



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,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you enjoyed quality family time during the Easter break. We have loved hearing the children's holiday news and seeing them excited about their learning for the term ahead. **Please remember all pupils will need caps/hats, water bottles and sunscreen for the Summer Term, thank you.**

### STAFF NEWS

Mrs Stibbon will be absent for the second half of the Summer Term. She is having an operation that means she will be recovering before coming back to work (fighting fit) in September. During this time, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Beardall will cover. We are delighted Mrs B has kindly agreed to step in during this time. Mrs B has remained an active part of the GM & H Federation governing body so is fully up to speed with the two schools. We know you will join us in wishing Mrs Stibbon well and a speedy recovery!

It is with a heavy heart I inform you that I will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term. Whilst I was not actively looking for a new job, an opportunity has arisen and I have accepted a job at another school. I feel extremely privileged to have worked for our Federation over the past five years. These are special schools with a lovely family feel. I look forward to making the most of my time here as we enjoy an action packed Summer Term. Mrs Stibbon will take on the role of Headteacher fulltime from September and we are delighted about the stability and consistency this will bring. Mrs Stephens x

### SUMMER TERM DATES

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

*Please note Bank Holidays in May: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.*

### PE KIT

We have a lot of sport on this term. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit - plain dark shorts/jogging bottoms/skirt/skort and top, white t shirt and trainers.

Thank you.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Coronation dress up day: come to school in red, white and blue or commonwealth flag colours.

Coronation picnic on the field: all parents and families invited to bring their lunch and a blanket/chair!

This is the only menu option on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - please let us know if you would like this option. We will assume a pupils who receive free school meals (not universal free school meals YR-Y2) would like this option, unless you tell us not to.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May will be fish fingers and chips NOT chicken fajita wrap. We will just transfer all pupils who have selected this option for a Friday to the 4<sup>th</sup>, unless you tell us differently.



**Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## This week's learning highlights:

### News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

The Infants thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session this week! The bad weather did not dampen their spirits and they all listened well at the start when the swimming coach gave us a safety talk. In the pool, all of the children listened carefully to the instructions and worked really hard. Well done Bess and ladybirds - we are looking forward to seeing the progress you make with your swimming this term!

### News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

Year 3 and 4 have got straight into their fraction learning, recalling brilliantly what they already know and beginning to apply this to their new learning.

In literacy we have begun our poetry unit. Wow what enthusiasm from all the children! Everyone has a new Poetry Jotter and many of the children took these out to lunch break to begin their jotting. I am really looking forward to reading and hearing their poems.



This week the children have been introduced to their new Geography topic The United Kingdom and our region. We spent some time talking about the United Kingdom and how this is made up of 4 countries, we used atlases to then check the names of these countries and their capital cities. The children also used the atlases to try to find some different places around the country with clues that they had been given. They had a lot of fun discovering some new places. In French this week we have been learning how to say the time to the hour and half hour. Year 5 and 6 have been looking at their new science topic: Forces. This week, we focused on gravity and how it works and we learnt that if the earth lost gravity for just 5 seconds it would have serious consequences, including buildings being pulled from the ground, there would be no air or water and we would start to float, although this would be dangerous we found out! Next week the children are conducting experiments to see if all objects fall at the same rate, watch this space for our conclusions next week!

### SPECIAL MENTIONS:

**Infants:** **Leyton** for hard work and excellent listening this week.

**Juniors:** **All of year 6** for being excellent role models in the first week back.

### VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we welcomed out new Value Leaders for the term. These children help plan and deliver our collective worship and promote our school vision and values. The children consider how we can be more environmentally friendly and promote anti-racism. I look forward to updating you on this throughout the term.

We launched our Value for Life: HOPE

Our 5 Core Values:



## REGULAR DATES

**MONDAY - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

2.15 Music with Estelle Furnell

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

AM Y6 federation Crucial Crew visit at King's Lynn Fire Station

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** booking form for the After School Club

- <https://forms.gle/6f2jZryUR4EDiQkR6>

**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 - Class I children will only do a lunchtime club for this half term, not the morning PE session.

Stef Judd guitar and drum tuition

3.30-4.15 gardening club with Phil Peak

**FRIDAY**

**All to come to school in their PE kit, (Infants with their swim wear underneath) 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.**

AM Infant's swimming at the Oasis in Hunstanton. Helpers this week are Corynn Inward, David Sparshott & Andrew Sinclair

PM whole school Ten Step

**Future Dates****Sport Day** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm (reserve date 4<sup>th</sup> July at 1.15pm)**Leavers Service** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm**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%
March	94.06%	94.53%	94.34%

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

The Harpley Team

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