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Important Information for September

Dear Families,

Please find below a letter with some important updates for you all for September.

Contents:

- Term Dates for September
- School Uniform in September
- September classes (including staffing changes and transition information)

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

Term Dates next year

Our INSET days next year will fall as follows:

1.9.25 2.9.25 19.12.25 1.6.26 3.7.26

Inclusive of INSET Days, next year's term dates are as follows:

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	3.9.25 (INSET Day: 1.9.25 and 2.9.25)	17.10.25
2	27.10.25	18.12.25 (INSET Day: 19.12.25)
3	5.1.26	13.2.26
4	23.2.26	2.4.26
5	20.4.26	22.5.26
6	2.6.26 (INSET Day: 1.6.26)	21.7.26 (INSET Day: 3.7.26)

School Uniform in September

From September, children will wear either their school uniform or their PE kit during school days. We will be asking children to **wear their PE kit on Forest School days (they will need to wear their winter PE joggers, rather than their shorts so their legs are covered)**. We have also removed the need for a black hoodie for PE, and we will be asking children to **wear their usual school jumper / cardigan on PE days**.

Please remember that **children in Years R, 1 and 2 have the choice to wear Active Uniform**. If they choose active uniform, they will only need a house-coloured PE T-Shirt as an addition on PE Days.

Optional Active Uniform for **Years R, 1 and 2:**

**** Please note: Children are able to wear our traditional school uniform if they wish to.**

- Plain black leggings or jogging bottoms (unbranded) / plain black sports shorts for the summer.
- Plain / Harrietsham emblem (optional) white polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan **with Harrietsham emblem**.
- Plain black trainers / plimsols / suitable shoes.
- White, black or grey socks.
- Book Bag (Harrietsham emblem optional – no ruck-sacks please).

PE Kit:

- House coloured PE T-Shirt for PE days.



Traditional Uniform for **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:**

- Grey school trousers, long shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- Plain / Harrietsham emblem (optional) white polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan **with Harrietsham emblem**.
- Red and white checked summer dress (optional - Terms 1, 5 and 6)
- Plain black school shoes.
- White, black or grey socks or tights.
- Book Bag (Harrietsham emblem optional).

PE Kit:

- House coloured PE T-Shirt.
- Plain black sports shorts.
- Plain black leggings / joggers.
- Plain black or white trainers.



Any items of school uniform with a logo can be purchased from Monkhouse or Brigade.

The only item of uniform that requires a logo is the maroon school jumper / cardigan.

More details can be found on our website here: [Uniform | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](http://www.harrietshamchurchofenglandprimaryschool.co.uk).

Planned transition for next year

As we near the end of this school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together with our families is crucial for us to best support your children's learning and development.

As we begin the transition into the next school year, we're already looking ahead with excitement. This period of transition is an important time for the children as it helps them to build confidence, ease into new routines, and feel prepared for the challenges and opportunities of their next class. We are committed to making the upcoming year even more enriching and engaging, and we look forward to continuing this journey together with you and your child.

Please see below for details of the transition programme which we intend to put into place to best support your child:

- Teacher and LSA meeting time to hand over key information about children.
- Pastoral and SEND handovers with the Pastoral and Inclusion teams.
- Transition booklets created for all children (to be sent out later this term).
- Pre-transition, informal visits from new teachers and LSAs for children with specific needs.
- Additional transition opportunities for our current Year R and Year 1 children: For our younger children especially, we understand that moving into a new classroom can be a big step, so we will be offering some morning and afternoon sessions in their new classes to help them feel comfortable and secure.
- **Whole school transition days:** Thursday 10th July and Friday 11th July.
For these days, all children will attend their new classes with their new teachers and LSAs. Drop off and pick up will be from the children's new classrooms.
- **Open Classrooms for parents to meet new teachers:** Thursday 10th July.

Staffing in September

The end of the academic year is always a time when we see movement of our teaching staff, as some start new adventures.

