

**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 the character strength of CONFIDENCE. To have confidence is to have belief in our abilities, ideas and skills. To know that we can achieve and we can do things well. What can be difficult sometimes is to have the confidence to try, especially with new things or if we are feeling less sure of ourselves. We may be confident in some areas and less so in others. How can we encourage and support others who are feeling less confident? Who can we ask for help if we are feeling less confident? What could cause someone's confidence to wobble? How could we support that and help others to build confidence?

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
24	33	21	15

**Friends of the School**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Friends of the School meeting this week. Final preparations are taking place for the Belvoir Challenge and we are looking forward to a fun day where we all work together as a school and village community. The next Friends of the School Meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at school at 7pm – everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

**Dance Club Cake Sale**

To raise some money to go towards the resources needed for props and costumes children in Mrs. Hodder's Dance Club will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. This will be at the end of the day in the playground!

## Super colour mixing and exploration inspired by Mexican artist: Marela Zacarias.



### Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Government to local authorities to support families with children and individuals most in need. For more details about what Leicestershire County Council can offer please click [here](#) or speak to Mrs. Bye in confidence if you would like support with an application. Thank you.



## Class 2 and 3 'Places of Peace' visit

Class 2 and 3 enjoyed a visit this week to Oadby Central Mosque and the St. Philips Centre as part of their learning in RE. The children were incredibly well behaved and respectful. They asked excellent questions to support their understanding, making links to their learning in class.



*Thank you to the Friends of the School for funding this educational opportunity with monies raised from the Belvoir Challenge.*

## Recorder Clubs

Mrs. Bye is sorry that she has been unable to do recorder clubs so far this term. We have a cake sale this Wednesday and then the residential so things are busy! We will plan to start recorder clubs again the second week back after the half term holiday. I have some new music ready and new recorders for any additional pupils to our beginner group. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask and we will be happy to help.

## Payments for Aylmerton – Year 5 and 6 Residential

We are looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Aylmerton which is fast approaching. 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.

## Next week in school:

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January:	Swimming for Year 5 and 6 Dance Club after school at the Village Hall
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January:	Violins / Cello with Mrs. Cocker at lunchtime
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January:	Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars Club after school Dance Club cake sale after school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February:	Cross Country Club after school
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February:	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

5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 and 6 on Residential to Aylmerton this week  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health week  
16<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for the Half Term Holiday  
26<sup>th</sup> February – School Opens after the Half Term Holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1 RE visit to Leicester Synagogue  
2<sup>nd</sup> March- Belvoir Challenge!  
4<sup>th</sup> March – Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme  
7<sup>th</sup> March – Sky Dance Event at Melton Theatre  
8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day celebrations in school  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings this week  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

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