

**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 being GENEROUS. To be generous is to give to others. We can be generous in many different ways - we can be generous with our time, with our things, our words, with money and donations, by sharing and including others. Generosity of spirit in engaging and supporting others can have a positive impact and be helpful. Taking the time to offer support to others - even when times are busy - is an act of generosity. There are many ways in which we can give to others. Can you think of a time when you have been generous? Can you think of a time when someone has shown generosity towards you? How did that make you feel and what impact did it have? Lots of examples discussed and super generosity shown in school this week.

Well done to **FIRE** and **WATER** who was the winning teams this week!

<b>Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023</b>			
<b>Earth</b>	<b>Air</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Water</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>87</b>

**Christingle Preparations**

We will be holding a Christingle Service in church on 1st December at 1.30pm and hope you will be able to join us. In preparation for this, we will be working together in school in our team groups of Earth, Air, Fire and Water to make our Christingles during the morning of 1st December. We would like to welcome parents and grandparents to come and make a Christingle with us during the morning if they are able. We have written to parents inviting them to attend. Thank you to those who have let the school office know that they will be joining us to make a Christingle so that we can make sure we have enough resources for this. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

## Friends of the School Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Friends of the School Meeting this week. We talked about the Belvoir Challenge and updates now that the tickets are on sale!

We also talked about ways that the Friends of the School will be supporting your child with Christmas activities – such as refreshments after the Nativity and hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream for the last day of term when we will have ‘Christmas Eve Day’ in school.

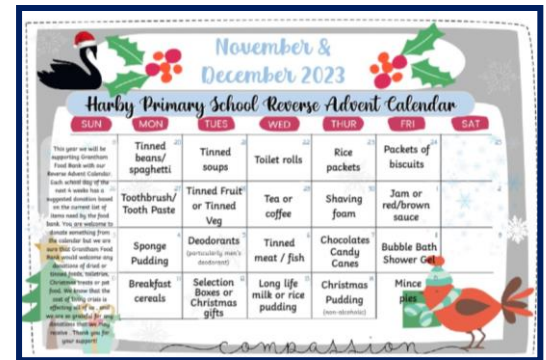
The next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at school – we hope to see you there!



## Reverse Advent Calendar

We have started our ‘Reverse Advent Calendar’ this week and have been collecting donations for the Grantham Foodbank. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and are making a collection ready to share with the Grantham Foodbank at the end of our Reverse Advent Calendar.

Please keep your donations coming in!



## Illness

Where children have been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Further useful information about childhood illnesses, whether your child is well enough to be at school and other useful health advice can be found by following this link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/childhood-illnesses/)

## Reporting absence

Parents are requested to notify the school office, no later than 8.40am, that their child will be absent. This can be done via email to the school office, telephone call / message on the answerphone, message left on ParentMail, or in person to the school office if dropping off a sibling. **Thank you to parents who have done this so well if needed – it is very helpful.** Where pupils are absent and we have received no message, we will ring **all** contact numbers given for the child and email parents. If we have not received any response, despite messaging in all ways available, we may then complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.

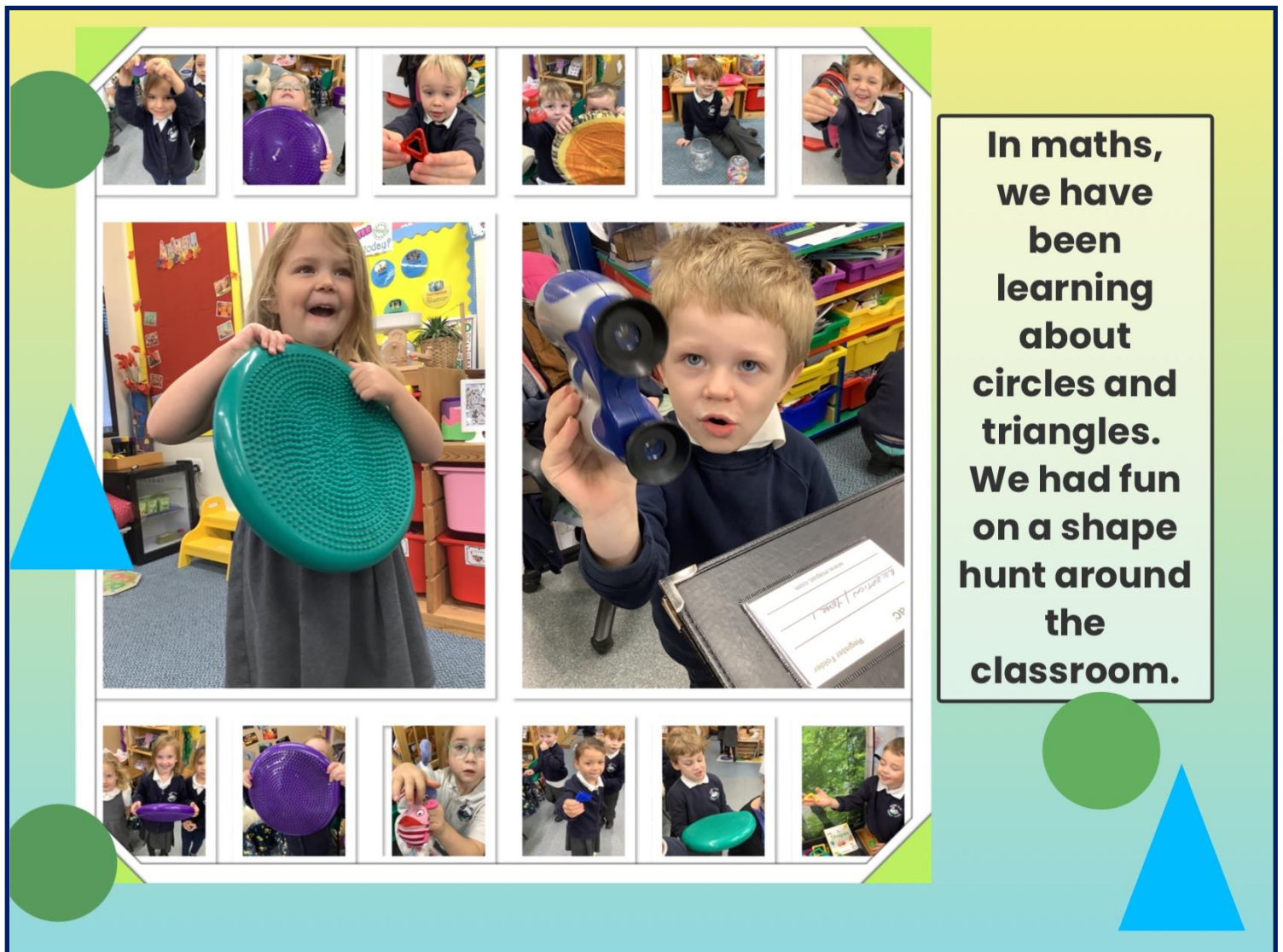
Further information about attendance and our full policy can be found on the school website: [Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance \(harbyprimary.org\)](https://www.harbyprimary.org/attendance)

