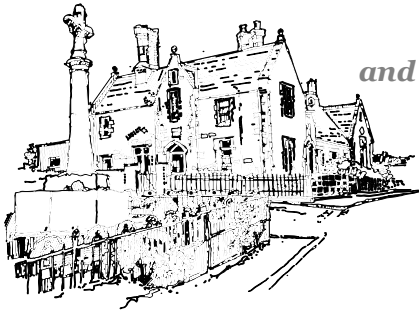


**HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER***Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*

*“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 and Christian value of RESPECT and being RESPECTFUL. We can show respect in our behaviour and actions towards others. We can show respect through being polite and listening to others, valuing their views and opinions, respecting the fact that they may have different beliefs to us. We can show respect by being peaceful and thoughtful - when thinking of the impact that others have had on our lives and our world. We can show respect through our words and actions - the way we talk to others, the way we involve all and include people, the way we follow rules. We can respect differences between us - in appearance, likes and dislikes as well as beliefs. Lots to discuss this week!

**Team Points**

Well done to **FIRE** who was the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
25	26	24	22

**Friends of the School Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Friends of the School meeting this week. We talked about the Belvoir Challenge 2024 and were excited to see the planned route! We also talked about Christmas and the activities that will be upcoming during the latter part of the autumn term. The Friends of the School Belvoir Challenge Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at 7pm at school, and everyone is welcome. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how you can help the Friends of the School to help our school in lots of fun ways!

***Don't forget – it is our Welcome Evening at Harby park and Village Hall tonight! We hope to see you there!***

## School Games – Gold Award!

We are delighted to be able to share with you that we been awarded the School Games Gold Award 2022 / 2023.



This has been achieved, following an assessment process, due to our commitment and engagement in the School Games and Sporting Activities and Provision for 2022/23.

Well done to Mrs. Ford, PE subject leader, Mr. Bye, PE and Sports Apprentice, all staff for their support of physical activity and clubs and children and families for their engagement and enthusiasm!

## Good Luck Mr. Bye

We have had a special assembly this week to say good luck to Mr. Bye as he leaves to go to university where we gave him gifts and good wishes to help him on his way!

Thank you, Mr. Bye, for your support to school over the last year and we look forward to hearing how you are getting on and hope you will visit during your holidays!



## Lovely work in Year 5 and 6 linked to the book 'Flotsam'



## Harvest Festival

We will be having our Harvest Festival on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. This will be a service led by Rev Paul and held in St. Mary's Church, Harby. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Following this there is a Beer Festival over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> September and an exciting opportunity for teddy bears! Please see the flyer with this Link Letter for further details – and we look forward to hearing all about it and seeing your photos! Tidy Ted is feeling brave and will be taking part too, he has already booked his place with Rev. Paul!



**Teddy Bear Zip Line & Parachute Jump**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1:30pm – 3pm**  
**At St Mary's Church, Harby, during the Beer Festival**

Calling all brave teddies and their owners, of all ages!  
Give your teddy the experience of a lifetime, zip lining and/or parachuting from the top of the bell tower for £2.50 per jump.  
We provide the equipment, just bring along your favourite teddy. Certificates will be given for all the teddies brave enough to jump.  
Raising funds for the Harby Church Bell Restoration Appeal

Contact - [harbybells@gmail.com](mailto:harbybells@gmail.com) for more information



## Data Collection Forms

We have reissued Data Collection forms this week. These are very important to enable us to keep up to date with contact details, at least 3 emergency contacts and any medical needs your child may have so that we can offer appropriate support in school. Please check the details, amend as necessary and return to the school office. Thank you for the forms we have received back so far. If you have not received a form or have any queries, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

## Applying for Secondary School Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place for when they transfer from primary. The Leicestershire County Council website has information which can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and you may find this useful.

