



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,

Friday 3rd November 2023

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I hope you all had a lovely half term break and a safe and happy Halloween. This is the final half term of the calendar year - I cannot believe it is November already! We will be starting our rehearsals for the Carol Service soon so keep an eye out for scripts coming home and please, if you can, help children to learn their lines.

Week beginning 30th October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week the Ladybirds have started reading a new text "Look Up" that should get them super excited about their "Space" theme. We love to let them steer the way and so are really looking forward to finding out where this learning journey will take us.

They have already nearly finished learning all the letter sounds in level 2 of our phonics scheme. This means they can now put these sounds together to read and write lots of simple words. They have been practicing "stretching" words and saying them in their "robot voice" order to hear all the sounds. They are getting really good. Why not have a go at "Robot voices" at home? "Come on it's time for b-e-d." "Please get the m-a-p."

Ask them, they will show you how we do it.

The Bees have been practicing some essential design and technology skills this week and have been improving their scissor cutting, folding and printing ability. They have made some awesome Halloween craft using these skills.

They have also learned how to identify nouns and verbs and use them in their writing. They have all produced a poem about water using the different names (nouns) for water sources and describing them with verbs. Year 2 even know how to change a verb depending on the type of sentence. Clever stuff!



SPECIAL MENTIONS



Infants:

Tillie - improving her handwriting this week

Martha - for some super work in phonics

Juniors:

Ruby - great attitude to practising her spellings at home

Betsy for good use of her artistic vocabulary.

Florence for her great drawings and perseverance.

Esme for her good use of her artistic vocabulary.

Everett for his use of art related vocabulary.

Teddie for his perseverance in art.

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

This week the juniors have settled back in very well, I have enjoyed listening to all their stories from half term, it sounds like they all had amazing times!! We have been looking in History at the Maya and things about how artefacts help us to understand how they lived and what they did. We have been looking at Monochromatic art as well this week, art containing one colour in different shades. We had great fun experimenting with different styles of drawing from realistic drawing, to abstract drawings and even cartoon drawings. Well done juniors you have had a brilliant first week, let's keep it up.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship, we have been learning about All Hallows Eve (Halloween), and All Saints day and the Christian aspects of the autumn festival celebrated on 31st October. We have focussed on consideration of others and keeping safe.

Our 5 Core Values:



WELLIES! We will be using school field at break times throughout the school year. As the weather is beginning to get more autumnal it is vital that children have a change of shoes. Please send in named wellies for your child/ren to use at break times. If children do not bring a change of shoes they will be asked to take muddy shoes off when coming back into school.

REGULAR DATES

Parent consultations. Everyone should have received a text confirming their appointments

MONDAY - 6th November 2023 (Week 2 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
3.20 PFA meeting

FRIDAY

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



REMEMBRANCE

There will be many poppy related items will be for sale in school until 10th November. 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

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 - families to contribute to party food please. Food list will be posted nearer the time for families to sign up.

PFA 100 Club October winners

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| 1 st John Watts £35 |
| 2 nd Margaret Harrowing £20 |
| 3 rd Sandie Minett £12 |




ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

| | INFANTS | JUNIORS | OVERALL |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| October | 90% | 91% | 91% |



TERM DATES

| 2023 AUTUMN TERM  | 2024 SPRING TERM  | 2024 SUMMER TERM  |
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| 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.



Norfolk & Waveney Autism and ADHD Support Service November 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to our November 2023 newsletter. This month we are talking about SIBLINGS.

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FamilyLine is a free service available to support adult family members on all aspects of family life issues via telephone, text message and email. Whether it's emotional support or practical advice on any aspect of parenting or broader family issues.

We are open Monday to Friday: 9am –9pm. The helpline will be covered by SHOUT text crisis line outside these hours, including weekends and bank holidays.