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

## **New Reception Starters 2024 – Open Afternoon on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our open afternoon. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to stay and play! If you have any further questions or would like to look again please do not hesitate to be in touch and we will be happy to help. 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.

## **Maths in Reception – learning about shape**



**In maths, we have been learning about circles and triangles. We had fun on a shape hunt around the classroom.**

## **Maths drop-in session – multiplication and division**

Thank you to parents who attended the third maths drop-in session about multiplication and division. Next week we will be having 'fun with fractions' across all year groups. If you would like to find out more and have a go at some of our maths tasks and reasoning problems, or work through some with your child, then come along!



## Children in Need 2023

We were excited to have a 'Bake Off' to raise funds for Children in Need last week and were delighted that we raised over £170. Fantastic!

As part of the Bake Off the cakes were judged and there were winners in each category.



Here are some reports from the children and some photographs too!

**“In Harby School on Friday the great Harby bake off took place. Many cakes, cupcakes and cookies were brought in. Multiple entries were amazing but only some could win. In the teacher round someone made a fantastic Harby swan toffee flavoured cake. This teacher was Mrs. Pearson!” By Fletcher**



**“Last week, Harby School did a bake off to raise money for Children in Need. There was Key Stage 1 category (reception, year one and year two) and the winner of that was Max. There were all sorts of sweets treats from cookies to brownies to cakes. The winners bake was yummy strawberry cupcakes. All the bakes went to our judging panel which was Tremendous Trimmer, Courageous Carter, and Ruthless Roythorne. Well done to all of the entries, the cakes and bakes were all amazing. The grand total we raised was £171.63” By Emma and India**

**“On Friday 16th November we were raising money for children in need. Students participated by bringing in homemade sweet treats or wearing spotty accessories. The entry per baker was £1 which raised us a whopping £171.63. The winning KS2 baker was Megan with a spectacular Pudsey cake (although all the entries were amazing). At the end of the day parents and students were able to taste from a range of brownies, cakes and cookies. Overall, everyone had a great day raising money for a great cause.” By Evie**

## Children in Need continued...



**Thank you all for your continued support – we raised a super amount to help Children in Need.**

## Christmas Nativity

This year we will be holding our Nativity in the church. We will be writing to you with further details but do hold the date – Tuesday 19th December with both an afternoon and evening performance! We are looking forward to a special Christmas time together.

## Talented Children

Well done to Bella who has achieved several dancing awards and also to Ellie for her dancing achievements and certificate. Super job!



Congratulations to Emma and Evie who took part in the Big Youth Music Experience, performing along with 140 other young musicians at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. Their group performed 4 pieces on their own before joining in with the rest of the musicians for the finale. Well done!





## Next week in school:

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November:	Year 4, 5, 6 Dance Club after school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 29 <sup>th</sup> November:	Recorder club after school Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars after school
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November:	Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: <i>'Fun with Fractions' focus</i>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December:	Christingle making morning in school Library Club at lunchtime Christingle Service in church at 1.30pm

***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**

- 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 Eve Day in school and end of term – school closes for the holiday

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

### ***Here are some local events!***

***Festive Fun at Dove Cottage and a different Christingle service to ours which may be of interest, especially if you have older siblings or family members that can't attend during the week.***

