

**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*

## Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school and also to our new starters in Reception – welcome to Harvey, James, Tallulah, Robin, Isaac, Edith, Max, Theo, Stanley, Sophie, Kody, Hettie, Gracie-Jo, Arthur, Eleanor and Austin! We have also welcomed Lyla and Phoebe into Class 2 and Mr. Dobson as our new PE and Sports Apprentice. We hope you all enjoy being part of our school. We hope all our pupils have enjoyed their first week at school after the holidays and are looking forward to a fun filled term – we definitely are!

### Assembly Focus

This week we have been thinking about the character strength of Friendship. Friendship is one of our school Christian values and is something that we see and promote regularly in school. To offer friendship and to show friendship in different situations often requires the use of different character strengths. Sometime we show kindness in friendship, sometimes we show compassion in friendship and sometimes we show peace. Friendship is a relationship between people and can offer support in many ways. What makes a good friend? What additional character strengths might we need to use at different times and in different situations? Is friendship hard at times? What can we do? Who can we ask for help? This is a good strength to consider as we start a new term with new children!

### Team Points

We have been awarding lots of team points already this week! Well done to **AIR** who were the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
9	10	6	7

## Rev Paul

We enjoyed welcoming Rev Paul back this week. Rev Paul is leading an assembly for us each week on Friday morning – sometimes in school and sometimes in church! We will add the church dates to the school calendar – everyone is welcome to assemblies in church!

## Friends of the School Meeting

We are holding our first Friends of the School meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This meeting will be held at school and will be focused on the Belvoir Challenge! The Belvoir Challenge is the school's big fundraiser – and is lots of fun. **Everyone is welcome** to attend and we hope to see you there. For more information about the Friends of the School click the link to visit their page on our school website:

[Harby C of E Primary School - Our Friends of the School \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://harbyprimary.org)

We hope to see you at the meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at school at 7pm!

## Friends of the School Welcome Party

One of the events that the Friends of the School organises is a welcome back party. This is a lovely opportunity for all families to meet and get to know each other. Children have taken home an invitation for this in their book bags with full details. The party is from 5 – 8pm, Pizza Pals will be available and the bar at the Village Hall will be open too. We hope you will be able to join us on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September!



**Welcome Back Party**

You are invited to a Friends of Harby C of E School Party to welcome our Reception new starters to the school, welcome everyone back after the summer and meet the children and parents from other years!

**Date:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 5pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Leys Park (next to Harby Village Hall)

## **Parent Information Evening about EYFS and Phonics**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 4.30pm, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Marsden will be leading a Parent Information Evening about EYFS and Phonics in school. There will be further information about this shared next week but do save the date! The evening will have lots of new information and is aimed at parents of children in Class 1. It will last for about one hour and provide opportunities to see your child's new classroom and ask any questions you may have about starting school and phonics. We are sure you will find it useful and interesting – look out for further details next week!

## **Reminders!**

As we start the new term we thought it would be helpful to share some reminders with you!

## **Drop off and Collection**

The gates are open for drop off in the morning from 8.40am until 8.50am after which time they are closed and school begins. Children arriving after this time will need to ring the office door to gain access to the school. Collection at the end of the school day is at 3.20pm. If someone different is collecting your child it is important that you inform the school office so that we can make sure staff are aware of who they should be going home with. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

## **Illness**

Where children have been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Further useful information about childhood illnesses, whether your child is well enough to be at school and other useful health advice can be found by following this link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## **Reporting absence**

Parents are requested to notify the school office, no later than 8.40am, that their child will be absent. This can be done via email to the school office, telephone call / message on the answerphone, message left on ParentMail, or in person to the school office if dropping off a sibling. ***Thank you to parents who have done this so well this week if needed – it is very helpful.*** Where pupils are absent and we have received no message, we will ring ***all*** contact numbers given for the child and email parents. If we have not received any response, despite messaging in all ways available, we may then complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Further information about attendance and our full policy can be found on the school website: [Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://harbyprimary.org)

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

## **After School Clubs**

We will be offering a number of lunchtime and after school clubs this term. We will be sending further information out about this next week so that your child can sign up for some activities! Keep an eye out for more information soon!



# HOSE PRODUCE SHOW AND PLANT SALE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

2.00pm

Hose Village Hall

Free entry



- Homecraft
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Children's Categories
- Handicraft and Hobbies
- Cut Flowers and Foliage
- Refreshments and Produce Sale
- Garden and Houseplants for sale

Schedules and forms from local shops and on-line

Submit entries 8.30am to 11.00am

Prizes at 3.00pm

All information can be found on:  
[www.OurGardenClub.co.uk](http://www.OurGardenClub.co.uk)



Please see a larger copy of this flyer attached with this Link Letter email for details of the Hose Produce Show and Plant Sale which may be of interest over the weekend!



***Dates for the diary for the next half term. For further dates and events please see the calendar on the school website which will be updated during the next week.***

***New / updated dates in red***

***12<sup>th</sup> September – Friends of the School Meeting – 7pm at school – all welcome!***

***15<sup>th</sup> September – New Starters and Back to School Welcome evening***

***20<sup>th</sup> September – Individual school photos in school – letter to follow***

***21<sup>st</sup> September - Harvest Festival in church – 1.30pm – everyone welcome***

***21<sup>st</sup> September – Open Evening at Belvoir Priory Academy for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils  
– no booking needed – 5 -7 pm***

***26<sup>th</sup> September – Belvoir Priory Academy Open Morning for Year 6 – booking needed***

***27<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Information evening about EYFS and Phonics – further  
details to follow***

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***28<sup>th</sup> September - Belvoir Priory Academy Open Morning for Year 6 – booking needed***

***12<sup>th</sup> October - Belvoir Priory Academy Open Morning for Year 6 – booking needed***

***13<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for the half term holiday***

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