

**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 feeling JUBILANT: This is our final week of term - and a short week with just 3 days. Let's focus on feeling jubilant! To feel jubilant is to feel great pride, success and happiness in our achievements. This year we have all achieved so much - after last week's reflection and leavers' service we have enjoyed spending time together this week celebrating our successes.

### Team Points

Well done to **AIR** who were the winning team this term!

Well done to **WATER** who were the winning team for the academic year!

Grand Total – Academic Year 2022 - 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
394	360	337	407

### Good Luck to our leavers!

We wish all our leavers the very best as they move on to secondary school in September or to different primary schools as they move out of the area. We would also like to wish good luck and thank you to Miss Hubbard and Miss Woodward who leave us this summer too. We shared memories, cards and gifts in special assemblies at school. Thank you for all your hard work and contributions – you will be missed! Good luck everyone and also to those families whose journey with us as parents has now ended and takes a new direction with their child's next school.



*We hope you will keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!*

## Key Stage 1 Beach Party and Key Stage 2 Festival!

On the last day of term, Wednesday 12th July, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a Beach Party themed day and children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a festival day! Lots of fun was had by all!





## Healthy Schools Award!

We are delighted to announce that Harby C of E Primary School has achieved Healthy Schools status!

The accreditation comes from the Leicestershire Healthy Schools programme, run by Leicestershire County Council.

The programme supports schools to improve and maintain the health and wellbeing of their school and wider communities by promoting good physical, social, emotional, and mental health.



To become accredited, we needed to evidence and show an ongoing commitment to positive action across several health themes. These include:

- Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education (DATE)
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing
- Food in Schools
- PSHE & R(S)
- Physical activity
- Staff Wellbeing & CPD

Within each of these health themes, we had to provide evidence to meet criteria across these areas:

- Policy Development
- The Curriculum and Pupil Learning
- School Culture
- Pupil Voice
- Support Service Provision
- Parents, Carers & Community Partnership
- Pupil Achievement

We have worked hard over the last 15 months to achieve this status which recognises our commitment to providing a school that supports not only our children's education, but also fully understands and embraces the need to support children's physical, emotional and mental health. We recognise that in many cases these areas of health directly impact how well children learn in school. I would like to pass my thanks to everyone who has participated through various consultations, questionnaires, sharing comments and thoughts via email etc, and to the staff team who have supported this process.

Becky Lewis  
**Healthy Schools Coordinator**



***Thank you to Mrs. Lewis for coordinating this – well done everyone!***

## Special Treat!

Thank you to Mrs. Coats for organising the ice cream van to come to school and to the Friends of the School for funding this special treat!





## **Friends of the School – New Starters and Back to School Welcome Evening – save the date!**

The Friends of the School will be organising and supporting a welcome evening for everyone – parents, children, staff and governors! This will be a lovely opportunity for the school community to get together after the summer holiday, to welcome new starters and to catch up with our friends. We hope to hold this on **Friday 15th September**. We will share further details in the autumn term when we return to school but save the date!

### **Message from Caron Bouckley, Chair of Governors**

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all staff for their exceptional efforts throughout this challenging and successful year! Your dedication, resilience, and commitment to the school is very much appreciated. We wish the staff that are leaving, Miss Woodward and Miss Hubbard, all the best for the future.

The governors have enjoyed many visits to the school and it is always lovely to meet with staff, parents and children and to see the wonderful work that goes on in the school. After the summer, we will welcome a new Community Governor, Adrian Mateo. Adrian comes with a wealth of relevant experience and we look forward to his contributions to the school. Helena Wright is stepping down as Foundation Governor but will continue to support the school as an Associate Governor along with Rev Paul Towns. We also say goodbye to Alan Swan as a parent governor. Thank you, Alan, for all your support to the school over the past three years. We will be advertising for parent governors in the new school year so please consider whether you would like to take up this very rewarding opportunity.

We would like to send all the Year 6 children special good wishes as they leave Harby. We know you will carry what you have learnt at Harby with you as you continue into secondary and beyond. We wish you great success in whatever you do.

Finally, I hope all the families enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer break.

### **Thank You for saying Thank You!**

As we reach the end of term we have received many kind and generous gifts, cards and emails with wonderful thank you messages in from parents, pupils, governors and friends.

***Thank you very much - they are very special and much appreciated by us all in school!***



***Dates for the diary for new term. For further dates and events please see the calendar on the school website.***

**New / updated dates in red**

24<sup>th</sup> August – Training Day – school closed to pupils

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28<sup>th</sup> August – Bank Holiday – school closed

29<sup>th</sup> August – School opens for the new academic year!

***15<sup>th</sup> September – Friends of the School Welcome Evening!***

***Full dates for the next half term will be shared when we return after the summer holiday and put on the school calendar!***

***A very big thank you to all staff, governors, parents and families for their support during the year!  
We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer holiday filled with fun and smiles***

