



Harpley CE Primary School  
Living, Learning & Flourishing

## WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week and there is a lot of excitement about the football and Christmas activities!

We have several children off with coughs/colds and sickness at the moment. If in doubt, please use [this link](#) to check the NHS guidance.

We would like to remind you that cars should not be parking school side of the 30mph sign post. A parent has reported a near miss with another parent parked opposite the bottom of school lane as they reversed back into church lane where they were walking.

We are looking for a Harpley representative to join our dedicated governing body at Great Massingham and Harpley CE Primary Schools Federation. Governors play a hugely important role in supporting and monitoring the school. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the office.

WEEK BEGINNING 21<sup>ST</sup> November 2022

### Infant News

This week was our penultimate Lynnsport trip. The last one before our end of term fun session. It was a great opportunity for the adults to see the huge progress that has been made since September. All children have improved their balance and coordination significantly. They all can perform either a forward roll or log roll competently and have noticeably improved their core strength. Well done everyone.



Our fabulous forest schools finale was a bit of a wash out but like troopers we carried on regardless. We managed to heat our own water for a warm(ish) chocolate drink and weaved some lovely willow stars. We made delicious toffee apples! Thank you to the brave souls who came along.

If you missed the parent phonics information meeting on Tuesday, do not worry we would like to offer you the opportunity to come and see a phonics session in action. You are welcome to come to our Tuesday 29th or Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> session at 9am. Pop in and see how we teach those important phonics skills. Please let Sue Turner in the office know which session you would like to attend by Monday 28th.

### Juniors News

Y3 and 4 completed some fantastic Egyptian God or Goddess information posters and we have explored the features of riddles and have been writing our own and testing them out on each other. In maths Year 4 have been working on subtracting 4 digit numbers and have shown what enthusiastic, brilliant mathematicians they are! Year 3 have begun to add and subtract two 3 digit numbers and again are enthusiastic and really committed to developing their mathematical skills. The children have also been working really hard to learn their 6 x (Y4) and 3x (Y3) tables and have really cracked these. This week we were also introduced to some really groovy times tables songs which we have all enjoyed!

In Science this week, the juniors have been sorting biscuits based on the physical characteristics that they can see. They had great fun discussing and sorting the biscuits, followed by eating them. In history they have been learning about Ancient Egyptian trade, including how and what they traded.



### SPECIAL MENTIONS

#### Infants

**Jude** for huge improvement in handwriting.

**Felix** good story sequencing.

**Chloe** general huge effort.

**Clara** wonderful story journey.

**Valee** for being very kind and helpful to a younger pupil.

#### Juniors

**Chloe** - for perseverance and determination to learn!

**Everett** and **Matilda** for very detailed and well-presented Egyptian God information posters.

**Florence** and **Nelson** for their presentation on St Kitts and Nevis.

**PLEASE CAN EVERY PUPIL HAVE A WARM COAT IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK AS THEY WILL BE REHEARSING IN CHURCH.**

**REGULAR DATES**

**MONDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Infants to come to school in their PE kit, for **FINAL** gymnastics at Lynnsport, they will remain in them all day. Please note later return time of 3.30pm.

PM Junior music with Estelle Furnell

**TUESDAY**

9.00 Infant parents to watch phonics lesson

9.30 whole school rehearsal

PM Infant Forest Schools - We will go outside whatever the weather.

Tuesday:

Long sleeved warm top

Long trousers (joggers/jeans/warm leggings)

A waterproof coat with hood (if you have them, waterproof trousers may also be a good idea)

We will change at school after lunch ready for our Forest School session.

Juniors come to school in PE kit, for **FINAL** gymnastics at Lynnsport, they will remain in this all day. Please note later return time of 3.30pm. **If your child enjoys football on the field at playtimes, please could they could bring a spare pair of PE bottoms to change into to avoid spreading mud at Lynnsport. Thank you.**

**WEDNESDAY**

3.20 PFA meeting to discuss Christmas

ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15 pick up** we have brought this forward 15 minutes because of the light fading at the time of year.

