



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 has been a busy half term and the final week was as hectic as ever!

Federation day held on both school sites was great. It is always so good to see our Federation Family together. The infants enjoyed cooking; autumn art and tree hugging (ask them!). The Juniors took part in a variety of Mayan related activities at Great Massingham. Many thanks to all staff for making Federation such a success - it was a lot of work but the children's engagement and enthusiasm made it worthwhile.

Week beginning 16th October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

Wow what an amazing last week of term!

On Monday we had a fantastic federation day enjoying lots of Autumnal activities. The children were so busy all day and had such a lovely time making, cooking and being physical. Behaviour was exemplary and new friendships were made. A real success.

On Tuesday Hugo Platt came to help us with our art work. The children were trying to create a Picasso style self portrait and it was great to see them experiment with different techniques.

Thank you so much Hugo!

On Thursday we had an autumnal art afternoon where again we explored loads of autumn resources and could choose what to make. There were some great ideas. We also cleaned out our "Stickies" and counted 15 babies!

On Friday we really enjoyed a special music session with Mr Hall. We played Samba music and sang some songs. great fun!

What an amazing week, we are all ready for a rest now.

Have a great holiday everyone.



SPECIAL MENTIONS



Infants:

Jacob - great behaviour on Federation day

Piper - great work in maths

Juniors:

Herbie for showing kindness

Romilly & Chloe for great attitude towards spelling

Nojus for his great design of an animal and it's enclosure

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

The juniors have had a great week with lots of fun activities. On Monday we had our federation day at Massingham, it was lovely to see all the children catching up with friends they had previously made at a federation day or with those they see outside of school. They had a busy day with lots of tasks including looking at the Maya's writing system, which they found was similar to the Ancient Egyptians hieroglyphics, they then looked at different glyphs and made some from salt dough, these look amazing! We had a go at making and playing some different Maya board games. We also made a replica of Maya hot chocolate with chilli powder and cinnamon to flavour it, we had mixed reactions from " This is AMAZING!!, Can you give my mum the recipe?" to " This is disgusting!!". We also played the Maya sport Pok-a-Tok, in this game you have to score a goal, through a hoop, without using your hands or feet, only your knees, shoulders and legs could be used. This was a challenge but we soon got the hang of it.



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week we have been thinking about standing up for what we believe is right. This has included links with Black History Month and has provoked some lively discussion and thoughtful contributions from the children!

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 30th October 2023 (Week 1 on the NORSE NEW menu)

TUESDAY

2.00-3.00 Junior gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day
PLEASE NOTE PICK UP WILL BE LATER THAN USUAL, 3.30PM UNTIL AFTER 21ST NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime squishies club with Emma. Bring in your squishies to show! (No trading).

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** booking form for the After School Club. Coach has requested children do not wear football boots.

<https://forms.gle/jBmUbVnBB4spmdsT7> - new link for new half term

THURSDAY

ALL PUPILS 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

FRIDAY

School photographer - Infants come into school in uniform with PE kit to change into for Lynnsport. Any pupils with younger siblings who would like a photograph together please come into school at 8.30.
10.45-11.45 Infant gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day -

2.15 Junior music with Richard Hall



There will be lots of poppy related items for sale in school from Monday 30th. There are erasers, wrist bands, rulers etc as well as the traditional paper poppies. Y6 pupils will 'man the stall' at morning breaks. We think £1 for an item and a traditional paper poppy.

FUTURE DATES

W/C 6th parents consultations

17th Flu vaccinations

30th PM Christmas decoration afternoon

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

8th (tbc) PFA Christmas Fair at St Lawrence Church

13th Christmas lunch

18th (tbc) Christmas performance PM

20th Christmas party day - parent contribute to party food. Food list will be posted nearer the time

PFA 100 Club October winners

1st John Watts £35

2nd Margaret Harrowing £20


3rd Sandie Minett £12

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	99.03%	94.76%	96.38%

TERM DATES

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

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 www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (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.