

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,

The school Christmas productions are now in full swing. Children have been given their lines to learn and are all very excited about the 'play' as they always call it. Please help them to learn their lines they are so much more confident when they don't have to look up where we are in a script! And please hunt through the dressing up box for anything that might help - sarongs make good saris, scarves make good sashes and a bit of creativity can always be used to make flower garlands or grass skirts!

Harpley Holiday Activity Days

We are delighted to announce Holiday Club Days **@Harpley Primary School** a perfect solution to keep your children active in a fun, safe and engaging environment! Also you can get some last minute Christmas Shopping done.

Thursday 21st December & Friday 22nd December - Multi-Sports Activity Days & Christmas Arts and Crafts

Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports and activities including dodgeball, football, team-building activities, and a selection of other sports.

Details

9AM - 2PM £15.00 Ages - 5 - 11 Outdoors and Indoors Please bring Lunch and Drink

Pay via CASH ONLY in a named envelope on the day.

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Week beginning 20th November 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week the Infants have been super excited to begin getting ready for our Christmas show. There are some fabulous singers, actors and dancers in our class and we are really looking forward to showing you what we can do.

The Ladybirds have been busy making accessories for their Christmas costumes they have been exploring using repeating patterns to make interesting and varied designs. They have also been looking at 2D and 3D shapes this week. Why not go on a shape hunt at home and see how many different shapes you can find and name?

The Bees have loved our current text "We are Water Protectors" They have learned about the Standing Rock tribe in Dakota who are fighting to protect their water supply from the danger of oil spills from pipes (the black snake) going across their land. It is well worth a look at home. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqWTouyaQ-8</u>



Infants:

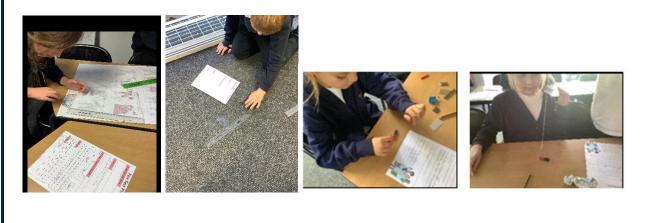
Jude - for improved focus in his work and being a great partner to others.
Tillie and Chloe - for great maths work.
Max - for improvement in writing.

Juniors: All Y5 & Y6 for fantanstic work on Windrush Child



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

This week the juniors have been comparing two rulers, one from the Maya and one from the Anglo Saxon's who ruled at the same time. They enjoyed finding out about the two rulers and deciding if they had been effective in leading their city state or kingdom. Year 3 and 4 have been learning how to stay safe online with the help of the SMART crew and learnt about how to keep information safe online and that if you play online games you should only talk to people who you know in real life. They have also been conducting experiments to see which surface and object would move best on. They found out that the protractor moved best on a smooth surface like card, whereas on the felt the protractor did not move as well, due to it being rough. We also looked at magnets and magnetic poles. We tested what happens if you put the two magnetic poles together and we found that you could make the other magnet move away or spin. Year 3 and 4 have also been learning some new French and have had a great at naming family members. Year 5 and 6 have been working hard on their computing project and are now at the planning stage after lots of hard work this week, next up building!



The PFA Xmas Fair will be on 8th December at St Lawrence Church from 3.20 PM. The school staff will take children up to the church at 3.00 PM on this date - parents should collect from the church please.

The PFA are asking for donations of tombola prizes, items for hampers - a beauty hamper, food hamper and sweetie hamper. They would also like donations of outgrown Xmas clothing -jumpers etc, for the Xmas jumble stall.

If anyone would like to hire a table to sell their own items - there will be a charge of ± 5 . Please contact Corynn or Jess if you would like a table.

Y6 will be going to the church at 2.30 to help set up and they will also be helping the PFA members run the stalls. If anyone does not wish their Y6 child involved please contact the school office. If we do not hear from parents we will assume permission to help at the fair has been given.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - CREATIVITY

In collective worship we are beginning to look at the creativity of artists. This week we looked at the work of Janet Weight-Reed, a Welsh artist and the work she did based on the Song of Songs. "Arise my love and come to me for the winter is past the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come, and the turtle dove is heard in our land" (Song of Solomon 2:10-12).

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 27th November 2023 (Week 2 on the NORSE <u>NEW</u> menu) 4.00 Y5 & Y6 inviting to view education content as stated in letter emailed home 15.11.2023

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

ICS Coaching after school football club - <u>4.15pm pick up.</u> booking form for the After School Club. Coach has requested children do not wear football boots. <u>https://forms.gle/jBmUbVnBB4spmdsT7</u>

THURSDAY

<u>ALL PUPILS</u> 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.

Josh Simpson music tuition

PM Christmas decoration afternoon

FRIDAY

2.15 Junior music with Richard Hall

FUTURE DATES

5th December Y6 NCMP checks & YR NCMP, vision & hearing checks (National Child Measurement Programme)

 $8^{\rm th}\, {\rm PFA}$ Christmas Fair at St Lawrence Church

13th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

15th 2.30pm Junior music performance

18th Christmas performance PM

20th Christmas party day – families to contribute to party food please. Food list will be posted nearer the time for families to sign up.



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.

TERM DATES

2023 AUTUMN TERM	2024 SPRING TERM	2024 SUMMER TERM
Wednesday 6 th September -	Thursday 4 th January -	Monday 15 th April – Friday 19 th
Wednesday 20 th December	Wednesday 27 th March	July
(Half term - Monday 23 rd October	(Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday	(Half term - Monday 27 th May -
- Friday 27 th October)	23 rd February)	Friday 31 st May)



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 January 2023 – April 2023 this raised £14.40. The more we put in there the more we'll get, please support it – every little helps!

FIRST ADMISSIONS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online <u>www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk</u> (website open between 25th September 2023 and 14th January 2024)

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.

Harpley Community Choir Fundraising Concert

Thursday 7TH December, 7pm at St Lawrence Church

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies. Please join us!

No tickets – Donations on the night

ALL PROCEEDS TO HARPLEY CHURCH, SCHOOL & VILLAGE HALL

An evening of music by ABBA, Simon & Garfunkel, Cat Stevens and many more



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DUKE OF LANCASTER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Creativity camps will run alongside our normal sports camps, same venue, same times. SAME PRICE! If children wish to jump from creative to sports or vice versa at any point throughout the day, they are welcome to do so. DATE ACTIVITY Thursday Dodgeball/Nerf & 21st **Creativity Camp** December Friday Multi Sports & 22nd **Creativity Camp** December