

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 CREATIVE. To be creative is to use our imagination to realise different ideas and possibilities. To see potential in things, try new combinations and create something new uses creativity. Thinking creatively can push us out of our comfort zone as we may try new or unusual things and consider if these would have the desired effect - such as creativity in cooking, baking and recipe design. Thinking about the different elements that we can put together when designing, making and playing shows creativity - maybe we can make or develop something new and exciting. Expressing ourself creatively through art, dance and drama helps us to explore thoughts and feelings. A creative approach can be about problem solving too. Thinking differently or creatively to find solutions, and working collaboratively to enact these, can enable us to pool our best ideas and share our inspirations - very appropriate during the festive season as we prepare for Christmas in school!

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
102	121	108	99

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your generous donations to the Grantham Food Bank. We know that these will all help to support families at Christmas time.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Christmas Eve Day in school on 21st December!

Come in your pyjamas (if you would like to!) ready for a festive last day of term. We will be enjoying a festive film, special treats and hopefully a special visit from a special visitor!

Swimming

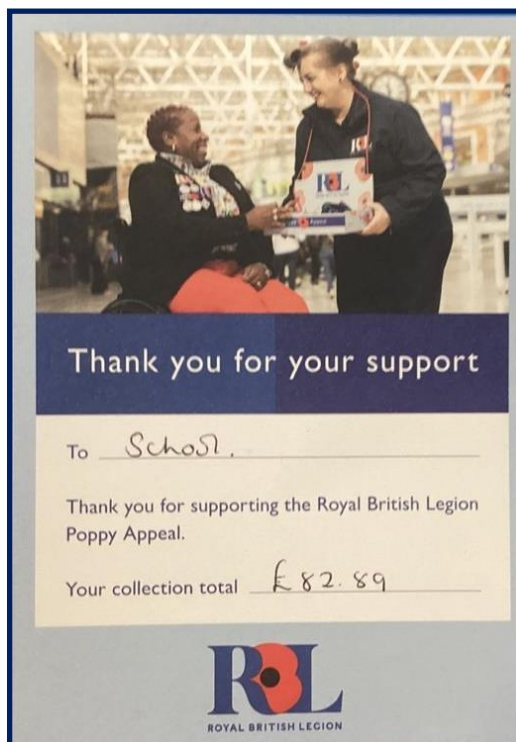
Swimming will begin on Monday 8th January for pupils in Year 5 and 6 with an initial block of assessment and development activities. A letter has been shared with parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6 this week with full details. The cost for swimming is expensive to small schools as we have to cover the cost of the coach as well as the cost of the pool and tuition. We are very grateful that this has been **heavily funded by the Friends of the School who have covered just over 50% of the cost**, reducing the price to £4 per session, per pupil. Voluntary contribution payments for this can be made on ParentMail – please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions in relation to payment and we will be happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you!

We have received a certificate this week thank us for all of our contributions during the Poppy Appeal.

We are proud to share that we raised a Total of £82.89 for the Royal British Legion.

Thank you for your support.



Nativity – Tuesday 19th December 2023

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas Nativity with you next week. A reminder for the evening performance - please can all children return to the church for 5.50pm ready to begin the performance at 6pm. This will enable staff to ensure costumes are ready and children are in the right place in the church for performances.

Following the evening performance, we will dismiss your children to you in the church and you may wish to stay and enjoy a mince pie, biscuits, mulled wine and juice served by the Friends of the School – ***you will all be very welcome.***

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 on even on 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.**

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.

Payments for Aylmerton – Year 5 and 6 Residential

We are looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Aylmerton in the new year! A reminder that we are collecting your payments for this visit via ParentMail. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any assistance with using ParentMail and we will be happy to help. **Thank you to those parents who have already made payments or have been in contact with school about payments.** Unless otherwise discussed and agreed with school, payment in full is needed by the end of January 2024. We are always happy to discuss individual circumstances in confidence so that we can help. Thank you for your continued support.

Spiritual Discovery Club in the New Year

Rev Paul would like to offer a 'Spiritual Discovery Club' for Year 5 and 6 children in the new year. This will be an opportunity to engage in discussion about Christian belief and, if desired, there will be an opportunity for baptism / confirmation to be arranged at the end. This will be for 3 weeks in January after school – Monday 15th, Monday 22nd and Monday 29th January from 3.20 – 4pm. The children who took part in this last year thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss and debate with Rev Paul and a cup of tea! If your child would like to take part please contact the school office to let us know. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Crib Service at St. Mary's Church in Harby

Rev Paul will be leading a Crib Service in church on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Families are very welcome to attend and if any younger children would like to come along dressed as a character from the Nativity then they will be very welcome!

Talented Children

Well done to Lyla who won 'Player of the Match' last weekend

Super job!



Inspire+ Talented Athlete Programme

Well done to Freddie and Joe who have enjoyed taking part in the Inspire+ Talented Athlete programme over the last few weeks.

They had a great time testing their fitness levels and learning lots of useful skills to help them perform to the best of their abilities in the future.

Well done boys!



Next week in school:

Monday 18 th December:	<i>Dance Club has now finished until the new year!</i>
Tuesday 19 th December:	Nativity at the church – 1.30pm and 6pm
Wednesday 20 th December:	Christmas Dinner in school
Thursday 21 st December:	Christmas Eve Day in school and end of term
Friday 22 nd December:	Christmas Holidays!

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

- 21st December – Christmas Eve Day in school and end of term – school closes for the holiday
- 8th January – School Opens after the Christmas Holidays
- 9th January – Friends of the School Meeting – 7pm at school – all welcome!
- 25th January – Class 2 and 3 visit to a Mosque and the St. Philips Faith Centre
- 16th February – School Closes for the Half Term Holiday

We hope you all have a great weekend!