**THURSDAY**

All to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. **Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.** PE with Rob from ICS Coaching

Stef Judd guitar and drum tuition

9.00 Infant parents to watch phonics lesson

PM Christmas decorating afternoon - helpers Abi Reed, Jess Robb, Lucy Price, Sandie Chivers, Ashleigh O'Donnell and Sarah Sparshott

PM 2<sup>nd</sup> flu vaccination visit

**FRIDAY**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

YR height, weight, vision & hearing checks

Y6 height and weight checks

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

10.15am (please don't arrive before 9.50am) parents, grandparents and younger siblings can watch the Nativity Rock dress rehearsal.

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm 'Nativity Rock' in St Lawrence Church, <b>parents &amp; families invited</b> Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm PFA Christmas Fair School Christmas lunch - <b>See menu below. Please let the office, via text or email, know if your children/ren would like Christmas lunch by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle in school hall for pupils

**PFA news:**

Please don't forget that over 7,000 brands will donate to Harpley C of E Primary School for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online - at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use.

Just visit:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harpleycofeps/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-sch-n4](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harpleycofeps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-n4)

- we still need donations of raffle prizes and children's Tombola prizes for Xmas fair-please hand to school as soon as possible
- Linda Steed ( resident in Harpley) has a car seat that has hardly been used, if anyone would like it. It's 15-36kg, Recaro car seat, speak to Ceri if interested




**VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

On Monday we thought about what it means to 'live well' in our school and in our society. We thought about what would make our 'perfect day' and Mrs Stephens shared hers - it included a hot sunny beach! The children had excellent ideas about how to make our society a better place and what that would look like and we explored the meaning of utopia. We learnt that Paul described God's kingdom as a kingdom of light in the bible.

Our 5 Core Values:



### TERM DATES

2022 AUTUMN TERM 	2023 SPRING TERM 	2023 SUMMER TERM 
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (Half term - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (Half term - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Half term - Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)

### ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	<b>96.48%</b>	<b>93.62%</b>	<b>94.74%</b>
October	<b>92.86%</b>	<b>94.76%</b>	<b>93.99%</b>

### HARPLEY KIND

Start saving your pennies as the Harpley Kind elves are hard at work preparing Christmas goodies to sell at the PFA Christmas fayre on the 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### GREAT MASSINGHAM FOODBANK

Great Massingham Church are running a foodbank which is open every day. This is proving to be of real support to many local families during this time of unprecedented financial hardship. Please use this resource if you need to and please consider donating whatever you can by simply taking tinned or packet goods (including nappies, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste etc.) along to the Church. Many thanks.

### ICS FOOTBALL COACHING

<https://forms.gle/Jh2djBNKbRz5gXp99>

Please follow this link if you would like to sign up for football coaching. It will close on Tuesday 1st November so make sure you book before this date to ensure a place.

**We have changed the day from a Monday to a Wednesday at Harpley and Aaron Watson who is a Senior Coach will be delivering the sessions.**

## FIRST ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24

Parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) (website open between 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

The Harpley Team

Website: [gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk](http://gmhfed.norfolk.sch.uk)



The holidays are coming, and the Festive Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme is back!

Little Stars Childminding are excited to be offering a range of Christmas arts and crafts activities across the Christmas break and we have free spaces available for those children claiming means tested free school meals.

Over 5s only. Limited spaces available over 5 sessions. Sessions are;  
9am - 1pm Monday 19th December - Friday 23rd December.

For those that don't claim means tested free school meals but would like your child to come do some Christmas arts and crafts activities then on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December 1.30pm - 4.30pm I shall be doing 3 extra sessions at a cost of £20 per child this covers drinks, snacks plus art and craft materials.

Over 5s only.  
Limited spaces available.

Get in touch by email [littlestarschildminding.mariella@yahoo.com](mailto:littlestarschildminding.mariella@yahoo.com)

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# Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey with a  
Cocktail Sausage and Stuffing

Or

Quorn Fillet (v) with a  
Vegetarian Sausage and Stuffing

served with Roast Potatoes,  
Peas, Carrots and Gravy

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Chocolate Fudge Cake

