

# 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.*



Telephone: 01949 860553 Email: [office.school@harby.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office.school@harby.leics.sch.uk) Website: [www.harbyprimary.org](http://www.harbyprimary.org)

*Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia*

## Assembly Focus

This week we have been thinking about POLITENESS. To be polite is to have or show behaviour that is respectful and considerate of other people. A little word, to show politeness, can go a long way to showing other linked character strengths of gratitude, gratefulness, thankfulness and good manners. Politeness can also be shown in our body language, our facial expressions and our engagement in activities as well as in our words. We have seen so many examples of politeness in school this week – well done!

## Team Points

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

### Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
63	66	64	56



## 2023 Poppy Appeal

We will be collecting donations for poppy merchandise in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children will be in the playground after school from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October with the donation box and items.

Merchandise includes snap bands / rulers, reflectors and wrist bands.

Our remembrance service will be held at 11am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the cross in the village.

## Maths drop-in sessions for parents and children during November with Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Coats and the Year 6 Maths Club!

The drop-in sessions will outline how we teach areas of maths - from Reception all the way through school up to Year 6. Examples of resources and tasks will be available to look at and to try! Children can come along if supervised by parents at all times and there will be juice and biscuits available during the sessions.

The sessions will take place on the following days from 3.20pm – 4.00pm:

- Thursday 9th November – Understanding place value
- Thursday 16th November – Strategies for addition and subtraction
- Thursday 23rd November – Strategies for multiplication and division
- Thursday 30th November – Fun with fractions



If you would like to come along it would be helpful if you could email the office and let us know but we will welcome you on the day too. We are sure you will find it useful and we hope to see you there!

## Hallowe'en Themed Fun and Learning Activities in Class 1



## Art in Class 3 – Tim Burton Inspired Nightmare before Hallowe'en!



### 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.***



### School Photographs

This week we sent home the proofs of the school photographs taken in September. They include individual and sibling group photographs. If your child was absent when the photographer came we will arrange for an individual photograph to be taken in the summer term when he returns to take class photos. If you have not received your photo or would like any support please contact the school office and we will be very happy to help.

## Applying for Secondary School Places – **last opportunity**

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. If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

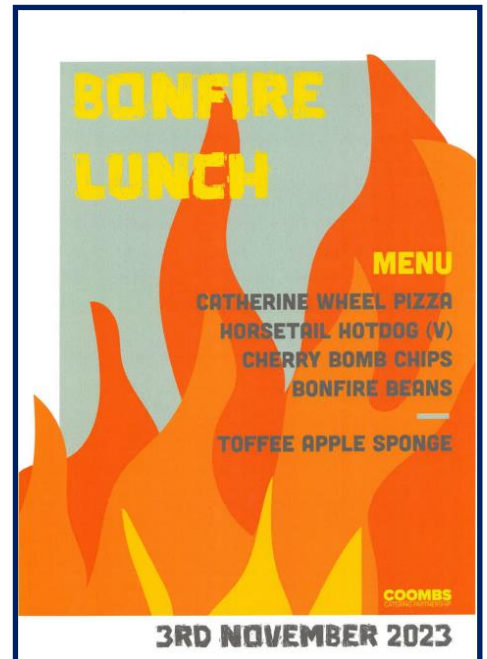
### **Special Themed Menu – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

There will be a special themed menu on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to celebrate bonfire night!

Catherine Wheel Pizza or Horsetail Hotdog  
Cherry Bomb Chips  
Bonfire Beans

Toffee Apple Sponge

Please order on the day during the register!



## **Year 5 and 6 Residential 2024**

We would like to invite parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to attend a residential information meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm. This year we are proposing to go to Aylmerton in Norfolk from the 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We will be staying at a residential centre that offers a wide variety of curriculum enriching opportunities and activities.

Mrs. Ford will be running the information meeting as a 'virtual' or an 'in school' meeting to enable as many parents as possible to attend. We would be grateful if you would contact the school office to let us know if you will be attending and which email address to use if you would like to attend virtually. Children are also welcome to attend the meeting, under your supervision, and there will be opportunities to ask questions.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Ford will share a letter with details of the visit and a return slip so that you can let us know whether or not you would like your child to attend. If we have a large enough commitment we will start further plans for the residential, including setting up payment plans and sharing kit lists and activities. Exciting times!

## Christmas Cards

Your children have been busy creating a special Christmas card design! They will have come home with a sticker and a leaflet to show you what you need to do if you'd like to purchase their Christmas cards or any of the other Christmas merchandise from the <https://mychildsart.co.uk/home/> website.



**Don't forget about your early bird discount code starting from today!**

The discount code is listed on the leaflets. The code will take 10% off an order for two weeks only; however, it isn't applied automatically, so families will need to make sure they enter the code at the point of checkout.

If your child has not brought their leaflet home please contact the school office or your child's class teacher via Seesaw and we will be happy to help. We hope you like them!

## 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.

## Local events that may be of interest!

Inviting all Harby School children and their parents to...

# HARBY VILLAGE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER** **9:30 - 12:00**

FULL ENGLISH £6  
BREAKFAST COBS £3  
KID'S BREAKFAST £3

JOIN US FOR A 1, 2, 3 OR 6 MILE WALK STARTING AT 9AM TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EXTRA HOUR! MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL IF YOU PREFER TO WALK AT ANOTHER TIME.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 9:30 UNTIL 12:00

PRE-BOOKING ADVISED - CONTACT LINDA ON 07968137753 OR EMAIL [EVENTS@HARBYVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK](mailto:EVENTS@HARBYVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK)



# HOSE VILLAGE HALL BONEFIRE PARTY

GATES OPEN 6PM  
FIREWORKS 7PM

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th**

**BBQ - BAR - FUN**

Family entry £10  
Adult £5 - Child £2

No unaccompanied children



Join us for the 'hottest' event in the Vale!

Sat 11th Nov from 6pm

magician  
glow-poi performances  
stalls & games  
refreshments

# Firewalk @ Llangar Airfield

watch the Firewalkers @ 8pm

[www.dovecottage.org/firewalk](http://www.dovecottage.org/firewalk)



## Next week in school:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Recorder Club at lunchtime

Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

Recorder club after school

Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars after school

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:

Assembly with Sam Ruddock from Inspire+

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:

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**

***6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 and 6 Residential Parents Information Meeting at 5pm***

6<sup>th</sup> November – Maths Week in school

***9<sup>th</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: place value***

10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service at the cross – 11am – everyone welcome!

13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying week

15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccination in school

***16<sup>th</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: addition and subtraction***

***17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need***

***20<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week***

***23<sup>rd</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: multiplication and division***

***30<sup>th</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: fun with fractions***

***1<sup>st</sup> December – Christingle making morning and Christingle Service in church 1.30pm***

***19<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at the church – 1.30pm and 6pm***

***21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas parties and end of term – school closes for the holiday***

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

