



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

To keep our children safe we politely insist that parents and carers do not drive into School Lane between 8.40 and 9.05 in the morning and between 3.10 and 3.30 in the afternoon. We do know that this results in a lot of parking on Nethergate Street at these times. In order to ensure children and parents can cross Nethergate Street safely we ask that parents do not park opposite School Lane. Space beyond the 30MPH sign should be left clear to make crossing safe.

Week beginning 5th February 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week we have been continuing to work on improving our focus and attention, we are all getting much better at doing a focused 5 minute task without stopping. Have you been practicing at home? How long can you do a focused task for.

Something strange has been going on in the Ladybird classroom this week. The children painted some pictures of objects and the following morning the paintings had turned into real objects! Obviously to try and solve this mystery their next step was to paint cupcakes and hope the same would happen again. They also asked for Mr Heazel's help to set up a spy cam to catch the person responsible. Well, the spy cam footage showed the paintings change but turn into ingredients for cupcakes! Of course they used them to make some delicious treats. The Ladybirds are still busy interviewing members of staff to try and solve the mystery. They have kept a very thorough record of their findings. We will keep you updated.

The Bees have been top mathematician's this week and have really impressed me with their quick mathematical recall. The Yr 1's have been pattern spotting when adding and subtracting to 20 and know they can use what they already know when solving new problems. They have also been practicing quick recall of doubles. You can practice here <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

The Yr 2's have been learning about multiplication and division and have learned to spot the links between them. This game is great to practice at home. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

We have finished publishing our books and are very proud of how they turned out. The children are desperate to bring them home and share them with you.



SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Jude & Luke for some really good maths this week

Ladybirds for their brilliant spy skills.

Juniors:

Florence for her hard work in science this week researching famous scientists.

Heidi for not giving up this week and trying even though she was finding things really hard.

Daylin for his hard work in French this week and great pronunciation.

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

This week we have been learning about the water cycle in Geography and how it affects everything that we do. We learnt how it can impact on the crops that we grow, the height of rivers and the weather that we get. In French we have started to plan our own versions of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. In science year 3 and 4 have been learning about fossils and we had a go at making our own cast fossils. To do this we made impressions into clay and then added in plaster of paris to make the cast. The children really enjoyed this and they looked amazing!



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - CREATIVITY

In collective worship, we have thought about how we should use our senses to do good works and enjoy God's creation.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 12th February 2024 (Week 3 on the NORSE menu)

3.20 PFA craft club - Jaxson, Clara, Oliver, Lola, Felix, Annabelle, Maisie, Felicity, Romilly, Maud, Oriel, Luke, Ruby R, Aubrey, Hallie, Tillie, Teddie, Rory, Anna, Rose, Lily, Max, Jude, Jacob, Martha, Edward, Matilda, Esme, Florence

TUESDAY

Junior PE - Juniors to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day
Dessert special - American-Style Pancake, topped with sliced bananas and chocolate sauce

WEDNESDAY

Dessert special - decorated Valentine's shortbread biscuit

3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club

3.30 PFA meeting

Booking form for the After School Club.

<https://forms.gle/3ExCwCAuxunHYgws8> link for Spring 2024 2nd 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.

FRIDAY

Y6, Y5 & Y4 visit to Fakenham Racecourse

Infant class swimming & Year 3's - Infants must be in school by 8.45am. Corynn, David & Catherine are helping this week

3.30 - 5.00 PFA film night

TERM DATES

2024 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
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%**.

January attendance:

Infants **96.43%**

Juniors **95.36%**

Whole school **95.76%**

My VOICE MATTERS

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.

LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.
[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures).
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

- For primary children: bit.ly/3PeCG0B
- For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 8-11 FEB 2024

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

My VOICE MATTERS

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

- TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY
- WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?
- WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?
- WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?
- WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

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Please see below a link to our February 2024 newsletter. This month we are thinking about just some of the challenges parents may be experiencing with children or young people around food and eating. Make sure you scroll down through the newsletter to see all the courses, workshops and drop-in support sessions you could attend this month. Please do share these with parents.



Norfolk & Waveney Autism and ADHD Support Service February 2024 Newsletter

We hear very often from families we speak to that difficulties around food and eating are among their leading daily challenges.

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Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our theme days, we will be holding a **'World Book Day' lunch** on **Thursday 7th March 2024**.

The menu is as follows:

**Homemade 'Superhero' Sausage Roll
or Vegetarian 'Superhero' Sausage Roll (v)**

Inspired by 'Greg the Sausage Roll; Lunchbox Superhero' by Mark and Roxanne Hoyle

served with 'Thank You' Baked Potato Wedges

Inspired by 'Thank You, Baked Potato' by Matt Lucas

Daisy's Garden Peas

Inspired by 'Daisy: Eat Your Peas' by Kes Gray

'Mmmm, Tasty' Ketchup

Inspired by 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes?' by Nick Sharratt

Miss Trunchball's Chocolate Fudge Cake

Inspired by 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

If you would like your child/children to have lunch on this day, please let your school office know, no later than **16th February (via email or text)** The cost of this lunch for **Key Stage 2** children is as per your school's normal meal price. Please pay in the same way.

For **Reception and Key Stage 1** children this lunch is included in the Universal Free School Meal Allowance. |

Many thanks,

The School Kitchen