The deadline for all applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites and we have included some of the dates Belvoir Priory Academy are holding in the forthcoming dates at the end of the Link Letter. If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

## New School Dinner Menus

We are very excited about our move to Coombs as our new school dinner provider from 1st October. From 1st October until half term we will follow the old menu, just for these two weeks, but meals will be produced by Coombs. After half term we will be moving onto our new menu. This will be a 3-weekly rotation with a main, vegetarian and jacket potato option every day.



This menu will change after Christmas and again after Easter. We are excited that this will offer all children a much wider variety of choice! We have shared the menu with parents via email this week for you to have a look at.

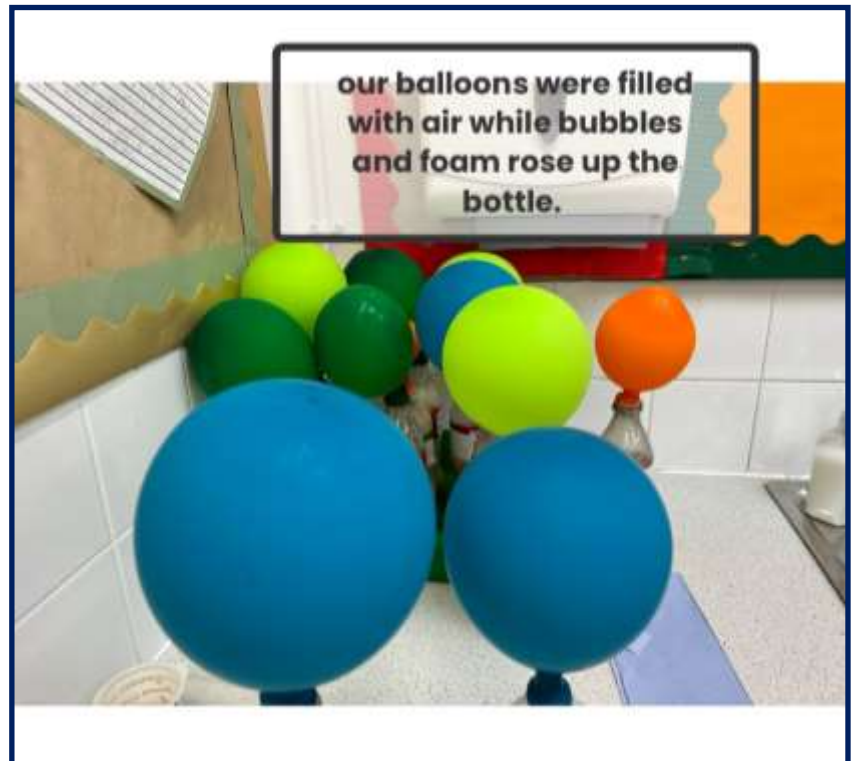
***Please contact the school office if you have not received this and we will be happy to help.***

## Free School Meals / Food Vouchers

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals - these are referred to as Universal Infant Free Meals. These are not means tested and are available to all children on roll. Since the Covid Pandemic the Local Authority have ensured that food vouchers are provided for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals during school holidays which has been of support to many families. This is only to pupils whose parents have completed the application form and are in receipt of Free School Meals that are means tested. For further information about eligibility and how to apply visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Applying is a quick and easy process (can be done over the phone!) and means that school benefits from additional funding to support your child and, in the event of further vouchers being issued during school holidays, you will hopefully be able to benefit. ***Please contact the school office if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.***

# Investigating Yeast in Class 2



## School Photographs

The school photographer is coming to school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you have contacted school to let us know that you will be bringing a pre-school sibling for a photograph please come into the lower playground when the gates open and we will have these photographs taken first, as soon as the registers are complete. If you have any questions, or have not received a copy of the letter please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

## 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 – please contact the office if you have not received one and we will be happy to help.*** Thank you to those parents who have replied so far and 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!*  
***Clubs start next week but you can still sign up!***

### Next week in school:

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September:	Shooting Stars club after school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September:	Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker Cross Country Club after school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September:	School photographer in school today Times Tables Rockstars / Lexia Club after school Recorder Club after school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September:	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September:	

***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

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

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***W/C 9<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evenings – further details to follow next week***

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!***