



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,

The cloakroom door is opened at 8.40am every day. Teachers are busy preparing for lessons before this time. Some children do come into school earlier but that is for intervention sessions. If you need your child to come into school earlier, because of an emergency, please let us know and we will, of course, accommodate this.

New parents - traditionally our PFA have always given a bookbag and water bottle to all new pupils. We have found over the years that a lot of pupils are preferring large bags or rucksacks and their own water bottles. If your child would like a Harpley bookbag please tell Sue and she will happily give them one. Water bottles are available to purchase in SchoolMoney if you wish. They are clear plastic bottles.

Week beginning 8th January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

We have had a great week (now we are back in the swing of things!) and have loved getting to know our new friends. Welcome to the gang Ruby, Rose and Kolney, it has been great to start to get to know you.

The ladybirds have been loving their new Literacy text "I am Henry Finch" and it has inspired them to learn about fingerprints. Maisie told us, "everyone's fingerprints are unique," and Oliver explained how they had used sticky tape to "collect" their own fingerprints. They are all budding detectives! They were brilliantly independent whilst getting ready for our P.E. session on Friday, even the tricky jumpers were done by themselves!

The Bees have begun a maths unit of learning all about money. Year 1 looked very closely at different coins and made rubbings of them whilst year 2 have been busy making and counting amounts of money with pounds and pence. We enjoyed using "coin calculator" to help us. Why not give it a try using this link [Coin calculator](#). They have also been learning about different types of words (nouns, verbs and adjectives) knowing the difference and using them in their writing. We have begun our new topic "great inventions" and have loved being inventors in our "Invention Station" role play. This week we learned about the invention of the telephone. Why not ask them what they remember.



SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Ruby, Rose and **Kolney** for settling in so well at Harpley

Juniors:

Herbie - for great pronunciation in French this week

Sam- for great contributions in Geography and applying his geographical knowledge.

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

This week we have been looking at our new Geography topic, comparing the Western United States and our region. The children had some really good knowledge of our local area and used atlases and maps to find some of the different features we have here. They were excited to learn that we will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, biomes and climate zones within our topic, and look out for our fabulous finale in March. There might be some demonstrations for you to see! We have been working hard in French this week and learning about the different names for household pets. We are undertaking a project to write our own mini French books this half term, based on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. We were very lucky this week to talk to some scientists from Canada, who are currently working in the arctic, it's amazing what a zoom call can do! We got to learn about what it is like there with it being -50 we think cold and not so nice. We got to find out about what they are researching and why they made the trip up to this very harsh climate. The children had some brilliant questions and we learned so much! Thank you to Miss Harrold's cousin Emily who is one of the scientists that we spoke to, alongside two of her colleagues, one who is exploring how animals in the Arctic are being affected by climate change, and one who used to work on projects about space! They got up super early to talk to us, it was 6am there! It was great to hear all about what people are researching and how people live in the cold climates.



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - CREATIVITY

In collective worship we have considered creativity by looking at famous artists' lives and their works. We learned about Van Gogh, Michelangelo and Lowry.

Our 5 Core Values:



Icy Playground

Grit does get put down each morning to create a path between the gate and school entrance, but please be mindful that there may be icy patches on the playground in the mornings where the sun has not warmed the ground. Children are the responsibility of the adult that has accompanied them to school, until 8.40am when they enter the cloakroom.

REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 15th January 2024 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu)

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club

Booking form for the After School Club.

<https://forms.gle/Mfdh7NF1E3Fcw13ZA> link for Spring 2024 half term

3.20 PFA meeting

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

Junior class swimming - Juniors must be in school by 8.45am. Danielle, Mim and Corynn are helping this week

Infant class - please bring PE kit to school to change into at school.

TERM DATES

| 2024 AUTUMN TERM  | 2024 SPRING TERM  | 2024 SUMMER TERM  |
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| Wednesday 4 th September - Friday 20 th December (Half term - Friday 25 th October - Friday 1 st November) | Thursday 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) |



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

December attendance:

Infants **91.7%**

Juniors **94%**

Whole school **93%**

Coding Club

Fakenham Library

The next Code Club course is on
Friday 19th, 26th January and
2nd February at 3.30pm

This course is aimed at beginners.



Suitable for children aged 7+ . Children
under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential.

If you would like further information or to
book please contact Fakenham Library on
01328 862715