



HARPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

SPECIAL MENTIONS (until we are able to hold celebration assemblies again we will put special mentions here)

INFANTS:

Sebby - fantastic progress this term in reading!

Ruben - an amazing donkey, you played this really important role brilliantly!

All children for learning and performing songs, dances and poems for the Christmas DVD. Special mention to Karyss for being the first to learn her Words and performing with such confidence and "star quality".



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Wow, we are in full festive swing! The children did a fabulous job of bringing Christmas cheer with their Christingle/nativity performances to the church. It was a beautiful cold, frosty morning which set the scene for some wonderful acting, singing and prayers. We would like to thank Mr Heazel for all his hard work in bring the performances to you through digital means. He is a one man film crew and we are extremely grateful.

As you are probably aware, sadly, Bircham swimming pool has permanently closed. We are really pleased to announce that we have secured a swimming session every week at St James pool in King's Lynn until the end of the Summer Term. Juniors will go every week for the Spring Term and Infants will go every week for the Summer Term.

Junior swimming permission letters went home yesterday - PLEASE RETURN BOTH PERMISSIONS ON MONDAY MORNING.

The Christmas DVD/memory stick will be ready next week. If you did order one please send £5 per DVD and £7 per memory stick, in cash, on Monday morning. Thank you. The memory stick has capacity for us to add to later in the school year.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the PFA, particularly Emma Piggot, for all their hard work with Christmas preparations including the Christingle resources. We haven't been able to celebrate Christmas as we normally would this year but you have helped to still make it enjoyable and memorable for all the children, thank you.

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER

PLEASE CAN ALL MONEY FOR THE WEEK COME IN TODAY, LUNCH (£2.30 per day) & MUSIC LESSONS. THANK YOU

Class I pupils to come to school in their PE kit, including school jumper, and remain in it all day
1.00-2.00 Junior music lesson with Mr Hall

TUESDAY

Final day for Christmas cards to be handed in

YR Early Years photo should be in the Lynn News today

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers today

12.00 Christmas lunch

WEDNESDAY

Piano tuition with Benjamin Howell

Children can wear party clothes today, but remember they will still be outside at break & lunchtime.
12.00 Party lunch

THURSDAY

All pupils to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day
AM Junior & Infant PE

FRIDAY

Library day

Stef Judd guitar and drum tuition -PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR EQUIPMENT.

Class J pupils to come to school in their PE kit, including school jumper, and remain in it all day

3.15 School closes for the Christmas holiday.

School re-opens at 8.40am on Monday 4th January 2021.

It's been an unusual Term but we think everyone has given 110% making the children feel safe and happy. Attendance has been absolutely brilliant! Thank you. All the staff at Harpley would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a hopeful New Year!

Chilly fingers

The weather, you will have noticed, is extremely cold at the moment! Some children are getting very chilly fingers; please make sure children have warm gloves and woolly hats to help keep them as warm as possible. Thank you.

'Tis The Season'

All Christmas cards must be in by Tuesday 15th December to give us enough time to distribute them safely.

Please tuck envelopes in as opposed to licking them.

Many festive thanks!



Infant's learning highlights this week:

This week in class I, we have learned about the Christmas story. We have thoroughly enjoyed practicing for and performing the story at the church. The children all looked fantastic and played their parts really well.

We were all very proud.

When we open each window of our class advent calendar, the child chosen has a secret challenge to do like "make 3 people smile," or "help someone tidy up." The children have really risen to these challenges and hopefully we are helping to spread a bit of Christmas cheer. They have learned a lot about the real meaning of Christmas.

Our daily learning still continues and I was really impressed with spellings this week. Well done to everyone who practiced at home!



Has your child missed their flu vaccination in school? If so, book a clinic appointment today!

CLINIC APPOINTMENTS FOR NASAL VACCINE AVAILABLE
TO BOOK HERE: [HTTPS://IMMUNISATION-EOE.NHS.UK](https://immunisation-EOE.nhs.uk)

IF YOUR CHILD CAN'T HAVE THE NASAL FLU VACCINE
AND REQUIRES THE INJECTABLE VACCINE OR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY
AND SCHOOL AGE IMMUNISATION SERVICE ON:
0300 555 5055



FIRST ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOL - SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22

Parents of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 28th September 2020 and 15th January 2021)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2021 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

HEADTEACHER CONTACT

Mrs Stibbon (Headteacher) is available Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

Mrs Stephens (Co Headteacher) is available: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Mrs Stibbon & Mrs Stephens can be contacted on:

Headteacher's phone: 07825104854

Harpley: 01485 520274

Great Massingham: 01485 520362

Of course, it is always possible to speak directly to a class teacher or other members of staff.



TERM DATES

2020 AUTUMN TERM 	2021 SPRING TERM 	2021 SUMMER TERM 
Monday 7 th September - Friday 18 th December (Half term - Thursday 22 nd October - Friday 30 th October)	Monday 4 th January - Friday 26 th March (Half term - Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February)	Monday 12 th April - Wednesday 21 st July (Half term - Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June)



HEAD LICE

We are no longer required (or allowed!) to send notes home informing you we have been notified by a parent when their child has headlice - but we will continue to send texts and put this advice in newsletters as and when we know it is necessary.

Head lice love clean and dirty hair! They cannot jump, but walk from one head to another. Children with long hair would benefit from having it tied back.

Early detection is easiest to cope with - when your child is washing their hair, while it is still wet comb through conditioner with a head lice comb, thoroughly. This should show if there are any adult lice on their head. Also look for eggs glued to the roots of the hair very close to the scalp

One female head louse can lay anywhere between 3-10 eggs a day.

Nits are actually the empty hatched egg cases. Sometimes the only way to completely remove these is to, painstakingly, remove each one between your finger mails.

The treatments you can buy do seem to be very effective, but instructions must be followed carefully.

It is recommended that you check everyone in the household because not everyone itches when head lice are present.

Head lice only live on humans and cannot transfer to pets.

Do remember...

Head lice are annoying, but they are not dangerous - they are really no worse than catching a cold the bugs are just bigger! Don't ever let them make you or your children unhappy.

Headlice - with this being a particular problem at the moment one parent has found the following useful.

The website is www.naturalliceproducts.com or a search on Head Hunters Lice products would do it. Also available on eBay. She uses the Lemon Repellent for her children.

The website has some good tips too like freezing hair brushes & combs for 3 hours and tumble drying bedtime teddies and pillows for 30 minutes! Lice aren't fleas and the tips page helps Parents understand the difference with the life span of lice and what they need to survive or rather how easy it is to actually kill them!