



HARPLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES

September

Friday 29th

Gresham's Cross Country
2.30 Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Friday 6th

Y6 Federation Apple Workshop & Gravity afternoon

Monday 9th

KS2 Federation visit to Norwich Cathedral

Friday 13th

2.00 Harvest Festival in St Lawrence Church

After School Clubs Autumn 2017

Top Sport

Y1-Y6 every Tuesday 3.20-4.20

Piano Lessons

Provided by Benjamin Howell on Wednesday mornings

Guitar & Drum Lesson

Provided by Stef Judd on Friday afternoons

TERM DATES



2017 AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 6th September - Tuesday 19th December
(Half term - Friday 20th October - Friday 27th
October



2018 SPRING TERM

Thursday 4th January - Wednesday 28th March
(Half term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February



2018 SUMMER TERM

Monday 16th April - Tuesday 24th July
(Half term - Monday 28th May - Friday 31st June)

WELCOME

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had a good summer and a well-earned rest. We are very pleased to welcome a big intake of new Reception children - Abigail, Jessica, Annabelle, Heidi, Daisy, Rory, Reggie, Joshua, Betsy, Herbie, Florence, Mathilda, Leah & Keyan. We also welcome Emily who is joining Year 4, George who is joining Year 6 and Thomas who is joining Year 2. We are lucky enough to have two new members of staff—Mrs Kirsten Stibbon- class teacher and Ms Wendy Harman- Classroom Assistant who will be working with YR and KS1 in Class I. A warm welcome to them.



With such a big YR intake it is really important that other year groups come into school independently. We do welcome parents and carers in school and believe parents should be able to access the school as necessary. But we need the time to deal with issues properly and the beginning of a school day is generally VERY busy and we need to ensure our newest and smallest children have a good start to the day. If you have an urgent issue e.g. if a child is off colour please speak to Mrs Turner at the cloakroom door and she will brief appropriate staff or suggest you pop in if necessary. Any other issues should be brought up at the end of a school day, or phone or email (although we are very keen to maintain the personal touch small schools excel at). We always want to know about any concerns you or your child may have so that we can sort them out.



GREAT MASSINGHAM AND HARPLEY SCHOOL
SWAP DAYS

We will be continuing the Science/Languages Swap Day with Great Massingham for Key Stage 2 every Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 3 & 4 children will be transported to and from Great Massingham by the Houghton minibus.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school we will need you to evidence this. Our attendance figures dropped significantly last year and the Local Authority Attendance Officer is keeping a close eye on us! If you text your child's absence with a description of what is wrong we can print a copy or you could write a short note or send an email. If children need a doctor's appointment or have a hospital appointment a copy of the hospital letter or Doctors appointment card can be used for evidence. If children are on medication the medicine box will be fine as evidence of absence due to illness.

Our Attendance Officer has insisted on these extra measures as a result of not achieving our attendance target last year. Please help keep our attendance up this year.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target for the new school year is 96%.

Any pupil with below 90% attendance will be deemed a Persistent Absentee under new DfE guidelines.



HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please remember we cannot authorise **ANY** holidays in term time and any holiday absence will be recorded as **UNAUTHORISED**



CONTACT

If parents need to speak to Mrs Beardall for any reason she will usually be at Harpley as follows:-

- Monday morning
- Tuesday morning
- Thursday All day
- Friday Afternoon

Mrs B can also be contacted on the head teacher's phone 07825104854 or at Harpley 01485 520274. Of course, it is always possible to speak directly to a class teacher or other member of staff and this may result in issues being dealt with more promptly.



