

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 COURAGE. We can show courage if we are able to face our fears, face things which we are worried about, frightened about or do not look forward to doing because we may find them difficult. Showing courage is to be brave - even in the face of uncertainty or when faced with hard choices. Having the courage of our convictions is to do what is right and in line with our beliefs - even if challenging and difficult. Courageous advocacy is standing up for a cause that is important and challenging any negativity towards this. Finding courage and being courageous can be difficult - but it can be powerful and empowering - both for us and for others and the causes for which we believe in.

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
38	50	32	23

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 this week 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 \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance (harbyprimary.org))

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

Bird Spotting in Class 1



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: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

Friends of the School Meeting

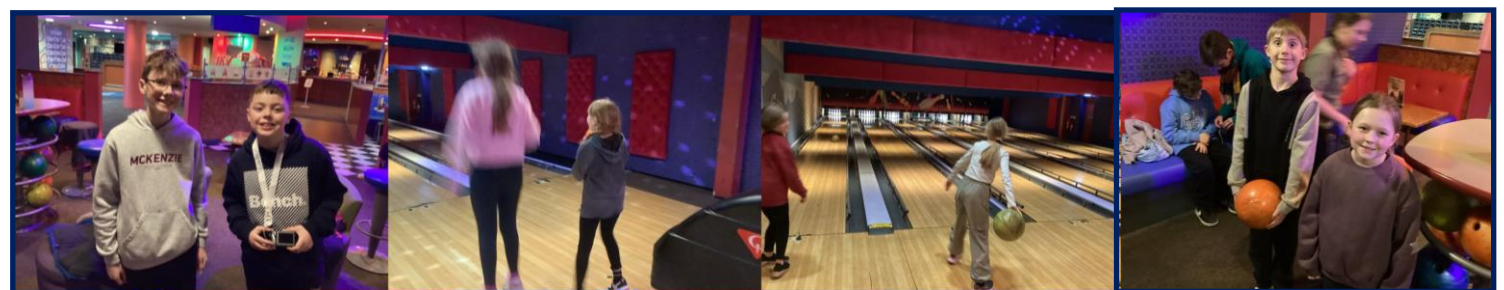
There is a Friends of the School meeting on Tuesday 13th February. This will be at 7pm at school and will support the final preparations for the Belvoir Challenge. We are looking forward to a fun day where we all work together as a school and village community! Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Swimming

Swimming will continue next week and after the half term for pupils in Year 5 and 6. 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.

Year 5 and 6 Residential

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed a residential visit this week to Aylmerton in Norfolk. Lots of new experiences and time spent learning together outside of the classroom. We hope you enjoy sharing some of the photographs!



More residential photos!



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We hope you all had a great time and enjoyed the different experiences!




World Book Day!

Look out for the flyer about how we will be Celebrating World Book Day 2024.

There will be a book swap, book tokens and story time!

There will also be an exciting 'Guess the Book' where children will have the opportunity to turn a wooden spoon, which we will provide, into a character or prop from one of their favourite books.

We are looking forward to celebrating a love of reading!

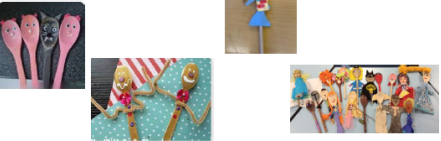


Harby School are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March 2024. We are celebrating World Book Day this year because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

This year we are celebrating in a number of different ways.

- **Book Swap!** We will be hosting a very special book swap. Drop off any unwanted books in the box outside the main cloakroom between 4th–7th March. Then afterschool on Friday 8th March there will be a stall on the playground for children (and adults) to choose a new book to take home and enjoy.
- **Book tokens!** Each child will bring home a book token that they can take to their nearest bookseller and swap for a World Book Day book for £1.
- **Guess the book?** Every child will bring home a wooden spoon on Friday 16th February. The task—create a character or prop using your wooden spoon and bring it to school on World Book Day. Lots of fun will be had whilst we try to guess which book your character or prop is from! We will share photographs of your creations on SeeSaw and they will help to create a wonderful whole school display too! (Below are some ideas of what you might create.)
- **Story time**—at 2.30pm we will all enjoy the wonder of hearing books being read aloud. If you would like to join us at this time to share a book and read aloud to a group of children please email the office to let us know. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Mrs Marsden.

Come in school uniform, with your World Book Day prop or character, on Friday 8th March for a day of book loving fun!



Printing in Class 1



Camping role play – staying warm and dry!



Talented Children

Well done to India for her performances in the Harby pantomime this year!

As the youngest member of the cast, and her first time in anything like this, she displayed professionalism and maturity throughout it all - from the first rehearsals to the last performance.

Rehearsals, set painting, dance sessions, singing practice, voice projection training, costume fittings, line learning- so much to do and she took it all in her stride - even though she was often completely exhausted!

We are all really proud of you – super job!



Dinner Money and Planet Play Fees

As we reach the end of the half term 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.

Next week in school:

Monday 12 th February:	Swimming for Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 13 th February:	Friends of the School Meeting at 7pm – all welcome
Wednesday 14 th February:	TT Rockstars / Lexia Club after school
Thursday 15 th February:	Cross country Club after school
Friday 16 th February:	School Closes for the Half Term Holiday

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

26th February – School Opens after the Half Term Holiday

28th February – Class 1 RE visit to Leicester Synagogue

2nd March- Belvoir Challenge!

4th March – Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

7th March – Sky Dance Event at Melton Theatre

8th March – World Book Day celebrations in school

11th March – Parents' Evenings this week

11th March – Science Week

22nd March – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!