



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back in full swing now and it is lovely to see the children enjoying their new themes this term. The Infants are thinking about 'what is special about me?' and the Juniors are finding out 'who were the Mayans?'

Our Value Leaders have met for this first time this term and started to plan what they would like to do to help others live our vision and values. They came up with some great ideas and are keen to get going!

Mrs Stibbon will be going off for an operation at the start of October and will not be back in school until December. During this time, Mrs Beardall will be the acting Headteacher and will be supported by Co Headteacher, Mr Walker. Mrs Beardall will be in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Walker on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### **Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

This week's learning highlights:

#### News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

This week we really enjoyed our first Lynnsport session. We all worked hard, listened well and even had a go at doing forward rolls at the end!

The Ladybirds have been looking tired! It's no surprise as they have been learning so many new things. They have been working on listening carefully to instructions, listening to a partner, independently getting resources for themselves, sharing, team work and so much more. Most of all they have had lots of fun! In between rain they have been enjoying the outside area and exploring all the different resources, learning how to use them and put them away. All these things are new to them but they are learning so quickly and are already very settled.

The Bees have been working hard on their number skills. The year 1's have been practicing accurate counting. They learned it is so important to go slowly and point to, move or touch the objects. Why not practice counting at home? Anything and everything! We wondered why counting is so important; (dinnertime conversation this weekend!) The year 2's have been partitioning 2 digit numbers, not just into tens and ones, but in different ways. They have been learning to use base 10 resources to help them.

The Bees have also been enjoying the outside area this week, a much needed chance to let off steam. They have learned that if we get jobs done in good time, we have extra time to play!!!

Winner winner...

## News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

We have had another busy week in the Junior class. We have been getting really into history and learning about the Maya, this week we discovered why they were such a successful civilization. We discovered that some cities had over 100,000 people living in them, we discussed that for this time period this was significant as most civilisation did not have cities this big. We also discovered that they were adapted to living in the rainforest, for example using terrace farming, a clever technique used to build farms on steep hills. The Maya would cut ledges into the side of a hill and then build walls to support them, this meant they did not use as much flat land. We also discovered they built *sacbeob* to keep the floor dry enough to walk along, the Maya built these roads a few inches above the ground. This meant the Maya could travel without getting muddy, as the paths were made of stones.

Year 5 and 6 have been researching more about Aristotle in science and finding out where he was from, when he was born and how his discoveries we learnt about last week have impacted us today. Year 3 and 4 have been looking at more circuits this week and building more complicated circuits to compare to each other, they are really loving this topic and so enthusiastic. In French we have been looking at how to greet each other and introduce ourselves, for some of the children this is a review but for others it is new learning, I have been very impressed with how they have thrown themselves into their French lessons.

## SPECIAL MENTIONS



### Infants:

**Tillie** for great reading at home this week.

**Felicity** for great perseverance in writing

### Juniors:

**Tori** for giving thoughtful answers in our History lessons

**Reggie** for hard work at Lynnsport this week

**Edward** for thoughtful answers in History this week

**Ruby** for giving thoughtful answers and using correct scientific vocabulary in science

**Romilly** for excellent reciting of the 12 times tables

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week, we found thought about the story of David and Goliath. We also talked about courageous advocacy:

"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless"  
Proverbs 31:8

Our 5 Core Values:



## REGULAR DATES

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR BLUE TOKENS RUN UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT TESCO IN FAKENHAM - THANK YOU

### MONDAY - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu)

2.15 Harvest Festival, St Lawrence's Church, Harpley. All parents/carers and families welcome. Please see information below for more information.

### TUESDAY

2.00-3.00 Junior gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day  
**PLEASE NOTE PICK UP WILL BE LATER THAN USUAL, 3.30PM UNTIL AFTER 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

### WEDNESDAY

**Lunchtime squishies club** with Emma. Bring in your squishies to show! (No trading).  
ICS Coaching after school football club - **4.15pm pick up.** booking form for the After School Club  
<https://forms.gle/xmEQoPrwfuGYp3ts5>  
6.00 Governors meeting at Great Massingham

### THURSDAY

**ALL PUPILS** 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.**  
3.20-4.15 Gardening Club for Romilly, Oriel, Maud, Esme, Reggie O, Felicity, Luke, Jacob & Jude

### FRIDAY

10.45-11.45 Infant gymnastics at Lynnsport. Come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day  
2.15 Junior music with Richard Hall

## FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm PFA Meeting



If you would like you child/ren to have 'Brunch for Lunch' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October please email or text the office this week.  
 This menu replaces the set meal for this date.

### ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **96%**.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	%	%	%

**It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning** Refreshments Raffle Tombola Hand made bracelets  
**and you're invited**

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: **Harpley Village Hall**  
 Date: **Sat 30th Sept**  
 Time: **10am-1pm**  
 Contact: **Ceri 07859 393075**

Donations of raffle, Tombola and cakes appreciated.

Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning. It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.

Healthy Partners

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT M&S COSTA COFFEE FR REGULATORY

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (148275), Northern Ireland (303090) and the Isle of Man (104). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MACMILLAN

## **A Harvest appeal to support local people in crisis**

This harvest we're asking you to help support local people in crisis by collecting non-perishable food for **King's Lynn Foodbank**.

When families have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness can throw people living on the edge of poverty into crisis. Every day local people are forced to send their children to bed hungry, but the good news is that you can be part of the solution.

Local care professionals such as Children Services and Citizens Advice Bureau refer people to the Foodbank who provide short-term emergency food to these local people who are struggling. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows the care agencies time to put longer term help in place.

All food given out by the Foodbank is donated by generous members of the public and King's Lynn Foodbank continues to see more and more people turn to them for help. In the last year the Foodbank has provided enough food for nearly 7000 people to have meals for a minimum of three days, a 38% increase in need on the previous 12 months.

Below is a list of items they ideally need, although any in-date non-perishable item would be appreciated and used (in no particular order):

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Small bottles of squash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Long life or UHT milk
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toilet Roll
- Small boxes of washing powder

Please bring items in to school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

We want to help King's Lynn Foodbank feed local people in need. Please join with us by giving food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry. Thank you.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend, Mrs Stibbon and the Harpley Team

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

### **FIRST ADMISSIONS**

#### **SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25**

Parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

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.

Good Evening,

We are launching a weekly girls' football club and Dodgeball club at Swaffham Leisure Centre. Would it be possible to forward the two booking forms to your parents to spread the word, please?

Swaffham Dodgeball

<https://forms.gle/69cSHbY49ihekRAc8>

Swaffham Wildcats

<https://forms.gle/knBM1GWPAHbjhYzR9>

Kind regards

Matt

ICS Coaching

Jack (George & Reggie's dad) is part of the Roundtable and running the London Marathon in 2024 on behalf of Roundtable to raise funds for The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. The bingo event next Friday will be to start raising funds towards the £2000 target he needs to reach.

