#### 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





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Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia

#### **Assembly Focus**

This week we have been thinking about the character strength of open-mindedness. Open-mindedness is receptiveness to new ideas. Open-mindedness relates to the way in which people approach the views and knowledge of others - without judgement. Being receptive and open to trying new ideas and things - even if they are not what we think we will like – is a really important skill which can feel scary at times and push us out of our comfort zone. We have also talked about our emotions, how we can feel different feelings at different times and how we can ask for help if we need it. The children had super ideas – well done!

#### **Team Points**

Well done to **WATER** who were the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
17	17	14	17

#### 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: <u>Harby C of E Primary School - Our Friends of the School (harbyprimary.org)</u> 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 took 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!

### 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. 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. *We have shared a letter about this today – please contact the office if you have not received one and we will be happy to help.* Thank you for your continued support.

#### **After School Clubs**

We will be offering a number of lunchtime and after school clubs this term. *We have shared a separate letter about this so you can discuss with your child and sign up!* Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or if you have not received the letter and we will be happy to help.

#### **Staffing Updates**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mr. Bye as he completes his Sports Apprenticeship with us and leaves to go to university to study sports science. Mr. Dobson has been completing his induction and handover and is enjoying his role as our new Sports Apprentice for the next academic year. We are currently advertising for a Breakfast Club and After School Club Assistant. Please contact the school office if you may be interested and would like further details of the role.

#### Next week in school:

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September:	Friends of the School Meeting – 7pm at school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	New Starters and Back to School Welcome evening

# 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

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

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

