

**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 KINDNESS. To show kindness through our actions can have a big impact on others. This can be through a kind word, a listening ear, a friendly smile. Acts of kindness can show generosity, concern or compassion for others and can have a big impact. Kindness can show many of our other character strengths - such as love, thoughtfulness and friendship. Taking the time to consider how we can be kind, without expecting anything in return, is important and can also make us feel good - kindness is its own reward.

This has fitted in well with the School Council's Kindness Challenge for the NSPCC with many acts of kindness shown this week in school – well done!

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. You may wish to bring in a donation in a sealed envelope or raise funds via the sponsorship form we have sent home. 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 for all your support and the donations already received.  
Best wishes, Harby School Council.

**Team Points**

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
46	51	43	46



## Year 5 and 6 Science

Learning about how the beaks of birds have evolved and how they are suited to the type of food the bird eats! Super investigating – well done!





## #HelloYellow – World Mental Health Day

Next Tuesday, 10th October, is World Mental Health Day. We will be taking part in #HelloYellow day to raise awareness of young people's mental health and the support that is available to them via charities such as Young Minds. The children are invited to wear something yellow for #HelloYellow and World Mental Health Day 2023. It could be something small, like a yellow hair accessory, up to a full banana-yellow costume! All other items of clothing should be school uniform. Thank you for your continued support.

## Little Wandle Phonics

We are enjoying using Little Wandle to help us with our phonic teaching. Please find below the link to the Little Wandle parent page which includes some videos on how to pronounce the phonemes. This page covers each all graphemes and phonemes taught in Reception and year 1. There is also some downloadable content that you may find helpful. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## Census Day Menu

60 children enjoyed the census day menu this week – the curly fries were a big hit! One of the trays had a special star on the bottom and whoever found the star won a prize. Well done and we hope you enjoy using the craft kit! There will be more themed day menus coming up as the year progresses, which we are all looking forward to – the next one will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> November for Bonfire Night and we will share the menu after the half term.

Receiving the gift after finding the special star during census dinner!



## Science in Class 2 – exploring forces using magnets



Exploring forces with magnets. which is the strongest?

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

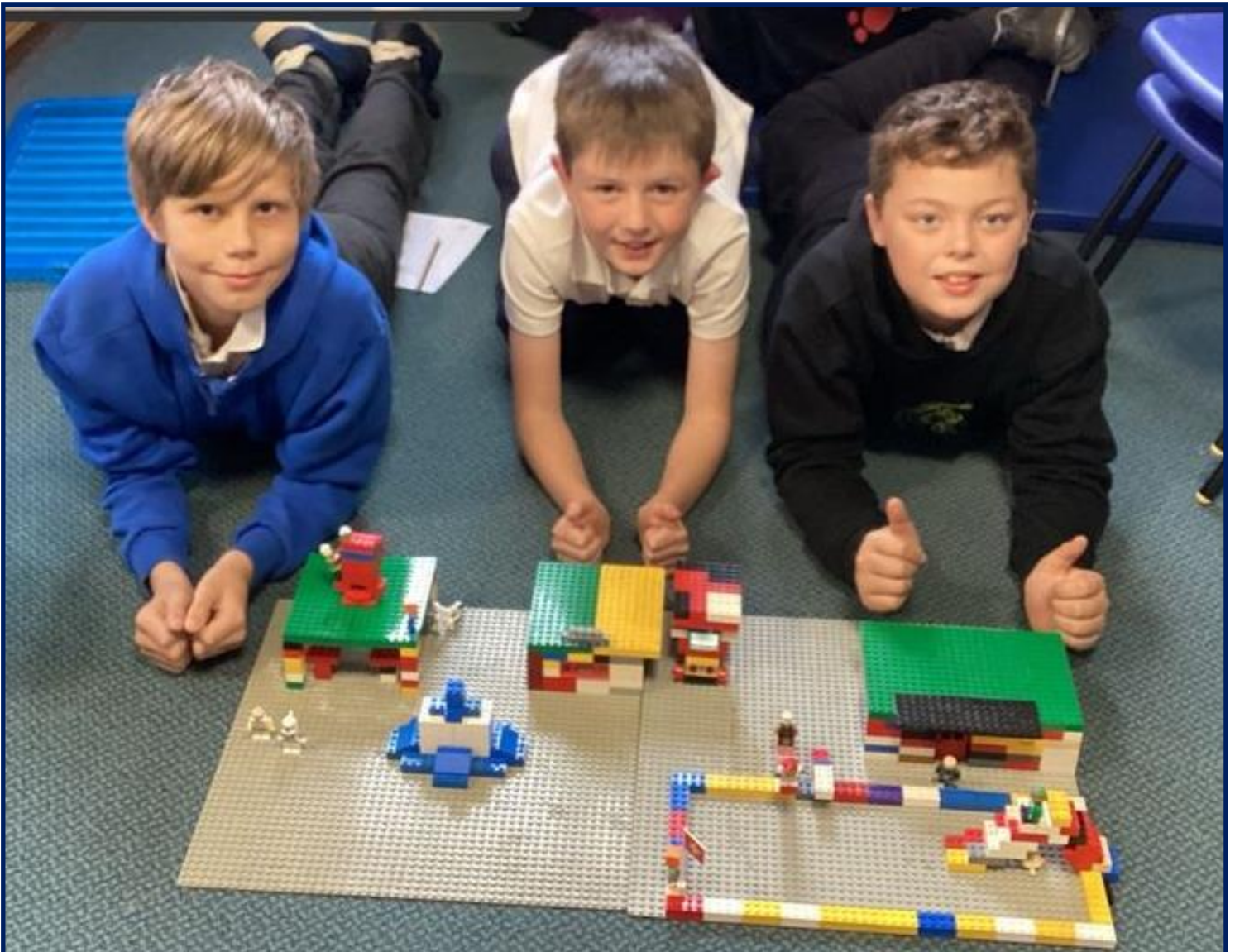


## Free School Meals / Food Vouchers

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.***

## Town Planning in Geography





### **Art in Class 3**

We have been working hard to complete Christmas card pictures in all classes in school! We know it is only just October but we are looking forward to these being made into cards, and other Christmas gifts with the image on, for parents to buy to send to people at Christmas time – so we need to start early!



### **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.

### **Enjoying tea at Planet Play!**



**What will you read this weekend? Enjoy sharing a book at home!**



**Next week in school:** *No after school clubs this week due to parents' evenings*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: #HelloYellow – World Mental Health Day  
Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Recorder Club at lunchtime

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: School closes for the half term holiday!

***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 9<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evenings – please contact the office if you have not received the letter

12<sup>th</sup> October - Belvoir Priory Academy Open Morning for Year 6 – booking needed

13<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for the half term holiday

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Training Day – school closed to pupils

24<sup>th</sup> October – Training Day – school closed to pupils

25<sup>th</sup> October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term

***We hope you all have a lovely weekend!***