monday so that you can sign up to say what you would like to bring in. Many, many thanks for your support.

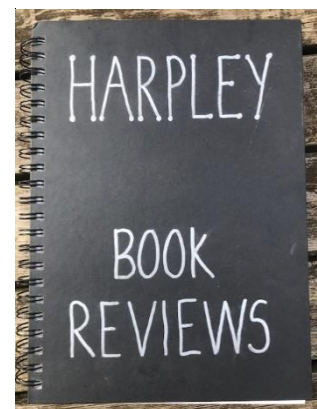
POLITE REMINDER

Please can parents and carers ensure that children do not play on the steps either side of the cabin classroom at the start and end of the day. The steps behind the decorated hare are out of bounds to all children at all times of the day. Many thanks.

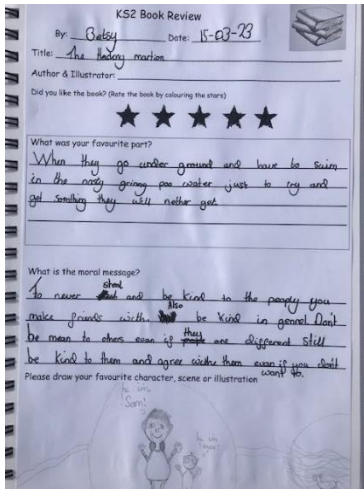
Week beginning 13th March 2023

This week's learning highlights:

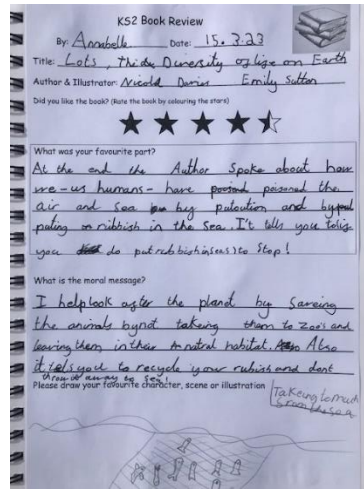
News from the Juniors (KS2 - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)



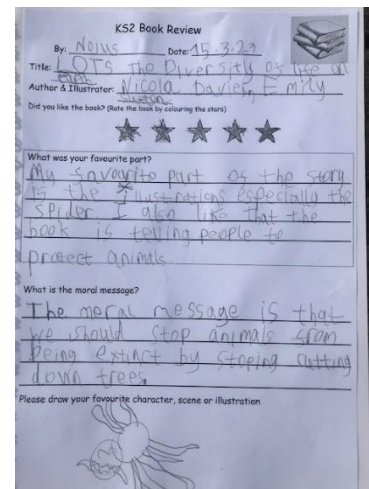
On Wednesday we developed our love for reading! We looked at a fantastic range of picture books and wrote book reviews to encourage other people to read our favourites. When reading the picture books we discovered we could find a moral message for older children and grown ups to enjoy. We have also worked hard on some things we are looking forward to sharing with you at our fabulous finale.



By Betsy



By Annabelle



By Nojus

Last week we had a music concert with Stef. It was good to hear everybody play their instruments. Rory, Nelson and Alfie played 'Sunflower' together and it sounded amazing. In music, we got to hear Miss Furnell play the violin and the viola and it was very interesting. The violin was higher pitched and with the mute, it sounded quieter.

In maths, we are learning about decimals. We can work with numbers up to three decimal places now.
By Betsy and Leah

★ Special Mentions ★

Everyone has a special mention this week for their fantastic work on Thursday. The Infants worked hard to create a special item to give to someone this weekend and the Juniors produced some fantastic information posters on different periods of the stone age to iron age. Well done everyone!

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 20th March 2023

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

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

3.20 PFA meeting

ICS Coaching after school football club - 4.15pm 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

3.30-4.15 gardening club with Phil Peak

FRIDAY

PLEASE CAN JUNIORS WHO ARE IN RICHARD'S GROUP COMING SWIMMING IN PYJAMAS OR T-SHIRT AND SHORTS.

AM Junior's swimming at the Oasis in Hunstanton. Helpers this week are Corynn Inward, Lucy Price and Abi Reed

EASTER SERVICE

Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service on Tuesday **28th March, 9-10am** in St Lawrence Church.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

Please note Bank Holidays in May: Monday 1st and Monday 8th.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored **John 4:5-42**. The Samaritans were regarded by the Jews as enemies. In this account Jesus met a Samaritan woman collecting water from a well. Jesus broke the social and religious conventions of the day by asking her for a drink of water. We thought about the importance of water for us, animals and plants and recognised that not everyone in the world has access to clean water. The Children came up with many ways to help save water.

We continue our Value for Life: FRIENDSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



FABULOUS FINALES - families are invited to join their child's Fabulous Finale and celebrate the children's learning from the term.

Year Group	Title	Date & Time
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Planes, trains and automobiles	Thursday 30 th March Afternoon - 2.00pm
Juniors	A Moment in Time	Wednesday 29 th March Afternoon - 2:15pm

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%
February	93.43%	95.48%	94.66%

Why is regular attendance so important?

Being in school every day that it is open is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. It is important for children to develop good attendance habits as soon as they start school. Missing school in Reception means missing out on important learning. Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

Data shows:

- Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent (had an attendance percentage of 90% or less).

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.

SEND Spotlight

Click the link below to find out more and book a free place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/making-sense-of-send-205549>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

The Harpley Team

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