



# **NEWSLETTER**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009**

**Number 3**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

In assembly this week I have congratulated all the pupils for the best start to a school year. We are beating our target for attendance and behaviour in school is better than ever. In September and October 2008 there were 111 Red Cards but this year we have only had 49. I have set the children a target of only 25 for next half term. And on a positive note staff are telling me how many Well Dones they have given for good work. Look out for our new praise post cards after the holiday.

I really enjoyed the Year 6 Harvest Festival yesterday. All the pupils were a credit to the school and I am very glad that so many of you were able to stay and see the children at work in their classes. Well over 60 parents and carers came making this the best ever attended event.

I would like to add my congratulations to all our new School Council Reps, “Bully Buddies” and House Captains.

Today a group of pupils were selected to join me for Cream Teas. We talked about what it is like to be a pupil at Harris and they have certainly given me some ideas.

I am sure next half term will be even better – I certainly know it’s going to be busier.

May I just take this opportunity to remind you all that parents are **not** allowed into the classrooms before and after school. If you wish to see your child’s teacher for any reason, please report to school office and they will arrange for the teacher to come to you in reception.

REMINDER – Closing date for the Year 8 High School application forms is Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2009
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#### Visits this term

Year 6 have been lucky enough to participate in two visits this term, this is what the children had to say about the visits.

#### Norwich Castle

Bethany Carver 6BS – We went to Norwich Castle Museum. We had to look at how the museum was set out into eras and how they decide which artefacts are displayed. This was for our Aztec assessment. The trip was fun and informative and we learnt lots of new facts.

Elle Smith 6H – Year 6 had a great time at the Norwich Castle Museum on their school trip. We especially liked the well in the keep! (It was very spooky!)

## Africa Alive

Natalie Baldry 6H – Year 6 had a lovely time at Africa Alive looking at all the animals with our friends.

Kaitlin Walsh 6BS – On the 14<sup>th</sup> September all of Year 6 went to Africa Alive for the day. We had a great day it was really fun. We got to hold a spiny mouse which was really cute and we got to hold a baby leopard tortoise, each baby tortoise was named after a Simpsons character. We went round and saw all the animals. We also saw the serval cat, meerkats and otters fed. Some of the Year 6 got to go on the train but we went on the adventure park.

## Minsmere

On a very windy Saturday, 17 children and staff from the Science/Environment club went to minsmere. This is what they thought of their day out.

Interesting – Alice Cheverton                      Windy – Becky Durrant  
Cool – Edie Williamson                      Happy – Paige McCormack  
Enjoyed new animals I've never seen – Ryan White  
Cool – Kael Hammond                      Awesome – Alex Ward  
Brilliant – David Blumel

Trump cards the children have made of their species are on display in the Year 8 area.

### Morrison "Letsgrow"

The Morrisons "Letsgrow" appeal is up and running again and so vouchers can be handed in at the office.

The new "receipt" voucher system appears to be that you just return the receipt to school (thanks to the parent who brought this to our attention). If we receive any more information on this we will let you know.

## Club Changes for after half term

Meccano construction club will be starting for Year 8 pupils on a Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Knitting/Cross Stitch club would like to invite Year 7 & 8 Pupils to join our existing group on a Monday 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Girls football for all Years on a Friday in the Gym 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Boys football for Year 5 & 6 on Wednesday in the Gym 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Boys football for Year 7 & 8 will take place but day and venue to be arranged

### Library News

The Book Fair is coming – Look out for your child bringing home a letter with details of the school book fair which will run from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> till Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure your child brings their money on the day they will be visiting the fair. The book fair will also be open after school till 4.00 pm on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> if parents and carers would like to come and choose books. A good opportunity to buy Christmas presents.

### SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to Zoe Cossey and Brandon Anderson who qualified for the County Cross-County championships.

Alice Cheverton ran brilliantly and finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall by a great distance in her U14 North & West Suffolk Race.

Well done to the U13 Girls table tennis team – Paige Baker, Zoe Cossey, Stephanie Goodwin and Amber Stebbings who qualified for the County U13 Girls Team table tennis competition.

The Boys U12 and Girls U13 Football teams are through to the next round of the County Cup with 2-1 and 3-1 victories respectively, but the boys U13 and U11 teams were not successful in their 1<sup>st</sup> round cup matches.

Congratulations of the following pupils who have passed their interviews to become Sports Leaders – Alice Cheverton, Zalonia Warford, Beth Picton, Josie McWade, Harry Lawrence, Danny Cook, Nicholas Harrison, Kurt Thompson, Darius Mullen and Jordan Goldspink.

Can you give a home to a Baby African Land Snail? – for information please see Becky Durrant 8W

Please note this is quite a commitment you will need signed permission from parents, a tank of appropriate size, a heat mat to fit the tank, appropriate food.

J Bowmaker  
Headteacher