



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,

The Farmer Fred's trip that was cancelled before Christmas has been rescheduled for Wednesday 9th February - we couldn't let the children miss out on this one!

The Infant class will be swimming after half term. Are there any parents who can volunteer to help on Friday mornings? We need volunteers willing to go in the pool to support the children. Please let Mrs Turner know, many thanks.

Week beginning 24th January

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants

Wow, we have really seen some fantastic progress this week. The children are all working so hard.

Ladybirds continue to learn about farm animals and have been finding out the names of baby animals. They have thought of their own ideas for a "Harpley Farm" and made a large scale plan for this. It's wonderful and has so many different animals and objects. They have really impressed us with their writing this week and are getting really good at using their sounds to write unfamiliar words.

Bees have been busy! They have travelled to India this week! They can name the continent it lies in and can find it on a variety of maps. They have started to find out some interesting facts and LOVED dressing up in a sari. Our Indian dancing was a big hit! The children learned some great moves and even came up with some of their own.

They have enjoyed reading the text "Why the elephant has a trunk." Why not watch it together [tinga tales elephant - Google Search](#). Next week we will be writing our own similar story about how giraffe got his long neck.



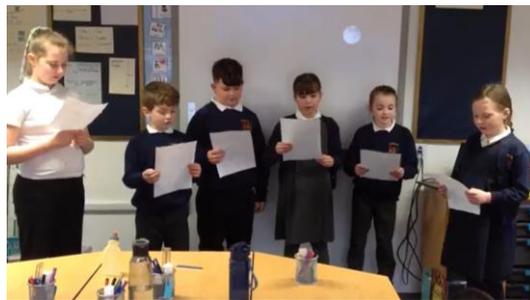
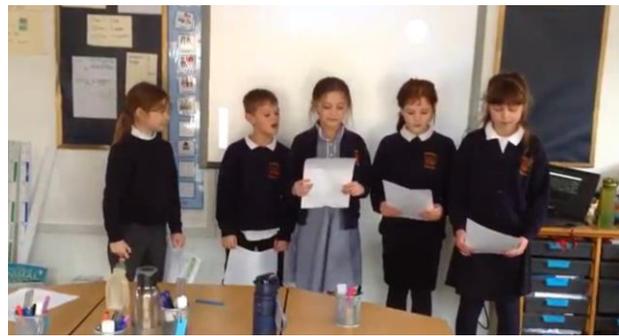
News from the Juniors

Year 5 and 6 - In maths this week the upper juniors have started looking at fractions. Most of them have shown a good understanding of how fractions work. In literacy we have explored different ways of writing description based on the animation Francis.

Y3/4 really enjoyed working in a group to do a choral reading of descriptions of circus acts. They worked as a group to ensure everyone had a part; they included rhythm, actions and modulated their voices. Fantastic teamwork to produce great performances. They then watched circus performances and are beginning to write their own descriptions using precise verbs, similes and alliterations to create powerful images for the reader.

Reggie began his with:

Suddenly, a trapeze fell from the roof of the tent. Out of the blue, the spotlight shone at the trapeze where two people were flipping and twirling as strong as the current of the sea.



In maths, Y3 have mastered subtracting 2 digits from 3 digits - well done! Now they are beginning to subtract two 3 digit numbers.

Y4 have had fun learning how to measure area.

Special Mentions:

FS/KS1 Nojus for huge improvement in writing and **Lola** for fantastic reading this week.

KS2 Marley for fantastic progress in swimming lessons.

Jess for her kindness and sensitivity towards others. **Florence** for her honesty and understanding. **Leo** - brilliant stepping up to present facts about Mary Anning.

Betsy for challenging herself to find shapes which share the same area and perimeter and persevering until she was successful.

Herbie for knowing and being able to recall ALL his times tables facts and brilliant presentation of facts about Mary Anning.

Sarah for her positive contributions in class, especially in maths and PE.

Esme for her interest in fossils and fantastic illustrations.



With Health & Safety in mind, we will open the school gate earlier in the mornings so parents and children can wait safely on the playground. The cloakroom door will not be open until 8.40 as usual. Please stay with your children until the door is open - please keep them with you and not running around because we are worried about slippery weather conditions.

Please can you let the office know on Monday what days your child/ren are having school packed lunch for the week. We will assume your choices will be the same next week. Thank you

MONDAY - 31st January School packed lunch is ham sandwich or cheese for vegetarians

1.00-2.00 Junior music tuition

2.00-3.00 Class I PE - pupils to come to school in their PE kit, including school jumper, and remain in it all day.

TUESDAY School packed lunch is cheese wrap

3.15-4.15 Junior Art Club with Mrs Stephens

WEDNESDAY School packed lunch is tuna mayo or cheese for vegetarians

Piano tuition with Benjamin Howell

THURSDAY School packed lunch is ham sandwich or cheese for vegetarians

All pupils to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. PE with Rob from ICS Coaching

All pupils must wear correct PE kits - please remember they do PE outside and need to be warm enough.

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

11.45-12.15 Junior PE Club

12.00 Special lunch

FRIDAY School packed lunch is cheese sandwich

Juniors are swimming today - children must be in school by 8.45am please (door will be open at 8.30am). Emma Mann & Emma Piggott are helping this week.

A huge thank you to the Frost's & Santa Dash for their incredible donation to our school of £250. We will use this money to buy desperately needed books.



Also thank you to Mr Andrew Dunbabin, a former parent, for his generous donation, £160, to school at Christmas - we have used this donation towards Crumbles for computing.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored the theme Building Together, we listened to the fantastic story by Oliver Jeffers, 'What We'll Build' and realised that we can build things physically, such as houses and walls but we can also build things such as care, love and futures. We learnt about Ezra from the bible who helped rebuild Jerusalem and reminded people how to live well. We talked about how we can build our school family and live well together.

We continue our Value for Life this term: **PEACE** and focused on our Core Value: **COMPASSION**

Our 5 Core Values:



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% |
| DECEMBER | 88.67% | 86.74% | 87.56% |

Please avoid late marks - registration is at 8.55am

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

The Harpley Team.