



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,

### Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week we have been working on our listening skills and remembering how important it is to listen carefully. We have done lots of "partner talk" and practiced using eye contact, taking turns to talk. We have also practiced responding to the questions our partner asks us, knowing we have to listen carefully to do so. These are really essential skills that we practice often!

The dance sessions we do each week rely on good listening skills. This week we have been prowling like leopards and stretching like sloths in the jungle. Great fun!

Our music sessions have been great at helping us listen and focus. We have been mastering some body percussion skills in particular a song called "Boom, Clap, Snap." Get the children to show you at home!

The Ladybirds have been investigating mass this week in maths. They can use balance scales to find out how many cubes an item weighs and compare the masses of different objects.

They have been very creative this week and used different art resources to ..... pics from Helen to follow.

The Bees have begun to write a story based on our class text "The Comet." They have planned the story and thought about using adjectives for effect and also choosing verbs to describe the action carefully. They have also been checking their writing to make sure it is grammatically correct. We are looking forward to publishing our stories for you to read.



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

The year sixes showed brilliant teamwork when they put together the new tables and chairs for Mrs Cushley's classroom



This week the Juniors have been practising the blotted line technique used by Andy Warhol, this led to some frustrations as we found that the technique was not easy and that it would take time and patience to get the results that we wanted. In science year 5 and 6 we have been investigating materials and whether or not they are reflective, we did this by making dark boxes and then using a torch with the objects inside to observe if the material was reflective or not. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about what is under our feet! We learnt that the earth's crust is a large layer of rock that is between 5 and 25 miles thick, under this you have the mantle which is molten rock, followed by the outer and inner core. We learnt about the rock cycle and how it takes millions of years for rocks to go through this process. In geography we have been learning about the different regions in the USA and what it is like in those regions, including the animals and plants that might be found there.





## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Infants:

**Jacob** - For maximum effort in all his learning, a super week of focus and determination to do well!

**Reggie** - For improvement in organising himself and his belongings independently and much quicker!

**Piper** - For being a good friend and "talking to sort things out."

### Juniors:

**Anna** for showing kindness in everything that she does.

**Thomas** for great questioning in science.

**Nojus** for his brilliant knowledge in science and use of our key vocabulary.

**Ruby** for showing brilliant knowledge and understanding in maths.

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - CREATIVITY

In collective worship we have considered creativity and how we are all stewards of God's creation: our planet.

Our 5 Core Values:



## REGULAR DATES

**MONDAY** - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Week 1 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

**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

NSPCC Numbers Day - Dress Up For Digits

Junior class swimming - Juniors must be in school by 8.45am. Danielle, Corynn & Caroline 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 
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Half term - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November)	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (Half term - Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February)	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (Half term - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May)



## ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

December attendance:

Infants **91.7%**

Juniors **94%**

Whole school **93%**

## PFA 100 Club January winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	Bec Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20	Rosemary Edwards
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	Archie Reid