

HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER*Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*

*"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*
Proverbs 22:6

*This Link Letter contains news,
forthcoming events and information,
helping you to keep in touch with school.*



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Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia

Assembly Focus

This week we have been thinking about the character strength of being CONSIDERATE. To be considerate is to think about others and behave in a kind and thoughtful way. To consider the impact of our words and actions and how this can make others feel. We can show consideration for other people's views and opinions and their feelings by using linked character strengths of kindness, patience and thoughtfulness.

Team Points

Well done to **EARTH** who was the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
39	44	36	38

Kindness Challenge led by the School Council

We are delighted to be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge this October. Next week, Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October, we will be holding our own kindness week! By supporting the Kindness Challenge and our kindness week you're helping to power Childline. Childline is there for all young people online, on the phone, anytime. On average, a child contacts Childline every 45 seconds. We'll be spending a week creating more kindness in our school community by working through a list of kindness acts. You may wish to bring in a donation in a sealed envelope or raise funds via the sponsorship form we have sent home. Fundraising. We've also set up a JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/harby-primary-school-1695122274420> Please donate and share with friends so we can support Childline. It all adds up and all the money we raise at Harby C of E Primary School will help keep children supported and safe.

Thank you. Best wishes, Harby School Council.

Cross Country Club

Super running this week – you can still sign up if you would like to!



Data Collection Forms

We have reissued Data Collection forms this week. These are very important to enable us to keep up to date with contact details, at least 3 emergency contacts and any medical needs your child may have so that we can offer appropriate support in school. Please check the details, amend as necessary and return to the school office.

Thank you for the forms we have received back so far. If you have not received a form or have any queries, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Applying for Secondary School Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place for when they transfer from primary. The Leicestershire County Council website has information which can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and you may find this useful.

The deadline for all applications is 31st October 2023. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites and we have included some of the dates Belvoir Priory Academy are holding in the forthcoming dates at the end of the Link Letter. If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

Free School Meals / Food Vouchers

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals - these are referred to as Universal Infant Free Meals. These are not means tested and are available to all children on roll. Since the Covid Pandemic the Local Authority have ensured that food vouchers are provided for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals during school holidays which has been of support to many families. This is only to pupils whose parents have completed the application form and are in receipt of Free School Meals that are means tested. For further information about eligibility and how to apply visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Applying is a quick and easy process (can be done over the phone!) and means that school benefits from additional funding to support your child and, in the event of further vouchers being issued during school holidays, you will hopefully be able to benefit. ***Please contact the school office if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.***

Seasonal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will be attending school on 15th November to deliver the vaccinations to children in school. This can only be given to children when parents have given their consent. Full details for how to give consent, along with further information about the flu vaccination, have already been shared with parents via letter this week. If you need any further support please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Census Day School Dinner

It is school census day on Thursday 5th October and so we have a special menu which your children may wish to try!

Chicken Nuggets
or
Cheese Pizza
Curly Fries
Corn on the Cob

Chocolate Cake

There will be no Jacket Potatoes available on this day. Dinners can be ordered in the morning as usual during register time.



Talented Children

Well done to Harry and Matilda who achieved sporting success last weekend. Harry running for Rushcliffe Athletics Club and Matilda being awarded player of the match for Bottesford FC Under 9 Girls with a super goal scored too! Well done both of you!



Next week in school:

Monday 2 nd October:	Shooting Stars club after school
Tuesday 3 rd October:	Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker
	Cross Country Club after school
Wednesday 4 th October:	Times Tables Rockstars / Lexia Club after school
	Recorder Club after school
Thursday 5 th October:	Recorder Club at lunchtime
Friday 6 th October:	Library Club at lunchtime

Dates for the diary for the next half term. For further dates and events please see the calendar on the school website which will be updated during the next week.

New / updated dates in red

W/C 9th October – Parents' Evenings – please contact the office if you have not received the letter

12th October - Belvoir Priory Academy Open Morning for Year 6 – booking needed

13th October – School closes for the half term holiday

23rd October – Training Day – school closed to pupils

24th October – Training Day – school closed to pupils

25th October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!