



# Harbury C.E. Primary School

To love, learn and grow together

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Newsletter 1

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## Welcome back

I hope the summer break has gone well for everyone and that it was possible for families to spend some time together enjoying the sunshine that did manage to continue even after the end of term. As usual the first few weeks of term have flown by.

After just one week of settling in, our new Reception class are now in school full time. They have come in so calmly and seem to be thoroughly enjoying all the new opportunities that school has to offer; lunch in the hall seems to be a particular highlight at the moment! It was great that so many Reception parents, both new and old, were able to join us on the first Friday to see what experts their children now are in navigating around their classroom.

We always have half an eye on the buses to secondary schools at this time of year too as we think about last year's Year 6 as they start on their new adventures there. If any of them are reading this—we wish you luck!

Throughout last week, we had Stagecoach from Leamington working with the children on aspects of Roald Dahl drama work as part of the week of Roald Dahl day. The children seem to have really enjoyed getting input from a drama expert. Although it is an early dressing up day, it didn't disappoint at all. Everyone looked fabulous in their costumes.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to our recent  
**Star Learners**  
of the week:

Bella  
Alfie  
Joseph  
Payson  
Hannah  
Angus  
Lucy  
Lola  
Chloe  
Olivia  
Nate  
Megan  
Jack  
Mason  
Rosie  
Oscar  
Libby  
William

## Reminders and new things

Those of you with eagle eyes at the front door will have spotted that there is now an entry system on there. The panel is on the left hand side of the door. If the front door is locked, please press the black button on the panel and Mrs Wilson will let you in as soon as possible.

Please remember that term time holidays are not permitted apart from under 'exceptional circumstances' which is a very limited number of situations. As a parent myself, I know very well how frustrating it is to have to pay so much more in holiday times. I also know that it is disruptive to a child's learning to be missing from school for a lengthy period. Equally, persistent lateness or persistent absence (classed as that below 90%) also creates difficulties. If you are having problems getting your child into school, please let us know and we will do whatever we can to help.

School shoes—please make sure that school shoes are proper shoes and not trainers. The children are welcome to change into trainers for break and lunch but they should wear proper shoes the rest of the time.

## Year 5 and 6 WOW day

Year 5 and 6 were treated to an incredibly delicious 'Wow day' on Monday with a visit from the Ministry of Chocolate. The day began by delving into the history of chocolate and its origins in Central America thousands of years ago. Carl, the chocolate man, also explained how the cocoa beans are grown and processed so that we can indulge in our favourite chocolate treats. The children tasted some unprocessed cacao nibs which were really quite bitter and not at all palatable but then they discovered that this was only one ingredient needed to make chocolate. Carl allowed us to see the 'secret recipes' for dark, milk and white chocolate; it was very interesting to see the children's reactions when they realised how much sugar and fat were in one bar, particularly the white chocolate! Finally, we had the opportunity to sample some chocolate once we'd used our senses to evaluate it - including listening for a good snap! However I think all of the children would agree that the highlight of the day was designing our own chocolate creations and eating them at the end of the day.

We would like to thank the PTA for supporting this event by subsidising the cost.

## Other things

We are currently further developing our nurture spaces in both Key Stages and would like to add a touch of magic. If anyone has any strings of lights—like fairy lights that they no longer want and would be prepared to donate we would love to add them into these spaces. Thanks!

## French/Spanish Club

We currently have a language Club which is run by Julie Tourigny at lunchtime on a Wednesday. If your child would like to take part in these fun lessons, to learn either Spanish or French, after half term please contact Julie directly on 01926 817816 or 07752 694261 – the cost is, I understand, £5.00 per session.



NB: Jacket potato will be with one of the following options; cheese, cheese & beans or tuna mayonnaise

### Commencing 24/09/2018 Week 1

**Monday:**

- Pork Sausages with gravy (R)
- (V) Fusilli pasta with tomato sauce(G)
- Jacket potato

**Tuesday:**

- Chinese style turkey meatballs (R)
- (V) Chees and potato pie (G)
- Jacket potato

**Wednesday:**

- Roast Pork (R)
- Vegetable and lentil korma (G)
- Jacket potato

**Thursday:**

- Chicken Pie (R)
- (V) Veggie Toad in the hole (G)
- Jacket potato

**Friday:**

- Battered Fish Fillet (R)
- (V) 3 bean chilli with rice (G)
- Jacket potato

### Commencing 01/10/2018 Week 2

**Monday:**

- Organic Pork Meatballs (R)
- (V) Farmhouse omelette (G)
- Jacket potato

**Tuesday:**

- Mild & creamy chicken korma (R)
- (V) Veggie sausages
- Jacket potato

**Wednesday:**

- Roast Beef with Gravy (R)
- Chinese Style Quorn with Noodles (G)
- Jacket potato

**Thursday:**

**Special Italian Pizzeria Menu**

- Pizza with various toppings (R)
- (V) Twisty Pasta with tomato sauce (G)
- Jacket potato

**Friday:**

- Breaded Fish Fillet (R)
- (V) Roasted Vegetable Quiche (G)
- Jacket potato

### Class Attendance Figures Week Ending 21st September 2018

Reception	98.0%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	99.7%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	96.2%

