

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 THANKFULNESS. To be thankful is to be grateful and to show gratitude. There are many things we can be thankful for - our family, our friends, our school. As we celebrate Easter this week we can be thankful for the message of hope at Eastertime, for new life and spring.

Well done to **FIRE** who was the winning team this week and to **AIR** who was the winning team for this term!

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
79	89	70	53



Beat the Flood Winners!

Well done to our winners of the 'Beat the Flood' family challenge which was part of Science Week.

We hope you enjoyed designing and making a house, building or shelter that would withstand heavy rains and flooding.

We enjoyed your creative ideas and thought everyone did really well!

Cross Country!

The children did so well - running a total of 15 miles over their sessions!



Road Safety and Helmets

The nights are beginning to get lighter and spring is on the way! This means that there will be more children cycling and scooting to and from school and around the village at other times. Please remember to wear a helmet to protect your head and to take care with driveways and corners. It is very easy to feel safe in our own villages, as we are comfortable with our surroundings, but accidents can still happen and we want to avoid that by being careful. Take care and enjoy being active safely!

Eye Tests

Have you taken your child to the optician recently? Visiting the optician is so important. This can help to ensure that we have good eye health and pick up any vision difficulties early – and eye tests are free for children. As we are approaching the Easter holiday perhaps it would be a good time to book an appointment with the optician!

Easter fun at Melton Carnegie Museum

MELTON CARNEGIE MUSEUM **Leicestershire County Council**

School Holiday Activities

**Tuesday 26th March to Saturday 6th April
10am to 4pm**

Easter Eggstravaganza Tuesday 26th March to Saturday 30th March	Picture Perfect Tuesday 2nd April to Saturday 6th April
Bunny Mayhem Trail	Explore and Draw Trail
Easter Crown - Free	Moving Image Craft - Free
Decorate an Easter Egg Jigsaw £2.50	Decorate a Photo Frame £2.50

Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton
Mowbray, LE13 1RB
0116 305 3860 www.meltonmuseum.org
melton.museum@leics.gov.uk

Do you know what your child is playing?

As we reach the Easter holiday we thought that some information about computer games might be helpful.

What is a PEGI Rating?

If your child asks to watch a film at the cinema or at home, you look at the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rating to check if it is suitable, so why would you not check the rating of the games they want to play? Just like films, games have ratings to help you decide if the content is suitable for your child. This is based on their age, not their gaming ability. PEGI stands for Pan European Game Information. It looks at seven different categories to decide on a suitable rating.

What does it mean to me?

As a parent, the first practical step you can take to protect your children from gaming-related harm is to ensure that you understand and adhere to the PEGI age ratings that accompany every game.



What are the ratings?

PEGI ratings exist to ensure that children and young people are not exposed to harmful, adult content and the rating system clearly presents the minimum age your children should be before they can play the game, and gives an overview of the potentially harmful content they will be exposed to if you allow them to play the game. A common misconception with PEGI ratings on video games is that they merely act as a guideline to its difficulty as you would see on board games such as Monopoly. As a parent, it is vital to understand that this is not the case. **PEGI 12, 16 and 18 ratings have been legally enforceable in the UK since 2012 and should not be played by anyone under that recommended age.**

Video games have come a long way from being simply the fun distractions of Mario or Sonic. Although these bright and fun types of games are still hugely popular, many of the most played games today present realistic and graphic adult experiences and stories. As with a BBFC 18-rated film, the content can include such elements as graphic violence or sex, drug use, adult themes and even gambling mechanics. As games are immersive and interactive by their very nature, allowing your child(ren) to experience an unsuitable game could potentially cause a greater harm than if they were to say stumble across an unsuitable scene on television.

You may have heard children talk about games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto, God of War, Red Dead Redemption or The Witcher; but did you know they are all rated PEGI 18 and only to be played by adults?

We hope you find the above information helpful but please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

PEGI ratings: explained

3
www.pegi.info

Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.

7
www.pegi.info

May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.

12
www.pegi.info

Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.

16
www.pegi.info

Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.

18
www.pegi.info

Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.

First week back in school:

Monday 8 th April:	School opens for the summer term
Tuesday 9 th April:	Violin and Cello with Mrs. Cocker Beginner Recorder Club at lunchtime
Wednesday 10 th April:	TT Rockstars / Lexia Club after school Experienced Recorder Club after school
Thursday 11 th April:	Athletics Club after school
Friday 12 th April:	Year 3 and 4 swimming

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

8th April – School opens for the summer term

9th April – Class 2 PGL Trip

12th April – Year 3 and 4 swimming starts

15th April – Class 3 – Warning Zone Trip

24th April – Class 1 visit to Brooksby – lambing trip

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

13th May – KS2 SATs week

17th May – Year 6 Gala Dinner – further details to follow

24th May – School closes for the half term holiday

We hope you all have a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you back to school on 8th April!

Easter holiday fun for families!

Do you want to be a dog's best friend?

Join us for a free, fun family workshop to learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy!



This workshop is for children aged 7-11 with an accompanying adult

 **Melton Mowbray Library, LE13 0UJ**

 **Dogs Trust**

Friday 5th April 2024 11am–12 noon

The workshop includes dog themed activities, games and role play, and a story.

Book with library staff, or email alison.jacques@dogstrust.org.uk

Booking is essential.

*Please note the session does include a plush dog, but no real dogs will attend this event.

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SATURDAY 30TH MARCH
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