



Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Harrietsham Church of England Primary School. We are so excited to meet you and your children.

To ensure a smooth transition, and so that we can get to know each other a little before September, we have arranged a few events in school during the last half of the Summer term. Please do mark these on your calendar. We know that not everyone will be able to make all of the dates below but we would encourage you to attend as many as you can so that your child is familiar with the school and staff.

- **New Parents Information Evening: Tuesday 3rd June 5.00pm-6.30pm.**

The information evening will be a chance for you to find out about the day-to-day routines in school, uniform, school dinners and much more. We will share with you details and dates about your child's transition into school in September. You will also meet your child's new class teachers and key members of our Leadership Team. There will be the chance to ask questions and also meet other new parents. We will also be handing out your welcome packs which include a booklet to share with your child and forms to be filled in and returned. Due to the nature of this meeting, we recommend leaving little ones at home if you can.

- **Parent & Child Stay and Play (1hr): Thursday 19th June OR Friday 20th June (9:30 – 10:30am, date for your child TBC)**

You are invited into the classroom with your child on Thursday 19th June OR Friday 20th June to play, join us for an activity and a story. This will be a short 1 hour session, preparing the children for a longer stay and play session when you will leave them in the classroom with us.

- **Children only Stay and Play (2hr): Wednesday 2nd July OR Thursday 3rd July (1 – 3pm, date for your child TBC)**

This will be a longer stay and play session for the children to enjoy. During this time, we invite you to stay in school to get to know each other and to find out about how Arbor, Dojo and Tapestry Learning Journal will enable you to communicate with the school about your child's learning and attainment.

- **Home Visits: Thursday 10th July OR Friday 11th July**

(A time and date will be given to you; we organise these based on your home address.)

We would like to informally visit you and your child at your family home, before the children start school with us, to enable them the opportunity to build a relationship with the new adults in their life in an environment in which they feel safe and secure.

- **Teddy Bears Picnic: Friday 18th July at 3:40 pm – 4.30pm**

Please join us on the playground for an informal picnic. This will be a chance for us to bring the entire new cohort together. Please do bring along some nut-free snacks for you and your child, a blanket to sit on ... and, most importantly, a Teddy Bear!





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- **Hot Dogs and Cool Music: Tuesday 22nd July from 5 pm – 8 pm**

Our School Community come together on the evening of the last day of term for a celebration known as 'Hot Dogs and Cool Music'. The event celebrates our Year 6 Leavers and it also allows our parent body to socialise in a more relaxed environment. There will be an outside disco, a BBQ, ice-creams, a bar and more. We will share more information with you in time about how to book a ticket, should you like to attend.

- **'Meet the Teacher' in School: September (Dates to follow)**

Once your child has started school, we will invite you in to discuss their first few mornings with us, and any support they may need. It is a huge transition for us all and it is therefore the perfect opportunity for you to see the classroom and picture where they will be!

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to introduce yourself to us before we meet, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 3rd June** at the parent Information Evening.

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