Good Attendance is above 97.5%

The Superstars are  
**Reception Class and Year 4**

Any absence lower than 90% is classed as  
Persistent absence

# Diary Dates

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	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday 24th September</b>		Y3 & Y4 visit to Coventry Cathedral  Woodwind lessons		Violin lessons  Year 6 leave for PGL at 1:20pm	
<b>Tuesday 25th September</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		
<b>Wednesday 26th September</b>		Open the Book Assembly  Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons	'	NO Fiery Feet today  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:30pm'
<b>Thursday 27th September</b>	Breakfast Club 8am (invite only)	Steel Pan lessons			
<b>Friday 28th September</b>	Code Club 8:15am			Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	Earthworms 3:20 - 4:20pm  Year 6 return from PGL at 4:30pm approx.
<b>Monday 1st October</b>		Woodwind lessons		Violin Lessons	
<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		
<b>Wednesday 3rd October</b>		School Photographs		'	Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 4th October</b>	Breakfast Club 8am (invite only)	Steel Pan lessons		Phonics meeting for Reception class parents 2:30pm	Phonics meeting for Reception class parents 6:30pm
<b>Friday 5th October</b>	Code Club 8:15am			Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	Earthworms 3:20 - 4:20pm

Wednesday 3rd October	-	Individual child photographs taken by Tempest Photography
Thursday 4th October	-	Phonics meeting for Reception Class parents 2:30pm
Thursday 4th October	-	Phonics meeting for Reception Class
Monday 15th October	-	Open afternoon for parents of new intake for Reception Class 2019
Tuesday 16th October	-	Fire Safety Talks for Y1 & Y5
Friday 19th October	-	Year 5 Trip (TBC)
Friday 19th October	-	PTA Film Night 3:30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 24th October	-	PTA AGM 7pm
<b>Thursday 25th October</b>	-	<b>Break up from school</b>
<b>Friday 26th October</b>	-	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November = October Half Term</b>		

<b>Monday 5th November</b>	-	<b>Children Back to School</b>
Friday 9th November	-	Y3 Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 13th November	-	Parents Evening 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 15th November	-	Parents Evening 6pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 4th December	-	Infant Trip to Warwick Arts Centre
Friday 7th December	-	PTA Christmas Disco in school hall
Tuesday 11th December	-	Juniors visit to The Belgrade Theatre
Wednesday 12th December	-	Flu Immunisations for Reception Class, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5
Friday 14th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	-	Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 18th December	-	Christmas Production 1:45pm and 6pm
Wednesday 19th December	-	School Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 21st December	-	Infant Christmas Party
Friday 21st December	-	Break up for Christmas
<b>Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January = Christmas Holidays</b>		

<b>Monday 7th January</b>	-	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th January</b>	-	<b>Children Back to School</b>

## Free School Meals



All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils in state-funded schools can have free school meals. This is known as "universal entitlement".

If you think you receive one of the qualifying benefits we recommend that you still apply. This will mean your child's school does not miss out on important funding. It may also mean your child will continue to receive free meals after the end of Year 2.

If your child has been receiving universal free school meals and is approaching the end of Year 2, please apply for free school meals using the link below after 1st July.

Families who receive the following are eligible for Free School Meals:

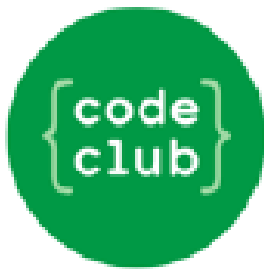
- Income support
- Income-based job seeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-cased and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the Income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

The online checking system only confirms or denies your eligibility to claim free school meals: it does not give us any other information. If you are currently in receipt of either Universal Credit or the 4-week run on of Working Tax Credit the system will not automatically be able to determine your eligibility, therefore you will need to send proof that you are in receipt of these benefits to the Free School Meals office once you have completed and saved your application.

When your eligibility has been confirmed and your application processed, you will be sent an email confirming eligibility. The school will also receive notification of your child's application.

The online checking system will continuously check your eligibility status and inform you and the school of any changes.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/warwickshire>



A nationwide network of volunteer-led after school coding clubs for children aged 9-11

### Our mission:

Give every child in the UK the chance to learn to code. It is our aim to inspire the next generation to get excited about computing.

<https://www.codeclub.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/codeclubuk>



## CODE CLUB COMES TO HARBURY PRIMARY



### What is it?

Teaching juniors the basics of computer programming through a fun, nationally recognised approach, led by a qualified professional volunteer. See [codeclub](https://www.codeclub.org.uk/) website for further details.

### When is it?

Starting 14th September, on Fridays at 8.15-9.00am in the school ICT suite. All enthusiastic students welcome, including our current coders! So far we've helped over 30 pupils to develop the ability to create sophisticated computer programs in [Scratch](https://scratch.mit.edu/).

### How much is it?

The PTA would be most appreciative of a voluntary £2 per week donation towards maintenance of the ICT suite. So far we've raised £1600, contributing to purchases of the school microphone, a faster network, and saving towards faster computers!

### Sign me up!

Respond by email to [ccharburyprimary@gmail.com](mailto:ccharburyprimary@gmail.com). Hurry, only 15 places available!

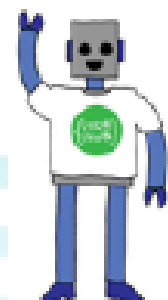
Return slip by 19th July to the school office, or (preferably) email the following details to [ccharburyprimary@gmail.com](mailto:ccharburyprimary@gmail.com)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Year group (circle)                      YR5      YR6

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_



\*Contact details required for confirmation, course updates, feedback, cancellation notices, etc