



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

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weather over the Easter break. The children have settled very well back into the routines of school and we are excited about the term ahead! As always, please let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss with regard to your child(ren)- either catch me on the playground or phone/email to make an appointment. If any parents play a musical instrument or know of a local resident who does and would like to join us in a Collective Worship to play a piece of music (or two!) for the children, we would be delighted to welcome you. Mrs Stibbon.

### **PARKING AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES**

Please can all parents and carers park away from School Lane and certainly not near the junction. We have had several comments this week regarding parking which has resulted in the road through the village becoming blocked. This could result in an accident and also makes it very difficult for families to walk along and cross the road safely. In an emergency, parking like this would mean that it would be very difficult for services to get through. You are welcome to park at the village hall or the Rose and Crown pub. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **UNIFORM SWAP BOX**

Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for organising a uniform swap box. This is now open and can be found under the welly shelter. Please help yourself and start swapping!

### **Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

This week's learning highlights:

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

Welcome back to the summer term! The children have been talking about their Easter holidays and it sounds like everyone had fun! Lots of chocolate eaten and now we are ready for a busy (hopefully sunny) summer term of learning.

The Ladybirds are really looking forward to watching the seasons change this term and started their week by planting some cress. They are going to watch the tiny seeds grow and are learning how to look after them. They have written a set of instructions to show what they did. They are going to be reading the classic book "The Tiny Seed" over the next few weeks and learn about what makes plants grow well.

They have been working so hard during phonics lessons and are learning how two consonants can blend together at the beginning and ends of words (clap, milk). They can now read and write so many words by themselves!

The Bees theme for the term is "Food Glorious Food" and we have launched our topic by deciding what food related role play area we could have. The children decided they wanted it to be a MacDonald's restaurant. We have started making props to use while we play in there but really need your help! If you happen to be going to a Macdonald's soon, please save your plastic cups, fries packets, drinks holders... so that we can use them in our role play. We will happily wash them out for you.

The Bees have also been revising their knowledge of the world's seven continents and naming and locating them. This is because we will also be learning about "Australia" and comparing it to the U.K. Next week we will be making sure we can locate "Oz" and work out how to get there.



## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Infants:

**Luke** - super handwriting

**Oriel** - Super questioning skills

**Max** - super speech work

### Juniors:

**Leo** for his excellent questions this week in History.

**Reggie** for his thoughtful questions in RE this week.

**Chloe** for her continued brilliant learning attitude.

**Edward** for his hard work and resilience when things are hard.

**Lola** for her excellent mathematical art this week.

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

What a fantastic first week of summer term we have had in the juniors. The children have come in with such enthusiasm it has really blown us away. They have been excited to tell us all about the holidays and what they got up to. This week we have introduced our new topic in History, we are look at how Britain coped in wartime from 1066 to present day, with a focus on World War Two. We started by learning about The Battle of Hastings, The War of the Roses, The Crusades and The English Civil war. The children were very excited to get on to this topic and are excited to next learn about World War One and then are main focus, which is World War Two. The children have also started this week writing letters to someone as a welcome to Earth, based off the book Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. They have been giving visitors to Earth and insight to what it is like and advice on how to live while on Earth. Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the digestive system and were surprised and a little disgusted to find out that the small intestines are 6 meters long. We had lots of ' But how does it fit?!'. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about a healthy diet and why it is important for your body and how much of the 5 main food groups you should be eating a day. We also talked about eating your 5 a day and that most of them already do this.

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP -

In collective worship this week, we have started to think about our new theme, Justice. We have thought about Justice as a way of making sure that everyone is fairly treated.

Our 5 Core Values:



From 15<sup>th</sup> April paid school meals will cost £2.58 per meal or £12.90 for the whole week.

### REGULAR DATES

#### **MONDAY - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 (Week 2 on the NEW NORSE menu)**

3.20 PFA craft club - Clara, Oliver G, Lola, Reggie O, George O, Matilda, Edward, Max, Anna, Rory, Felix, Jude, Hallie, Tillie & Chloe H

#### **TUESDAY**

Junior PE - Juniors to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day  
8.30 Y6 maths booster session

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8.30 Y6 maths booster session  
3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club <https://forms.gle/eAiUJtXF9BJ2Dt9u8>

#### **THURSDAY**

Junior library day  
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.  
**3.30 Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents meeting at Great Massingham for parents to discuss Horstead.**




#### **FRIDAY**

Infant library day  
Last Infant class swimming - Infants must be in school by 8.45am. Corynn, David & Emma are helping this week  
PFA Tuck Shop after school - everything 50p  
3.00-5.00 PFA Spring Fayre in St Lawrence Church

#### **Future dates**

1<sup>st</sup> May Y6 Crucial Crew at King's Lynn Fire Station AM  
20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Horstead Residential  
25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm Sports Day  
(Reserve Sports Day, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm)

## TERM DATES

2024 AUTUMN TERM 	2025 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)	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April (Half term - Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</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%**.

March attendance:

Infants **93.29%**  
 Juniors **93.35%**  
 Whole school **93.33%**



## CLOTHES & TEXTILE RECYCLING

Planning a 'clear out'? Don't forget the school textile bank for unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, in fact any material. From June 2023 - October 2023 this raised £32.10. The more we put in there the more we'll get, please support it - every little helps!

## Harpley School PFA presents a Spring Fayre & Plant Sale

Friday 26th April, 3-5 pm

St Lawrence Church, Harpley

Tombola - Raffle - Refreshments  
Games - Stalls



# Fitness Pilates

**Class times: FRIDAY 9AM**

**Venue: HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL**

## What is Fitness Pilates?

Fitness Pilates was created by Rachel Holmes in 2002 as a fitness/group exercise version of traditional Pilates delivered in a contemporary style for qualified Fitness Professionals.

It began as a workshop called Equilibrium which fused Pilates with Stretch and Yoga and transformed into Fitness Pilates in 2002/2003.

Rachel began running workshops and training course around the UK, Europe and North America from 2003.

The training updates annually and incorporates new exercise and movement science but has its roots firmly in traditional Pilates and Controlology.

Fitness Pilates is a group exercise class that focuses on the body as a human kinetic chain. By applying the fundamental Pilates technique and exercises Fitness Pilates aims to offset musculoskeletal imbalances, improve posture, movement quality, mobility, flexibility, mental cognition, core strength, form and function in a non-intimidating, highly accessible and enjoyable way.

**Fitness Pilates**



## **FITNESS PILATES STARTING FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 9AM @ HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Fitness Pilates aims to improve posture, movement quality, mobility, core strength and offset musculoskeletal imbalances.  
Low impact, fun and suitable for all levels of fitness.

Special offer on the 19th April - Bring a friend for free!!  
Classes £7 pay as you go.

For more information or to book a space please text or call Jules on  
07721 774198



## DRUM LESSONS

Dear Parents

We are excited to announce that we are offering drum lessons at school!

We are pleased to say that we can offer weekly individual lessons at £12 a week. This will be during the school day, every Tuesday and a drum kit and all other equipment will be provided for your child to use.

Teaching these lessons will be professional drummer, Tom Relihan. Not only has Tom toured globally as a session drummer, he has also appeared on chart topping singles and albums.

To sign up please contact Tom via email on [tomrelihan@gmx.com](mailto:tomrelihan@gmx.com)  
Or visit his website at [www.tomrelihan.com](http://www.tomrelihan.com)