



# Harbury C.E. Primary School

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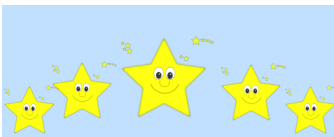
## Busy times at school

There has been a non-stop whirlwind of things going on since we came back after February half-term. I am sure we all thought that we had 'done snow' after our two days off in December, but no! Many thanks again to all parents for your patience when we do have to close the school; I feel like we got off fairly lightly this time with only one day as compared with other parts of the country but I am sure it still presented challenges for childcare in some households. Surely that must be it by now.....

Unfortunately what the snow day meant was that we were unable to have the culmination to our focus week on poetry. Every class was really looking forward to reciting the poem that they had been learning that week. This is often an under-represented part of the National Curriculum and so following some staff training, we decided to dedicate a whole week to poetry. In all year groups we are encouraged to give children experience of a wide range of poetry and really importantly, to learn to recite a poem off by heart every year from Year 1 to Year 6 and this is what we were looking forward to. I am delighted to say that we have decided to end the half term revisiting those poems learnt off by heart in our last celebration assembly of the term—this will be 9.20am on Thursday 29th March; everyone is welcome! Snow tried but failed to spoil World Book Day—there were as always some amazing costumes on display. Please have a look in the hall for some brilliant photos of some of the creations on display.

## Year 6 visit the Think Tank

It is always a pleasure to be invited to spend the day with a class on a trip and last Friday I got just such an invitation to travel to Birmingham and visit the many exciting areas at the Think Tank. Each level added to the children's understanding of how society has changed over the last century or so and they got to see just how many key industries were based in this region. After lunch, we spent our time carrying out different tests and experiments, versions of which are used in the training of astronauts. It was great. Thank you to Dr Hartwright for organising a super day.



### CONGRATULATIONS to our recent

#### Stars of the Week

Jayden Jones-Owen  
Alanah Jefferson  
Sophia Fitzharris  
Ben Radford  
Hannah Stanley  
Pearl Steele  
Max Baker  
Finlay Hanson  
Molly Shuttleworth

#### Role Model of the Week

Charlie Boucher  
Henry Allcock  
Arabella Glenton  
Isabella Greenway  
Kai Pettipher  
Lydia Cox  
Lyra May  
David Williams,  
Maya Chung

#### Most respectful class

Year 2  
Year 6



## Persistent and unauthorised absence

Please can we politely remind parents of the importance of good attendance and the positive impact it has on your child’s success at school. We know that illness cannot be helped and that there has been a lot of this very nasty bout of ‘flu around and this year and hope that its impact is nearing an end.

We have seen a rise in the number of unauthorised absences that we are seeing in school and would urge all parents to use the holidays times for going away whenever possible.

As soon as a child’s absence falls

below 90% they fall into a recorded category called persistent absence as it then means that they are missing at least 1/2 a day of school every week—time which is then very difficult to catch up.

If you were ever concerned about your child’s attendance or were having difficulty with any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to ask us for support. We are more than happy to help.

## Use of the car park

The Local Authority when reviewing our security arrangements did agree with the new system for access to Kids Club. They strongly advocated that in the interest of both children and staff still on site after the end of the school day, it was best for all access to be through the main gate as it is in most schools.

We discussed the inconvenience that this causes some people and the concern about having to go through the car park to pick up. Although the situation has already improved with the

onset on lighter evenings, we will continue to review options including looking at the possibility of a footpath between the school building and the car park. We will update you as appropriate and thank you for your understanding.

Given that some staff have left by 5pm, we are happy for those collecting after that time to use the staff car park as long as it is done with the safety and security of everyone in mind. We hope that this arrangement can help.

## Parents’ Meetings

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend Parents’ meetings this week. It is always good to be able to share the progress of your child with you and to continue working in partner-

ship. If for any reason, you were unable to make an appointment, please contact Mrs Wilson who will ask members of staff to get in touch. Thank you.

Class Attendance Figures	Reception	97.4%
<b>Week Ending 16th February 2017</b>	Year 1	96.3%
Good Attendance is above 97.5%	Year 2	96.3%
<b>The Superstars are Year 3</b>	Year 3	97.7%
Any absence lower than 90% is classed as Persistent absence	Year 4	96.9%
	Year 5	95.4%
	Year 6	94.9%

**Commencing 19/03/2018**

**Monday:**  
 Organic Beef Grill in floured bap (R)  
 Salmon Pasta Bake (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Tuesday:**  
 Bacon Medallion & pork sausage (R)  
 (V) Cheesy Pasta (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Wednesday:**  
 Roast Chicken with gravy (R)  
 Vegetarian Curry (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Thursday:**  
 Spaghetti Bolognese (R)  
 (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Friday:**  
 Battered Fish Fillet (R)  
 (V) Pasta with broccoli & sweetcorn  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Commencing 26/03/2018**

