

Friday 10th November 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Monday 13^h November

PTFA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

– All parents and staff are invited – see below.

Monday 27th November

Whole School Panto in the Hall

Monday 4th – Friday 8th December

Year 5 Swimming week (more information to follow)

Monday 11th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Preschool & Reception Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

Wednesday 20th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert Performance

5pm

Friday 22nd December

End of Term 1:30pm Finish

Attendance

Your child's regular school attendance is paramount to their success and development. By sending your child to school each day, you're giving them the opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for a bright future. Consistent school attendance establishes good habits and fosters a strong work ethic. It also allows your child to form lasting friendship and build social skills. Your involvement in their education sends a powerful message about the importance of learning, setting the stage for a lifetime of achievement.

The Lancashire School Attendance Team have been working with Harris Primary this term and have reviewed our approaches to punctuality, attendance and persistent absences.

Our updated Attendance Policy will be available on the school website from next week.

★ Writers of the Week! ★

Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are: **Joseph (Rec)**, **Ashi (Y1)**, **Lana (Y2)**, **Etta (Y3)**, **Aishah (Y4)**, **Nell (Y5)**, **Connie (Y6)**

Harris PTFA events and Fundraising



We would love more parents to join the PTFA, so please come to our next meeting and find out how you could help. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with school life and help to raise money for the children of Harris. If you are thinking of joining, follow the link or QR code to the **Zoom meeting on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm** to discuss who the PTFA, what we do and how you can get involved.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73130503249?pwd=TJU8Yi3YQKY714cK0YWf96uQeaqcSO.1>

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: Harley

Reception: Lillie and Toby

Year 1: Isobel and Bailey

Year 2: Elias and Bobby

Year 3: Roya and Ayla

Year 4: Charlie and Araeleyah

Year 5: Fayha and Joseph

Year 6: Arthur and Charlie

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool we have been talking about Remembrance Day Poppies and why people wear them at this time of year. The children looked at images of real poppies and paper poppies, before creating their own. Following children's interests, we listened to Superhero themed stories and asked, 'What makes a good superhero?' helping us to practise our conversation skills and to share our own thoughts and ideas.

Reception



In Literacy this week, we have been reading 'Owl Babies' and have been writing some captions to match scenes in the story. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 6 and simple repeating patterns. In Understanding the World, we have been exploring the veins we can see on leaves. We looked at our own veins on our wrists and compared them to ones on leaves. We then did some leaf rubbings so we could see the veins in more detail. We have continued drawing some Autumn trees in Art, using the right colours for the leaves and smudging the chalk pastels to create different effects. In PE, we focused on our balancing and climbing skills.

Year 1



We've had another busy week, learning lots in our new topics. In English, we wrote our own Firework Party poems and decorated them. In Maths, we have been learning to count in tens, fives and twos. We started our new art unit, learning about the sculptor Joana Vasconcelos and the huge sculptures she's made using everyday materials. In History, we learnt about how the Great Fire of London started in Thomas Farriner's bakery down Pudding Lane. The children made their own bakery's with lots of things inside that made the fire grow. In DT, we have started learning about the features of Tudor houses including jetties, wattle and daub and black wooden beams.

YEAR TWO



This week in English, we created a story map to retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We then created a new story map with our own fantastic fairytale characters. Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shape, partitioning and doubling this week in Maths. We have also started to design a chair for Goldilocks in DT and we learnt about acts of kindness in PSHE. On Friday, we made Remembrance Day poppies which are on display in our classroom.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Year 3 have had another fantastic week. In DT this week, we have been busy investigating Soup - finding out how it's made and how it tastes. We tried different soups and scored against the label, appearance and the nutritional value. We have been working on multiplication facts for the 3- and 4-times tables in Maths. In English, we have had another busy week learning about Fables: we planned out and wrote diary entries from two perspectives - Hare and the Tortoise! We included time conjunctions and adverbials.

YEAR FOUR



This week, we have been really busy writing our innovated versions of the Legend of Beddgelert. The children have thought of some super creative twists and have really thought about including the grammar techniques we have been practising at the start of lessons. We had fun in French practising our pets vocabulary and playing Bingo - the children have really impressed me by remembering some tricky vocabulary! We have also taken a closer look at Judaism and how the synagogue helps Jewish people to live a good life.

YEAR FIVE



Year 5 have had another busy week continuing to explore the topic of space. This week we have been on a scavenger hunt finding out about the planets in our solar system. We then used these facts to create an information poster. I must also mention the homework that has been handed in so far this half term. I have been blown away by the effort that the children have put into creating models of the solar system, time machines and writing some amazing diary entries and interviews with aliens – well done all!

YEAR SIX



This week in English, Year 6 have been studying Shakespeare's Macbeth and looking at how he transforms from noble hero to villainous king. In Maths, we got to grips brilliantly with long division methods as well as using common multiples to find equivalent fractions. In Science, we continued our exploration of the circulatory system and focused in on how our heart reacts when we exercise. In History, we were given our own fountain pens to write our own letters as evacuee children. In Art, we produced a series of studies in our sketchbooks of poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Dates 2023

Before School Clubs 8:00-8:45 or 8:15-8:45				
Year Groups	Club	Start Date	End Date	Staff
Y3/4	Boys Football 8:00-8:45	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Athletics 8:00-8:45	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y3/4	Hockey 8:00-8:45	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
KS2	Cross Country 8:15-8:45	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
Lunchtime Clubs 12:00-12:30 or 12:25-12:55				
KS2	Rubix Cube	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Mr Ridge
After School Clubs 3:20-4:15				
Y5/6	Boys Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Groom
KS2	Girls Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 1	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 16 th Oct	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 2	Monday 30 th Oct	Monday 27 th Nov	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Hockey	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Whole School	Drama	Set their own dates		Players in Education
Y4/5/6	Netball	Thursday 21 st Sept	Thursday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
		<i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		
Whole School	Ju Jitsu	Set their own dates <i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		Enso Martial Arts
Y5/6	Dance	Friday 22 nd Sept	Friday 1 st Dec	Miss Sumner



**ALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME!**

**Join us for our family HUB launch where
there will be lots of exciting activities
for all the family with food provided
12-1pm**

**10 - 6pm
Ribbleton Family Hub
Preston**

-FACE PAINTING

-BADGE MAKING

- FIRE ENGINE

-11-3PM BOUNCY CASTLE

-10-3:30PM LEGO EXERCISE

-2-4PM PLANTING WITH LET'S GROW PRESTON

AND LOTS MORE





School Term and Holiday Pattern: 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Start of term Friday 1st September
Half-term close Friday 20th October
Re-open Monday 30th October
End of term Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2024

Start of term Monday 8th January
Half-term close Friday 9th February
Re-open Monday 19th February
End of term Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Start of term Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Half-term close Friday 24th May
Re-open Monday 3rd June
End of term Monday 22nd July

INSET Days

Day 1 Friday 1st September 2023
Day 2 Monday 3rd June 2024
Day 3 Tuesday 4th June 2024
Day 4 Wednesday 5th June 2024
Day 5 Thursday 6th June

Term dates for 2024/25 will be released later this term.

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LAUNCH DAY!!

NEW VENUE



Harris Primary
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Sunday
October 1st

minis (18M-3y) 9:00-9:40

juniors (3y-4y) 9:50-10:30

seniors (4y-6y) 10:40-11:20

To book a spot please contact us at:

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Sundays 10:40: 4-6yrs

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