

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 RESPONSIBILITY. To behave in a responsible way is something that we can all do at different levels. We can take responsibility for our own actions by thinking about what we do and trying to do the right thing. We have responsibilities as children at school - to listen, to try our best to be kind and respectful to others at school, following instructions with thought and care. Being responsible is to do the things that we are supposed to do, behave in the right way and accept the results of our actions - which may be trying to make things better if things have not gone well or high praise if things have gone well.

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
70	73	71	66

Cross Country Club

We are delighted that Cross Country Club will be ‘up and running’ again from next week! This will be on Tuesday after school until 4.20pm and will be with Mrs. Coats and Mr. Dobson. Please remember to bring warm clothes / joggers for this as we will try and run in all weathers where possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Collection from After School Clubs

As the nights are now drawing in and the evenings are getting darker we will no longer allow pupils to walk home themselves from after school clubs and will need them to be collected by an adult to support their safety. Thank you for your continued support.

Super Bread Making in Class 2

This was completed as part of Design Technology - planning, making and evaluating!



Belvoir Challenge 2024 - Save the Date!

Entries for the 2024 Belvoir Challenge are now open, and we attach a poster for you to share with family and friends.

The Belvoir Challenge raises over £20,000 every year for the school and so is a vital fundraiser.

Without this event the school would be unable to fund many of the activities and resources our children enjoy.

For the event to succeed we need lots of volunteers on the day, so please save the date and look out for further updates over the coming months. If you were considering walking or running the route we would strongly encourage you to volunteer instead. The more people we have the better, and the day itself is a great experience.

Thank you for your continued support!



The poster for the Belvoir Challenge 2024 features a central image of a male triathlete in a blue long-sleeved shirt and green triathlon bib, holding a water bottle. A large red stamp in the top left corner reads 'SPECIAL OFFER'. In the top right, text states 'Early Bird Offer £35 for 26 miles & £30 for 15 miles*'. Below the main image, three smaller photos show groups of participants: a group running on a path, a group of volunteers in high-visibility vests, and a group of runners. The text 'Belvoir Challenge' is prominently displayed, followed by '15 or 26 mile routes' and 'Run it, walk it, certain to enjoy it!'. The date '2nd March 2024' and location 'Harby Village Hall, LE14 4BZ' are listed. A registration link 'Register at belvoirchallenge.com' is provided, along with a QR code and a circular logo featuring a silhouette of a person running. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: '*Offer available from 1st - 8th November 2023 only. Prices increase to £40 for 26 miles and £35 for 15 miles thereafter.'

New Reception Starters 2024 – Open Afternoon on 22nd November 2023

Parents of pupils due to start school in September 2024 will need to complete an application to the local authority in which they live. If you live in Leicestershire information can be gained and applications can be made online at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

The deadline for completed applications is 15th January 2024. Please do ask if you have any questions or would like any support with this and we will be happy to help. In order to support parents and children we will be having an Open Afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.00pm on Wednesday 22nd November. This will provide an opportunity for you to visit school with your child, spend time in the Reception classroom area and talk to staff. If you already have a child at school please do still come along – it will be a lovely opportunity for your younger children to meet staff and see the classrooms and school in action. We are sure you will enjoy the experience. Please do contact the school office to let us know you will be attending and spread the word if you know of any families that may be interested. Thank you for your continued support.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service 10th November 2023



2023 Poppy Appeal

We have been collecting donations for poppy merchandise in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Children will continue to be in the playground after school next week 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 10th November at the cross in the village.

We hope you will be able to join us.



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!

Children in Need 2023



We are excited to be having a 'Bake Off' to raise funds for Children in Need this year.

We are looking forward to seeing your contributions! The theme for the cakes in Children in Need – so their may be spots, Pudsey Bears – or you may have your own idea!

We are suggesting a donation of £1 to enter the bake off. Please bring all cakes and entries to school on the morning of 17th November for the experts to judge.

There are three categories – so parents and family members can enter too!

We are looking forward to seeing your creations to support this important charity!



The Great Harby Bake Off

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A STAR BAKER?

Bring your show stopping cakes, biscuits and treats into school on Friday 17th November for our expert bakers to judge.

Judging Categories

KS1: Reception, Year 1 and 2
KS2: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
ADULT: Staff, Parents and Grandparents

Theme

Children in Need

A local event that may be of interest – fundraising for Dove Cottage



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

Sat 11th Nov
from 6pm

magician
glow-poi performances
stalls & games
refreshments

watch the Firewalkers @ 8pm

Firewalk
@ Langar Airfield

www.dovecottage.org/firewalk



Next week in school: Maths week in school!

Monday 6 th November:	Year 5/6 Residential Parents Information Meeting at 5pm
Tuesday 7 th November:	Recorder Club at lunchtime Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker Cross Country after school for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Wednesday 8 th November:	Recorder club after school Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars after school
Thursday 9 th November:	Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: place value
Friday 10 th November:	Remembrance Service at the cross – everyone welcome 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

13th November – Anti-Bullying week

15th November – Flu Vaccination in school

16th November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: addition and subtraction

17th November – Children in Need

20th November – Road Safety Week

22nd November – Prospective Reception New Starters 2024 Open Afternoon

23rd November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: multiplication and division

30th November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: fun with fractions

1st December – Christingle making morning and Christingle Service in church 1.30pm

19th December – Nativity at the church – 1.30pm and 6pm

21st December – Christmas parties and end of term – school closes for the holiday

We hope you all have a great weekend!



This event in Hose may be of interest to families this weekend.

If you do enjoy fireworks this weekend we hope you do so safely.

Please remember to think of pets, stay with your adults and follow any rules to do with being safe with fireworks.

