



# Harbury C.E. Primary School

To love, learn and grow together

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## Great parental engagement

Over the last two weeks it has been great to welcome into school quite a significant number of parents to be a part of some really important sharing.

Last week, Miss Bunce put on an excellent presentation in the afternoon and the evening that was extremely informative about Online Safety; a subject that is exceedingly important to us and to equipping our children to be safe and sensible in our current world.

This Monday, Mrs Neale and Miss Rudgalvis then also put on some workshops for our Reception parents that focused on some of the key skills involved in developing our children's early maths skills.



### CONGRATULATIONS

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

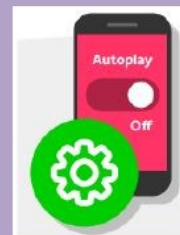
Eliza  
Daisy  
Jasper  
Alexia  
Dylan  
Oliver  
Mia  
Ellyn  
Poppy B  
Amy  
Jake

### Our Role Models of the week:

Annabel  
Kenzie  
Ruby  
Jack  
Max,  
Oliver  
Oliver,  
Finlay  
Thomas  
Evelyn  
Grace

## Bitesize Online Safety #1

### Theme: Screen Time!



#### PROS

- Gives children access to information to build knowledge
- Children are more socially connected and less isolated
- Proven to improve children's learning and development

#### CONS

- Screens can have a drug-like effect on children's brains which can make them more anxious
- Blue light from phones can trick the brain into thinking it's still daylight making it difficult to sleep

### Some tips to reduce screen time...



1. Set a good example with your own device use
2. Put in place a family agreement and agree on appropriate lengths of time
3. Help them build critical thinking in order to understand platform functions designed to make you keep playing!
4. Encourage them to switch off 'auto-play' to remove bingeing temptations
5. Create screen-free zones at home!

## Plea for beads!



At school next week, we are planning a whole school shared learning activity linked to Pi day. For this activity, we require a large number of beads that can be threaded onto string/wool/pipe cleaners. With this in mind, we are asking our local community to donate any old or spare beads that could we could use for this task. Hama beads or small plastic craft beads are best for this activity as the children will be making a wearable accessory. We especially need the craft beads that can fit on a pipe cleaner for our youngest learners. Please bring any donations into school by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Earthworms are back!



Now it's spring, Earthworms are back in action on a Friday afternoon! We had a busy 2018 with our new veg plot, herb garden and cut flower border. This year along with our usual Earthworms favourites—digging, sowing, harvesting, eating, and finding fantastic minibeasts—we will be learning how to make compost, building habitats for wildlife in the pond area, and once we raise enough money for the plants we hope to plant a butterfly garden.

As enthusiastic as the children are, extra help from parents and the community has been key. Last year our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers James and Joe did a massive amount of clearing for the new veg plot and around the pond. Teams of parents built the new veg beds and cleared endless leaves from paths and play-grounds. This year, James is continuing his D of E work so look for more improvements to the pond area (and a much less stinky pond!) over the next few months. 1<sup>st</sup> Harbury Scouts will be helping repair and improve our compost bins in May.

We have two Family Earthworms days coming up this spring (16 March & 19 May) to tackle some bigger jobs such as clearing the area for the butterfly garden, planting the bare ground outside Y1, painting benches, and having a good spring tidy of the school grounds. Everyone is welcome to join in—not just Earthworms! Please get in touch if you're interested and I will send more details. If you would rather help out on your own schedule please let me know as we have plenty of jobs that can be done as and when. We are especially in need of someone handy who can make a few weatherproof signs the children can paint so we can label the various areas of our garden.

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## What is a Learning Mentor?

I am sure everyone is confident about the role of teachers, teaching assistants and of course the office team in school but we wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the role that Mrs Priest performs in our school on Mondays and Wednesdays. She has the job title of Learning Mentor. She is there for any child in the school that might need someone to talk to; we talk about it in terms of people having a barrier to learning—something that is stopping them accessing what is happening in the classroom for whatever reason—it could be a fall out with friends, it could be a worry that is hanging over them, a method in maths that they just can't grasp or even just a bad night's sleep that is making them feel out of sorts. The great thing about having Mrs Priest on our staff is that, because she is not allocated to one particular class, she has the ability and the time often to respond immediately should the need arise; this level of responsiveness can really benefit a child in a moment of difficulty and is something that is incredibly challenging to do when you have a whole class of children needing your attention. We feel there is real value in her role and are very pleased to have involved in adding to the care that we can offer.

