



HARPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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,

We have had a lovely festive week. Please keep an eye out for key dates and we look forward to the children's upcoming auditions for the Harpley's Got Talent show. Please remember, although this is a very busy time of year, it is still very important that children read at home and we do ask you to support us in encouraging the children to read daily. Children should be changing their reading books on a regular basis so please do check with your child's class teacher if this is not happening, thank you.

MONDAY - 6th December

Please let us know today whether your child/ren are having the whole school Christmas lunch next Monday. KS2 parents (who aren't free school meals), please pay for the meal via SchoolMoney. Thank you.

AM Christmas performance rehearsal in the village hall

TUESDAY

Whole school Christmas performances in village hall, 10.00am, 1.30pm and 5.45pm. Please can all children be returned to the village hall in their costumes at 5.20pm. Thank you

WEDNESDAY

Piano tuition with Benjamin Howell

THURSDAY -

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

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

AM Infant & Junior PE

FRIDAY

Christmas Jumper Day. Suggested donation is £1 for Save the Children Charity

We are told some parents are not receiving the weekly bulletin. We copy all parents and carers into the weekly emails and post it on our website - you can always view a copy at www.harpley.norfolk.sch.uk

Special Mentions:

FS/KS1: all the infants for working so hard in rehearsals for the Christmas performance - the staff have been so impressed with you all this week!

KS2: Lacey, Joe P and Marley for their helpfulness.

Mr Heazel has made a short film of Christmas decoration making day which took place this week. This will be available on Google drive.

Week beginning 29th November 2021

This week's learning highlights:

INFANTS

As well as being in the thick of production rehearsals, the infants have still made time to learn about Advent in the church. The children looked carefully at the candles on the wreath and have made their own. In science this week, the children have been classifying animals into groups: reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds, mammals and insects. Maud wowed us with all the amazing animal facts she knows!



JUNIORS



We enjoyed a fabulous Christmas decoration day on Tuesday. We are all starting to feel and look very festive!

Y3 and 4 children have been writing as Arthur a recount of his challenge to catch the footfall of a cat or the roots of a mountain. They used storyboards to order their writing and develop their vocabulary. Have a read of their fabulous sentences:

'I tumbled rapidly crashing down to the cold damp floor.' By Herbie

'I reached the cliff. I had no choice but to take a leap of faith. I jumped off landing in the water with a splash. The jar landed on the beach, thankfully it did not shatter.' By Jess

'The cat leapt up into the air and when its paws touched the ground a terrifying boom echoed around the valley. Quickly, I grabbed the jar and captured the sound inside it.' By Annabelle

We had an interesting discussion about whether it was really possible to catch the sound of a cat's footfall. The Year 3 and 4 children made links with their science learning about how sound travels. We concluded that this was not possible but that this is how we know it is story which involves magic.

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party Day is on Wednesday 15th December - there will be no meals provided from kitchen today. We ask each family to 'sign up' to bring party food on the Wednesday morning. This list will be on the cloakroom notice board on Monday and we can write your name next to your choice then.

If you aren't able to 'sign up' we will ping you remaining options later in the week, so each family contributes. Thank you

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we learnt about advent. Our Value Leaders did a fantastic job acting out what happens when you are NOT prepared - it was a disaster! No buckets and spades, no swimwear and no towels for the beach was one scenario they acted out. We learnt about what it means for Christians and thought about how we prepare our minds and feelings as well as being physically prepared. We lit our first candle on the wreath to mark the significance of hope.

Our 5 Core Values:



THE HARPLEY KIND

Harpley Kind would like to announce that they saw lots of acts of kindness by year four and five pupils on decoration day. These pupils were seen being very helpful to the younger children, particularly the Reception pupils who have not taken part in Christmas decoration day before.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE POLITELY INSISTING THAT ADULTS ATTENDING THE CHRISTINGLE WEAR A FACE COVERING DURING THESE EVENTS. THANK YOU.

Monday 13th December whole school Christmas lunch

Tuesday 14th December AM Christingle making. Christingle at 1.30pm in St Lawrence Church - Parents/Carers welcome

Wednesday 15th December Christmas party day

Wednesday 15th December/Thursday 16th December: Harpley's Got Talent - start practicing your act in preparation!

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 96%.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
SEPTEMBER	98.56%	95.1%	96.41%
OCTOBER	96.48%	92.19%	93.78%
NOVEMBER	96.58%	96.76%	96.69%

Please avoid late marks - registration is at 8.55am

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our menu theme days, we will be holding a **Traditional Christmas Lunch** on **13th December**.

**Roast Chicken
with Stuffing and a Chipolata Sausage
Or
Vegetable Pastry Cracker (v)**

**served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,
Garden Peas, Carrots and Gravy**

Chocolate 'Christmas Pudding' Krispie Cake

Traditionally all pupils have Christmas lunch (obviously they wouldn't be expected to eat anything they don't like). Please let us know if your child/ren WILL NOT be having the lunch. Also let us know if they would like the vegetarian option. If we do not hear from you we will book the Christmas roast chicken option for all pupils.

Thank you

COVID 19

We continue to review our COVID safety measures to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and wider community. We feel it is a sensible step to keep all siblings at home for the full isolation period when another person in the home has a confirmed PCR test, which of course would be an authorised absence. Please be aware that this is simply a recommendation, although we hope you will support it. Please contact us should you have any questions.

With thanks for your continued support.

100 club winners for November-

1st - 34 - Sharon Johnson

2nd - 26 - Pip Case

3rd - 65 - Avril Watts

Very best wishes and have a lovely weekend,
The Harpley Team