STAFFING SEPTEMBER 2017

Class I

Mrs Cushley — Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday all day

Mrs Stibbon — Thursday all day

Ms Francis - All day Monday - Friday

Mrs Fisher - All day Monday - Friday

Mrs Lowes - Wednesday and Thursday mornings

Ms Wendy Harman - Monday - Wednesday mornings

Class J

Mrs Maloney — Monday - Friday mornings and Monday - Wednesday afternoons

Mrs Farley - Monday - Friday mornings and Friday afternoons

Mr Heazel — Monday to Friday all week

Ms Cator — Monday to Friday all week

Mrs Wood - Monday - Friday mornings and Friday afternoons

In addition, Mrs Wood, will continue to as SENDCo support, assisting with SEND admin paperwork and intervention groups;

Mr Heazel, Mrs Howell and Mr Boucheron will share the MSA duties across the week.

Mrs Turner will be in the school office every weekday morning.



MEDICINE - CALPOL

If your child is not feeling 100%, but is generally well enough to come to school, and you would like the school to continue administering Calpol or equivalent - please supply us with a named bottle. Sachets are very good; we can then dispose of the wrappers. We do keep a small supply of Calpol for emergency use.

THIS TERM'S TOPICS

CLASS I:

Ourselves and Homes

Science - naming parts of the body, senses, human life cycle and basic needs, healthy living.

RE - Creation stories & Harvest.

History - family events/personal time line stories/time capsule/key events sequencing.

Art - famous portraits/self-portraits.



CLASS J

History - Romans - their invasions and 'what they did for us!'

Science - Y5 & Y6 -Earth and Space Y3-4 -Plants

RE -Hinduism and Christianity.

Art - Portraits of ourselves and others.



OUTDOOR PLAY

It is school policy that children use the school field at playtimes. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing as the weather gets cooler and wetter - a warm coat and boots / wellies or suitable waterproof footwear. If your child comes to school in boots please make sure he/she has a change of footwear for indoors.



HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

School meals are now prepared in line with DfE Food Standards for Schools. To support this legislation schools are expected to encourage healthy eating in packed lunches brought in by pupils not taking a hot midday meal. Packed lunches may include sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, yoghurts, cheese, salad, etc but should NOT include sweets or chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. (A chocolate biscuit or cake is acceptable). If you have any concerns about this issue please come in and speak to a member of staff. Obviously it is important that children eat well at lunchtime so packed lunches should contain things children enjoy eating but we ask that you help us meet Food Standards expectations. This is not intended to be school determining what parents feed their children - it is intended to inform you about the expectations on schools and ask for your continuing support. Thank you.



SAFETY AT HOMETIME

Several parents have expressed concerns about children racing out of school and not waiting for their parents. If you collect your children from school please ensure that you supervise them carefully on the journey home. Nethergate Street gets very busy at home-time - we would hate to see any of our children hurt.

Please also remind children to **walk on the pavement down School Lane.**

The new cabin is fantastic and nearly ready for use but while it is under construction there are a few areas that pose a safety issue. The stepped retaining wall and the walkway around the outside of the cabin are tempting as places to climb and play! The children in school have been told they must not go into these areas for their safety. Please ensure any pre-school children you are supervising do not climb on the wall or go around the cabin walkway.



SCHOOL PICK UP

We must know if your child/children are going home with anyone other than the adult who regularly collects. Please speak to Mrs Turner or another member of staff in the morning if there is a change to the norm or phone school if there is a change of plan for pick up during the day. Mr Heazel checks the answer phone before the end of each day.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' for children, parents and friends at 2.30pm Friday 29th September.

£1 will buy a drink, a cake and a raffle ticket. Donations of cakes on Friday morning would be very much appreciated



HARVEST

We will be collecting for the Food Bank again this year as part of our Harvest celebrations. A member of staff from the Mid-Norfolk Food bank will come into school to talk with the children about the work of the foodbank.

Our Harvest Assembly will be at St Lawrence Church, Harpley at 2.00PM on Friday 13th October. All welcome.



ASSEMBLY / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for collective worship this half term will be RESPONSIBILITY Parents are very welcome to join us for collective worship on any day. This takes place at 10.50 on Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday and at 2.45 on Fridays.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The children will be bringing home our annual Home School Agreement for signature. This outlines what parents can expect from the school and what we expect from you and your child/children. Please talk with your child about the 'promise' they will sign explaining, in simple terms, to younger children what they are agreeing to. You should sign a copy to return to school, which we will keep on file, and please also keep a copy for yourself.



