

# 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. There has been lots of creativity this week with the Sky Dance event!

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
63	75	53	40



## Belvoir Challenge 2024

Thank you to everyone for their support of the Belvoir Challenge 2024. It was a super day with lots of mud, cakes and smiles!

We hope you enjoyed it too!



## Belvoir Challenge – Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone for their support with the Belvoir Challenge last weekend. Over 700 entrants took part in the 15 or 26 mile event and the mud was relentless! **Thank you** to the cardboarders, marshals, parking team, sandwich makers, cake bakers, hares and tortoises, route markers and checkers, entry team, food servers, tea and coffee makers, Sunday clean up team – the list of different jobs is huge and **each and every job is important** in making sure that the event is a success and the entrants are safe and well. A big **thank you** to Kate Reeves for her leadership and organisation as Chair of the Friends of the School and **thank you** to all parents, staff, governors, pupils and members of the village community who have given their time and skills so generously to help make this a success. **We are very grateful!** The feedback from entrants has been fantastic. There will be a Belvoir Challenge De-Briefing Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at school at 7pm and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!





## More Belvoir Challenge Photos!





## Sky Dance

Wow! What a super time the children had as part of the Sky Dance event this week. Thursday was spent at the theatre with rehearsals and then the performance in the evening. Everyone was amazing and we received two awards for 'Best use of Concept / Theme' and 'Best use of Props / Set' and were so proud to finish in the top 3! This means that we will now take part in the final on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March with other schools who have also qualified. Thank you to Mrs. Hodder and Miss Hodder for their hard work and support of this event. We are all looking forward to having another opportunity to perform!





We have really enjoyed sharing and celebrating a love of reading in school today! There has been a book swap, listening to stories and guess the book with our wonderful story spoons! How many can you guess? We hope you enjoy spending your book token and enjoying reading something new!





## Cross Country

At the weekend James, Ellie, Gracie, George and Matilda all went along to the Prestwold Hall, National and Regional finals for Cross Country - after being selected to represent Melton and the Vale of Belvoir. All children ran so well with determination and perseverance – it was a very muddy course! All the individual times were fantastic and James was second overall and so received medals! Well done to all of our runners. It was an amazing event to watch and we'll keep you posted with any more cross country news.



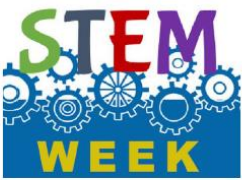

## Science Week

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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? Have fun! Please bring in Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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: *Parents' Evenings in school this week*

	<i>Science Week in school this week</i>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March:	Swimming for Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Violin and Cello with Mrs. Cocker Lunchtime beginners recorder club After school Sky Dance session (Village Hall)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	TT Rockstars / Lexia Club after school Recorder Club is cancelled this week due to Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March:	Cross Country Club after school Sky Dance Final at Melton Theatre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Comic Relief – Crazy Hair Day 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**

11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings this week

11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – Crazy Hair Day in school!

**18<sup>th</sup> March – Belvoir Challenge De-Briefing Meeting – 7pm at school – all welcome!**

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Easter Service at church – 1.30pm – everyone welcome

22<sup>nd</sup> March – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

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