This year, we have three good-byes to say:

Mrs Holland has decided to leave Harrietsham CEP School to begin new adventures. Mrs Holland has been at Harrietsham for many years and has given the children many years of her expert music tuition. She has taught most of the children at our school over the years, and as well as her music lessons, the additional extra-curricular music events organised by Mrs Holland will be missed. We wish Mrs Holland the very best of luck in her new ventures.

Miss Niblett-West returned from maternity leave this year to teach in Year 1 on Fridays. Mrs Niblett-West has decided to spend some more time with her young family. Her calm nature will be missed by our children, but we hope to see her from time to time as she is joining a local supply agency. We wish Mrs Niblett-West the very best of luck for the future.

Mrs Neall has been an asset to our Inclusion team this year. Her understanding of our children and their needs is second to none and she will be sadly missed by all those who have worked with her. Mrs Neall is moving on to train as a Secondary School Science teacher. We wish her the very best of luck and know that her new students will be very lucky to have her teaching them.

New Site Manager: We are excited to welcome a new Site Manager to our team ready for the next academic year. Mr Young will be joining us, hopefully this term. Mr Young has a lot of experience of managing estates, ensuring health and safety compliance, working with contractors and also taking part in DIY. He is excited to get to work and has assured us that he will love Harrietsham as much as we do! Please look out for Mr Young on the gates in the morning and please do give him a very warm welcome to our Harrietsham Family.

As you know, we are also looking to appoint a FLO, an Inclusion Assistant and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to the school ready for September. We will announce these positions as they are recruited.

New classes for September

Our teachers are looking forward to receiving their new classes for September on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July for their transition days.

You will see some changes to the staffing this year as some of our teachers move year groups and others reduce their working hours. With staff moving on, a new class teacher position has also been created and Mrs Frost is delighted to have her own class next year. Mrs Frost will still lead on PE across the school, but she is very excited to be teaching her own class for the next year. We know that her class will benefit hugely from her enthusiasm and exciting ideas.

Please see below table for information about your child's new teaching team:

EYFS and Key Stage One:

Your child's current Class	New Class Name	New Teacher	New Year Group	New LSAs
	Ducklings	Miss Spain (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Smith (Thursday + Friday)	R	Mrs Tipple Miss Bott (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Cheel (Wednesday + Friday) Mrs Jones (Monday – Thursday)
	Cygnets	Mrs Giannini (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Smith (Wednesday)		
Year R class 1	Wrens	Miss Thorne	1	Miss Thurston (afternoons) Mrs Jackson Mrs Manser 1 x New LSA (mornings)
Year R class 2	Kingfishers	Mrs Walker (Monday – Thursday) Mr Saye (Friday)		
Kingfishers	Sparrows	Miss Frazier	2	Miss Thurston (mornings) 1 x New LSA (afternoons) Miss Abela
Wrens	Jays	Miss Ashwood		

Key Stage Two:

Your child's current Class	New Class Name	New Teacher	New Year Group	New LSAs
Sparrows	Woodpeckers	Miss Roberts	3	Mrs Godfrey
Jays	Robins	Mr Hyder		
Robins	Swallows	Mr Walker	4	Mrs Keggans (mornings) Mr Norey (afternoons) Ms Ward (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Kent (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Mrs Bullett Mrs Nichols (Monday morning, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) Mrs Humphrey (Tuesday – Friday) Mrs Morris
Woodpeckers	Nightingales	Ms Kelly (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Wells (Friday)		
Nightingales	Kestrels	Mrs Frost	5	Mrs Williams
Swallows	Eagles	Mrs Stroud		
Eagles	Hawks	Miss Pittam	6	Mrs Keggans (afternoons) Mr Norey (mornings) Mrs Finch
Kestrels	Hérons	Mrs Pickering		

Cover across the school:

The following adults will work with our new HLTA to provide consistent, high quality cover across the school:

- Mrs Wells
- Mr Saye
- Miss Bradley (Forest School)
- Mrs Cheel (HLTA for KS1)

We are sure that your child will be very excited about the year ahead. Please do look out for emails and messages in the coming weeks with resources to prepare them for this next step in their schooling.

If you have any questions at all about the following, please do see your child's existing class teacher.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

