



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

It's lovely to have everyone back for the summer term at Harpley. The Easter break felt like a long one with some sunshine and the children have been keen to tell us how much they enjoyed their break. The term has started positively with great plans for the term with a fantastic community spirit. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to share and celebrate as the term progresses and hope you enjoyed the end of term Fabulous Finales. We wish our Year 6 class and their teachers the very best in their final term and welcome everyone back to our school family.

Please ensure your child has a named sun hat in school every day and that sun cream is applied to children before school on hot days (preferably all day protection sun cream). Children should bring some named cream in for a top up during the day if necessary.

**Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on
Tuesday 3rd May.**

Please can you save any small boxes, ie t-bag boxes, small juice cartons etc for Junior DT. A small cereal box will probably be the largest we need. Please can we have any item by Friday 17th May. Thank you.

Please can all payments for the week via SchoolMoney be completed on a Monday. Thank you.

Week beginning 25th April

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants

In the infant class this week we have all continued to enjoy the story of "The Bad Tempered Ladybird." What a grumpy guy! We have been inspired to write our own stories about a bad tempered beastie and have had some brilliant ideas ranging from a stroppy spider to a grumpy cheetah! The Ladybirds are getting really good at using their robot sounds to write words. Yr 1 have been focusing on capital letters and full stops and Yr 2 are marvellous at using speech marks!

In maths the Ladybirds are really getting to grips with numbers to 20 and can read, write and order them. Carry on practicing at home. The Bees have been learning about fractions and can recognise $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. The Yr 2's are moving on to thirds now. Why not have a go at sharing a cake, pizza, or sweets at home?

News from the Juniors

In DT this term the children have been set a task... Linked to their theme, The Monarchy, they need to make a vehicle to transport the Queen's precious Jewels. This week we carried out market research to find out what is already available in the market. They have already come up with some fantastic ideas and we can't wait to see this develop!

After an absence, due to Covid, year 6 were able to attend in person the fabulous Crucial Crew event on Tuesday. This is a multi-agency event run specifically for those who are transferring to high school to help prepare them for more independence that comes with this change. The children were very well behaved and fully participated in a variety of activities, having fun and learning new things.

Year 3 and 4 were very excited to receive a postcard - addressed to them - with their very own poem written to them from the poet A F Harrold. They were immediately inspired to write their own poems or notes to A F Harrold. We are busy writing these neatly to post off to him. We have also been learning about fronted adverbials, switching sentences around to begin with a fronted adverbial.

In maths Y4 have been dividing 3 digit numbers and Y3 have been dividing with remainders.



Special Mentions

FS/KS1: George for fully engaging and trying his hardest at Ten Step. **Ruben** for fantastic improvement in writing.

Ruby for taking time to sound out the words she writes and checking they are correct.

KS2: Y6 - thank you for running Ten Step. Thank you the **all the Juniors** for fantastic RE this week. **Annabelle** for her observation of and helpfulness of other children.

Lily for contributing in class. **Seb** and **Florence** for fantastic information booklets about Mary Anning.

Alice for settling into Harpley brilliantly.



MONDAY – 2nd May

Bank holiday

TUESDAY

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

PM Ten Step

WEDNESDAY

Piano tuition with Benjamin Howell

THURSDAY

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

Please remember they do PE outside and need to be warm enough.

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

AM Lynn News to take photo of YR for Early Years

11.45-12.15 Junior PE Club

1.45 Reverend Judith to lead Collective Worship

3.20-4.20 Gardening club - group 1 children - Chloe, Sam, Seb, Annabelle, Tillie, Hallie, Seth, George, Romilly, Maud, Charlie, Oliver & Lola

FRIDAY

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored doubt and belief. We reflected on the bible story 'The Empty Tomb' and had a philosophical discussion based on, 'If the tree in the forest falls and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?'

We launched our Value for Life this term: **COMPASSION**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our menu theme days, we will be holding a **Space Explorers lunch** on **Thursday 19th May**. The menu is as follows:

‘Space Shuttle’

Breaded chicken fillet or (v) vegetable goujons in a homemade sub roll

Served with

‘Asteroids’

Crispy potato balls

‘Stars and Comets’

Cucumber and cherry tomatoes

‘Moon Dust’

Sweetcorn

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Rocket Lolly




If you would like your child/children to have lunch on this day, let the school office know via email or text, no later than 10th May. The cost of this lunch for **Key Stage 2** children is as per your school’s normal meal price. Please pay in the same way.

For **Reception and Key Stage 1** children this lunch is included in the Universal Free School Meal Allowance. If your child is entitled to have a free school meal then you will not need to pay any additional cost, but please return the slip below. We hope your child/children enjoys their lunch!

Many thanks,

The School Kitchen

TERM DATES

2022 AUTUMN TERM 	2023 SPRING TERM 	2022 SUMMER TERM 
Tuesday 6 th September - Friday 16 th December (Half term - Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October)	Wednesday 4 th January - Friday 31 st March (Half term - Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February)	Thursday 21 st April - Friday 22 nd July (Half term - Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June)

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%
JANUARY	93.14%	91.41%	92.05%
FEBRUARY	97.73%	95.19%	96.15%
MARCH	92.29%	88.53%	89.96%

Please avoid late marks - registration is at 8.55am

Future dates:

28th June PM Sports Day

15th July PM Leaver Service in St Lawrence Church

The Harpley Team.