Class Attendance Figures		
<b>Week Ending 8th March 2019</b>	Reception	96.6%
Good Attendance is above 97.5%	Year 1	96.8%
	Year 2	96.8%
	Year 3	94.7%
	Year 4	97.2%
	Year 5	95.7%
	Year 6	95.2%
Any absence lower than 90% is classed as Persistent absence		



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

### Week 3: Commencing 11/03/2019

#### Monday:

- Organic Pork Meatballs (R)
- Broccoli & Sweetcorn Bake (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Tuesday:

- Bacon Medallion/pork sausage (R)
- Breaded Veggie Fingers (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Wednesday:

- Roast Chicken with gravy (R)
- (V) Vegetable Lasagne (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Thursday:

- Minced Beef Pie (R)
- (V) Rustic Margherita Pizza (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Friday:

- Breaded Pollock Fillet (R)
- (V) Quorn Korma (very mild)
- Jacket potato

### Week 1: Commencing 18/03/2019

#### Monday:

- Pork Sausages with gravy (R)
- (V) Farmhouse omelette (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Tuesday:

- Chicken Fillet Wrap (R)
- (V) Vegetable Pasta Bake (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Wednesday:

- Roast Beef (R)
- (V) Veggie Toad in the hole (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Thursday:

- Chicken Tikka Curry (R)
- (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (G)
- Jacket potato

#### Friday:

- Gluten Free Fish Fingers (R)
- Chinese Style Quorn Noodles (G)
- Jacket potato

# Diary Dates

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	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday 11th March</b>		Woodwind lessons  Y6 at the library  Reception class stay & Learn session		Violin Lessons  Swimming lessons for Y3	
<b>Tuesday 12th March</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons  Reception class stay & Learn session	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Steel Pan Concert
<b>Wednesday 13th March</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons  Open the Book Assembly  Reception class stay & Learn session	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 14th March</b>	Breakfast Club 8am (invite only)	Steel Pan lessons  Y5 Orchestra Day at Kings High School (invite only)			
<b>Friday 15th March</b>	Code Club 8:15am			Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	Earthworms Group A 3:30pm - 4:30pm
<b>Monday 18th March</b>		Woodwind lessons		Violin Lessons  Swimming lessons for Y3	
<b>Tuesday 19th March</b>		Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Parents Evening 4pm - 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 20th March</b>		Rev. Craig Assembly  Piano/Guitar Lessons	Piano/Guitar Lessons		Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm  Aspire sports after school club 3:20pm - 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	Breakfast Club 8am (invite only)	Steel Pan lessons			Parents Evening 5pm - 7:30pm
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	Code Club 8:15am	Water Day		Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	Earthworms Group B

Monday 11th March	-	Reception Class Stay & Learn Sessions 9am Swimming for Y3
Wednesday 13th March	-	Open the Book Assembly Multi Sports Club Y1, Y2 & Y3 3:20pm - 4:20pm Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm
Monday 18th March	-	Swimming for Y3
Tuesday 19th March	-	Parents Evening 4pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 20th March	-	Rev. Craig Assembly Multi Sports Club Y1, Y2 & Y3 3:20pm - 4:20pm Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 21st March	-	Parents Evening 5pm - 7:30pm
Friday 22nd March	-	World Water Day
Monday 25th March	-	Swimming for Y3
Wednesday 27th March	-	Open the Book Assembly Clare College workshop 12:30pm Mothers Day Church Service 1:45pm Multi Sports Club Y1, Y2 & Y3 3:20pm - 4:20pm Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm
Monday 1st April	-	Swimming for Y5
Tuesday 2nd April	-	Clare College workshop 4pm
Wednesday 3rd April	-	Multi Sports Club Y1, Y2 & Y3 3:20pm - 4:20pm Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm
Monday 8th April	-	Swimming for Y5 Dress Rehearsal for Y3 & Y4 Production of Wind in the Willows
Tuesday 9th April	-	Y3 & Y4 Production of Wind in the Willows 1:45pm Y3 & Y4 Production of Wind in the Willows 6:30pm
Wednesday 10th April	-	Multi Sports Club Y1, Y2 & Y3 3:20pm - 4:20pm Fiery Feet 3:20pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 11th April	-	Easter Church Service 10am

## Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April = Easter Holidays

Monday 29th April	-	Swimming for Y5
Tuesday 30th April	-	All about Me meeting 6pm - 7:30pm
Monday 6th May	-	Bank Holiday
Friday 10th May	-	Reception Class assembly 10:10am
Monday 13th May	-	Year 6 SATS week Swimming for Y5
Monday 20th May	-	Swimming for Y5

## Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May = May Half-Term

Monday 3rd June	-	Swimming for Y2
Monday 10th June	-	Swimming for Y2
Monday 17th June	-	Swimming for Y2 Reception Class stay & learn sessions
Monday 24th June	-	Swimming for Y2
Wednesday 26th June	-	Induction Day - Y6 at Secondary schools New Reception Class children in for a session
Friday 5th July	-	Sports Day 10am
Tuesday 9th July	-	Reception Class at Ryton Pools