

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 EMPATHY. Empathy is the ability to stand in someone else's shoes and to understand how they may feel. We may empathise with someone's situation - their difficulties, their challenges and what they are experiencing or feeling. To truly empathise is to look at something from another's perspective - to consider how it impacts them - even if we disagree. The ability to empathise is so important in developing and maintaining relationships and personal and social aspects of life. It can help us to reach agreements and to show compassion for others.

Well done to **EARTH** and **FIRE** who were the winning teams this week!

Cumulative Total – Summer Term 2024

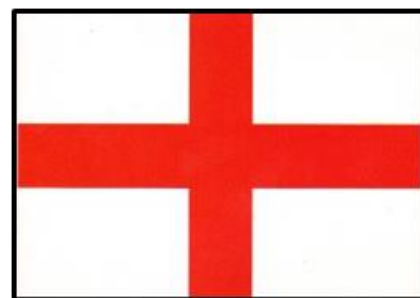
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Scout Uniform – Tuesday 23rd April

On Tuesday 23rd April it is St George's Day, the patron saint of England.

This is traditionally a time for all Scouts and Leaders to come together, renew their Promise and celebrate. We celebrate St George's Day because Baden-Powell chose St George to be the patron saint of Scouts. He wanted St George's Day to be a time to reflect on the Scout Promise and what it means to be a Scout.

Children who are part of the scouting movement, such as rainbows, beavers, cubs, brownies, guides and scouts, are welcome to come to school in their uniform on Tuesday 23rd April if they would like to and we will reflect on this in assembly.



Year 5 and 6 visit to the Warning Zone

Children in Class 3 enjoyed a visit to the Warning Zone in Leicester this week. The learnt about safety in a supportive, interactive environment where they could ask questions and consider risk of different scenarios. ***Thank you to the Friends of the School who fully funded this important educational visit with money raised from the Belvoir Challenge!*** The children engaged well with a range of different topics, learning information that will help to keep them safe in the future, and we were very proud of them.



Swimming

Swimming has started each Friday for pupils in Year 3 and 4 with an initial session of assessment activities. 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.

Parking

Please remember to consider where you are parking at collection and drop off times. Many children walk to school, with parents or alone if they are older, and learning to navigate and cross the road safely is an important skill.



Please consider where you park, use alternative

Parking areas and walk to school where you can and please don't park opposite or even on the yellow zig zags. The yellow zig zags are directly opposite the gate and school exit and this is not a safe place to park. We would be grateful if you would please pass this information on to other relatives or friends that you have notified us are collecting your children so they are aware too. I am sure you will agree that the last thing anyone wants to happen is an accident. Thank you for your continued support – it really is very much appreciated.

Car Seat Safety

We have noticed that a lot of children have grown taller over the Easter holiday! It may now be a good time to consider your child's car seat and make sure it is the right size for them. At the end of March, 'Think!' launched a new campaign called 'CLICK is the sound' which can be found by clicking here:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/campaign/seatbelts-2024/> Whilst this is aimed at older children and young people the message is important. The 'Think!' website has lots of useful information and there is a helpful leaflet about seat belts and car seats which can be found by clicking [here](#). The website is: <https://www.think.gov.uk/>

Road Safety and Helmets

The clocks have changed, the nights are beginning to get lighter and spring is here! 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!

Special Dinner Menu – Thursday 25th April

‘Southern Fried Chicken Goujons’
or a vegetarian option of
‘Veggie Pitta Pocket’

Both main courses will be served in a tray with
fries and corn on the cob.

The dessert is a: *‘Sugar Swirl Cookie Pop.’*

Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna will still
be an available option on this day.

Orders can be placed on the day, please do not
hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we
will be happy to help.



Roots to Food – Cooking Workshops and Gala Dinner

On 17th May, we will be welcoming
Darren from 'Roots to Food' into school
to work with Classes 1, 2 and 3.

He will be working with children in
during the morning on a 'Singapore
noodle' theme where the children will
prepare and then sample their freshly
made cuisine.

During the afternoon, he will stay in
school to work specifically with the Year 6
children who will be preparing and
cooking food ready for their 'Gala
Dinner.' This is a very special event
where they will be hosting guests (2
guests per child) for a delicious 3 course
dinner.

Year 6 parents will be receiving formal
invitations next week! The evening will
start at 6.00pm with pre dinner drinks,
and the meal will commence at 6.30pm.

We are really looking forward to the day
and learning new skills.

ROOTS TO FOOD is an independent
specialist company delivering healthy
eating and nutrition workshops for the
education sector. Drawing on over a
decade of experience and skill to
deliver fun, curriculum focused activity
to children, students and parents.

Darren Tinkler is the founder of Roots to
Food, he is a fully qualified and
experienced Chef who has decades of
experience in education, hospitality and
nutritional management. Darren focuses
on delivering effective and well-
respected services to schools,
academies and further/higher
education organisations.

Darren works in a collaborative way to
ensure any programme is delivered to
meet the mutually agreed objectives of
the client and Roots to Food with bespoke design being an imperative value in
everything we do.



Darren - Founder



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Active Education in Health & Wellbeing

Talented Children

Well done to Emma for passing her Grade 2 piano exam and to Harry for achieving his 'blue mouse' skiing badge!



Next week in school:

Monday 22nd April:

Tuesday 23rd April:

Wednesday 24th April:

Thursday 25th April:

Friday 26th April:

St George's Day – scout uniforms may be worn

Violin and Cello with Mrs. Cocker

Beginner Recorder Club at lunchtime

Class 1 visit to Brooksby – lambing trip

***TT Rockstars / Lexia Club after school –
cancelled this week due to staff training***

Experienced Recorder Club after school

Special Circus Day Dinner Menu

Athletics Club after school

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

2nd May – Special Harry Potter themed school dinner

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 good weekend!