

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 Christian value of KOINONIA. Koinonia means togetherness and fellowship. Being together to share in common acts of friendship, support, communion and shared experiences. Being with each other and supporting each other is important in all aspects of life. We will all be engaging in this together with our Belvoir Challenge preparations in readiness for the event on Saturday 2nd March and we are grateful that our school community, family and friends will be able to join us in this.

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
52	69	45	36

World Book Day!

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school on Friday 8th March!

There will be a book swap, book tokens and story time! ***Thank you to parents who have let us know that they would like to come and read a story to a group of children!*** It is not too late if you would like to do this – just let us know!

There will also be an exciting 'Guess the Book' where children will have the opportunity to turn a wooden spoon, which we have provided, 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 after school 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 Manden.

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

Synagogue Visit

Class 1 enjoyed a visit to the Leicester Hebrew Congregation Synagogue as part of their Religious Education. We were very proud of the children on their first trip as a class together! Thank you to staff and parents who supported by coming on this visit. Thank you to the Friends of Harby School for funding this visit for the children with the monies raised from the Belvoir Challenge – it makes such a difference to be able to experience things first-hand and we are very grateful!





**Learning
how to send
emails on
PurpleMash.**



Science Week

We are all looking forward to Science Week! As well as activities and learning in school that week there will be a family challenge!

This year it is 'Beat the Flood.' The challenge is to design a house / building / shelter that can withstand flooding. How long will it keep the water out?

Choose your materials with care. Think about what you will use for your walls and roofing. How will you stop water from getting in as it comes down in rainfall and as it rises up in the flood?

We hope you have lots of fun designing and making your model. Please bring then to school on Wednesday 13th March for our 'Great Science Share' and we look forward to seeing and testing your creations!



Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, Harby School highly values creative approaches to education. It's that time of year again where we give an extra focus on STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in school and support children in understanding the value of these subjects in every day life. This year's theme for British Science Week is 'TIME'. This will filter through different elements of teacher's planning through this week, particularly in these subjects.

Our family STEM challenge this year is another fun one for either individual children, siblings or whole families to get involved with. We encourage everyone to participate in any way they can. All entries are valued and shared in our own school - Great STEM share session which in the last couple of years has been absolutely fantastic! Children / families bring in the item they have created and it is tested out and demonstrated with others in school. We always love to see the pride in everyone's faces and enjoyment at seeing the different designs people have chosen.

This year's family STEM challenge:

BEAT THE FLOOD: As we have seen recently in our own locality, flooding can cause a lot of disruption and causes extreme problems across the planet.

Your challenge - Can you design a house / building / shelter that can withstand flooding? How long will it keep the water out? Choose your materials with care. Think about what will you use for your walls and roofing? How will you stop water from getting in as it comes down in rainfall and as it rises up in the flood? Have fun! Please bring in Wednesday 13th March. We can't wait to see your ideas. ☺

We are committed to exploring engaging ways for children to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals in order to aspire to a brighter and fairer future for everyone and the planet. J. Hodder Science Lead



What will we need?

For the model: modelling equipment e.g. lego, duplo, cling film, foil, plasticine, lolly sticks, straws, plastic bottles, string, glue, cardboard, straws and K'nex.

For testing: Best to test outside with a hosepipe or watering can, but the bath will work too!

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day!



Comic Relief 2024

This year we will be celebrating and fundraising for Comic Relief by having a 'Crazy Hair Day' in school on Friday 15th March.

We are looking forward to seeing your creative hairstyles and raising money for Comic Relief too.

Donations can be made online using the QR code of you can bring money in on the day and we will add it together to make a grand total!

Next week in school:

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| Monday 4 th March: | Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
Swimming for Year 5 and 6 |
| Tuesday 5 th March: | Additional Sky Dance Club after school (Village Hall) |
| Wednesday 6 th March: | TT Rockstars / Lexia Club after school
Recorder Club after school and at lunchtime for beginners |
| Thursday 7 th March: | Sky Dance Event at Melton Theatre
Cross country Club after school |
| Friday 8 th March: | World Book Day celebrations in school |

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

11th March – Parents' Evenings this week – **a letter has gone out this week**

11th March – Science Week

15th March – Comic Relief – Crazy Hair Day in school!

22nd March - Easter Service at church – 1.30pm – everyone welcome

22nd March – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

***We hope you all have a lovely weekend
and enjoy the Belvoir Challenge!***