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





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Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia

Assembly Focus

This week we have been thinking about COMPASSION. Compassion is about sharing concern for others. It is about putting yourself in someone else's shoes and trying to understand how they are feeling. It is about being with someone in times of difficult, sharing in someone's feelings, asking if they are ok and trying to help. Recognising and supporting other people's distress, pain and circumstances, showing an emotional and supportive response to how they are feeling and being with them in times of difficulty shows great compassion and is a caring character strength.

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
53	59	53	52

Parking

Please remember to consider where you are parking at collection and drop off times. Many children walk to school, with parents or alone if they are older, and learning to navigate and cross the road safely is an important skill.



Please consider where you park, use alternative

Parking areas and walk to school where you can and please don't park opposite the yellow zig zags. The yellow zig zags are directly opposite the gate and school exit and this is not a safe place to park. We would be grateful if you would please pass this information on to other relatives or friends that you have notified us are collecting your children so they are aware too. I am sure you will agree that the last thing anyone wants to happen is an accident. Thank you for your continued support – it really is very much appreciated.

#HelloYellow – World Mental Health Day

We were pleased to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing on Tuesday by wearing yellow and talking about this in class.



School Photographs

We have had a few queries about when we would receive the individual and family group photographs. The photographer has confirmed that they will be delivered to school after the half term holiday and we are all looking forward to seeing them – I am sure they will make lovely Christmas presents for family members!

Dinner Money and Planet Play Fees

As we reach the end of the first half term in school year please can you ensure that all outstanding balances for dinner money and Breakfast Club / Planet Play fees are settled. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help with this and we will be happy to help. Thank you to those parents who have already paid or been in contact with the office about payments. Thank you for your continued support.

Using the parachute in PE in Class 1

Class 1 made the most of the sunny and warm weather with an outdoor PE session using the parachute. Lots of listening to, and following, instructions and good teamwork to make the parachute fly!





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.

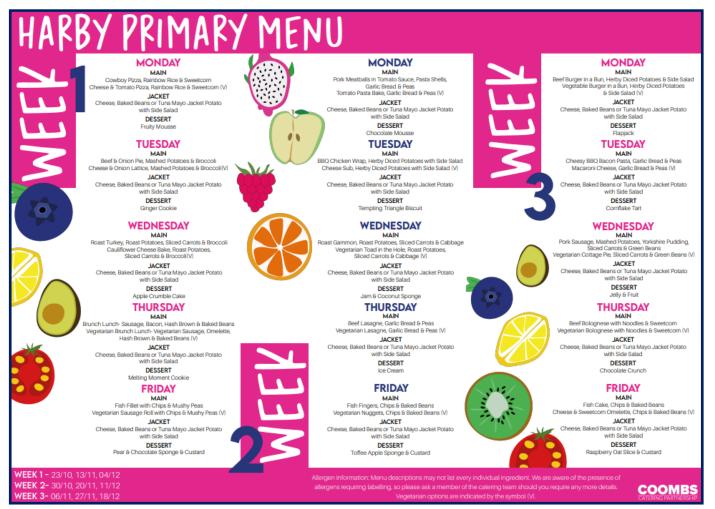
The deadline for all applications is 31st October 2023. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites and we have 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.

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.

New menu for after half term!

We are very excited about the new menu which will start after the half term holiday! School dinners are free for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 and for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 they are £2.45. Dinner can be ordered on the day during morning register.



Enjoying colour mixing in the rain in Reception and Year 1













Cross Country

On Saturday a number of children represented the school at the Melton and Vale Area Cross Country event at Longfield Academy in Melton Mowbray. Well done to Edith, Sam S, Reuben, Matilda, Megan, James. Freddie, Joseph M, Harry, George, Ellie and Gracie for representing the school so well! There were some super performances, lots of medals won and we were very proud of all the children. We are looking forward to continuing Cross Country after the half term holiday!



Conker Champion!

Well done to Gracie who was crowned the champion at the Long Clawson, Vale of Belvoir Conker Championship.

This event has been running for many years and we are delighted to hear of Gracie's success – well done!





Half Term Holiday Fun!

Why not take a trip to Melton Carnegie Museum for some autumnal art and craft activities!

The activities are available during the half term holiday and some are free of charge.

See the attached flyer for further details.



First week back in school:

Monday 23 rd October: Tuesday 24 th October:	Training day – school closed to pupils Training day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 25 th October:	School opens for the second half of the autumn term
-	Recorder club after school
Thursday 26 th October:	Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker
	Recorder Club at lunchtime
Friday 27 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.

New / updated dates in red

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 6th November – Maths Week in school 6th November – Maths drop in session after school for parents – further details to follow 10th November – Remembrance Service at the cross – 11am – everyone welcome! 13th November – Anti-Bullying week 13th November – Maths drop in session after school for parents – further details to follow 15th November – Flu Vaccination in school

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 25th October!