**Monday:**  
 Organic Pork Meatballs (R)  
 (V) cheddar cheese & potato pie (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Tuesday:**  
 Mild & creamy chicken curry (R)  
 (V) Farmhouse Omelette  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Wednesday:**  
 Roast Beef with Gravy (R)  
 Chinese Style Quorn with Noodles (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Thursday:**  
 Cheesy BBQ Bacon pasta (R)  
 (V) Rustic Margherita Pizza (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

**Friday:**  
 Breaded Pollock Fillet (R)  
 (V) Pasta in a rich tomato sauce (G)  
 Jacket potato with either cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

# Diary Dates

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	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday 19th March</b>		Year 2 visit to the Library		Violin lessons  Y3 Swimming at Southam Leisure Centre	
<b>Tuesday 20th March</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons	Science Fair Judging	
<b>Wednesday 21st March</b>		Open the Book assembly  Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:45pm  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:20pm
<b>Thursday 22nd March</b>		Steel Pan lessons  Woodwind lessons			Rent a Beast Bug Club 3:15pm-4:05pm Group 3
<b>Friday 23rd March</b>	Code Club 8:15 - 9:00am	Y2 at Umberslade Farm Park		Celebration Assembly	Earthworms - Group C  Mr Perks Football Club 3:20pm - 4:20pm
<b>Saturday 24th March ~ Family Earthworms Day</b>					
<b>Monday 26th March</b>				Violin lessons  Y6 at Southam's Got Talent  Y3 Swimming at Southam Leisure Centre	
<b>Tuesday 27th March</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Art Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm  Steel Pan Concert
<b>Wednesday 28th March</b>		Y1 at Umberslade Farm Park  Open the Book Assembly  Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons	'Pantastic' Production 1:45pm	Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:45pm  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:20pm  'Pantastic' Production 6:30pm
<b>Thursday 29th March</b>		Poetry Assembly  Steel Pan lessons  Woodwind lessons		Sponsored Walk 1pm - 3:30pm	Rent a Beast Bug Club 3:15pm-4:05pm Group 3  Y6 Able Readers at Southam College 1pm - 3pm

# Other Dates

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Friday 23rd March	-	Earthworms Group C
Saturday 24th March	-	Family Earthworms Day
<b>Break up for Easter Holiday</b>	-	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Friday 30th March</b>	-	<b>Public holiday</b>
<b>Monday 16th April</b>	-	<b>All return to school</b>
Tuesday 17th April	-	Y3 Swimming at Southam Leisure Centre
Friday 20th April	-	Y5 at MAD Museum 9:30am –12:30pm
	-	Y3 & Y4 at Chedworth Roman Villa
	-	Earthworms Group B
	-	Pre-School Quiz Night in hall 7pm
Monday 23rd April	-	Y5 Swimming 2pm
Tuesday 24th April	-	Art Club 3:15pm
Friday 27th April	-	Earthworms Group A
Monday 30th April	-	Y5 Swimming 2pm
Tuesday 1st May	-	Cross of Nails delivered to school
Friday 4th May	-	Reception Class Assembly 10:10am
	-	Earthworms Group B
Monday 7th May	-	May Bank Holiday
Friday 11th May	-	Earthworms Group C
Saturday 12th May	-	Family Earthworms Day
Monday 14th May	-	SATs Week - Year 6
	-	Y5 Swimming 2pm
Friday 18th May	-	Earthworms Group A
	-	PTA Film Night 3:20pm
Monday 21st May	-	Bikeability - Year 6
	-	Y5 Swimming 2pm
Friday 25th May	-	Earthworms Group B
<b>Break up for Summer Half Term</b>	-	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Monday 4th June</b>	-	<b>All return to school</b>
Friday 8th June	-	Y5 Swimming 2pm
Monday 11th June	-	Earthworms Group A
Friday 15th June	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
Monday 18th June	-	Earthworms Group B
Friday 22nd June	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
Monday 25th June	-	Earthworms Group C
Wednesday 27th June	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
Thursday 28th June	-	Transition Day (Y6 at Southam College)
Friday 29th June	-	Y6 at Southam College Transition Day
	-	KS1 Midsummer Festival
	-	Earthworms Group A
Monday 2nd July	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
Friday 6th July	-	Sports Day 10am
	-	Earthworms Group B
Monday 9th July	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
Friday 13th July	-	Earthworms ALL - End of Year Party
	-	PTA Disco
Monday 16th July	-	Y2 Swimming 2pm
	-	Open Evening
Tuesday 17th July	-	Music Evening
Wednesday 18th July	-	Leaver's Service in Church 10am
<b>Break up for Summer Holidays:</b>	-	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	-	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>