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GRESHAM'S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YEARS 3-6

29th September 2017

Great Massingham and Harpley Federation of Schools are sending a team of children to compete in the Cross Country Championship on 29th September. Julie Austin is kindly training the children in the run up to the event



MUSIC LESSONS

Mr Hall will be delivering Key Stage 2 music lessons on Thursday afternoons. This will be a mix of music activities and ukulele tuition. Guitar and drum lessons with Stef Judd will continue on Friday afternoons. Benjamin Howell will continue to provide piano tuition on Wednesday mornings. Please contact the school office if your child/children are interested in guitar, drum or piano lessons.



PFA

The PFA have been very busy over the holiday improving the school outdoor areas. I am sure you will all have noticed the new Bug and Bird houses and colourful planters. Further around the school the climbing cubes have been cleaned, the story circle repaired and corner flower bed re-vamped. Special thanks go to Karen Edgeley, Roxanne Gamwells and Alice Darlow for all their hard work. Thank you also to Barry Hardingham from Great Massingham who was kind enough to help the working party, had the Bug Hotel sign made and donated the plants.



GYMNASTICS AT LYNNSPORT

Class 2 will be taking part in Gymnastics Sessions at Lynnsport with Harpley on Monday 11th September, Monday 18th September, Monday 25th September, Monday 2nd October and Monday 16th October. Class 1 will be taking part in Gymnastics at Lynnsport with Harpley from Monday 30th October to Monday 4th December. Children should wear navy or grey tracksuits on gym days please with PE kits underneath to save changing time at the gym.



SWIMMING

We will be swimming at the Construction Skills pool on a Tuesday morning in the Spring Term (January 2018).

FEEDBACK

We would like your views on

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Is the format useful? Do the reports tell you what you want to know? Is there any other information you would like?

Please also feel free to feedback to us on any other school issues. Your opinions and ideas matter to us so do have your say!

You can let OFSTED and the wider world know what you think about the school at any time by logging on to the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/user>



SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals or UIFSM. This means that Class 1 children may have a free hot meal or packed lunch every lunchtime. The kitchen will be provided with a choice of hot meal, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato with fillings.

Class I parents should let Mrs Turner know what the children will be having for lunch for the week, on a Monday morning, as the children sometimes get confused!

Class J should pay for their school lunches for the week, in a named envelope, on a Monday morning please. School dinners remain at £2.20 per meal.



CLOTHES & TEXTILE RECYCLING

Planning a 'clear out'? Don't forget the school textile bank for unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc.

This is a great earner for our school, for no effort - please support it - every little helps!



UNIFORM

The Governing Body request that all children attending Harpley School support its positive image in the community by wearing school uniform and having appropriately coloured/styled hair. The wearing of nail polish and tattoo transfers is discouraged as it can be distracting for pupils. Girls and Boys must have long hair tied and/or clipped back for health and safety reasons.

Harpley uniform consists of

□ navy sweatshirt/cardigan or jumper with or without logo,

□ white polo shirt, or white long or short sleeved shirt

□ black or grey trousers/skirts/pinafore dresses or shorts,

□ Girls may wear a blue and white checked dress in warm weather.

School shoes (**not trainers**) should be black or brown and, for safety reasons, strappy or high-heeled sandals/shoes must not be worn.

In winter/wet weather pupils who come to school wearing boots should change into indoor shoes or plimsolls in school.

Jewellery should not be worn - this includes loom bands, wristbands etc. with the exceptions of small stud earrings, wristwatches and attendance award wristbands. If wristwatches are worn, it is at the wearer's own risk. The school is not responsible for their damage or loss. For safety reasons children must remove watches and earrings for PE. Children should remove and be responsible for their own earrings. If your child is unable to do this please remove earrings at home before school on PE days.

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly named so that lost property can be identified and returned

