



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 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: Wednesday 20th May 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. Due to the nature of this meeting, we recommend leaving little ones at home if you can.
- **Parent & Child Stay and Play (1 hr): Thursday 18th June OR Friday 19th June (9:30am – 10:30am)**
(Note: You will be able to sign-up for the Thursday or Friday session at the Parent Information Evening)
You are invited into the classroom with your child on Thursday 18th June or Friday 19th June to play, join us for an activity and a story. This will be a 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 (1hr): Monday 29th June OR Tuesday 30th June (1:30pm – 3pm)**
(Note: You will be able to sign-up for the Monday or Tuesday session at the Parent Information Evening)
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 and the Tapestry Learning Journal will enable you to communicate with the school about your child's learning and attainment.
- **Home Visits: Wednesday 1st July OR Thursday 2nd July**
(Note: 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 visit us in school, 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. A home visit provides children with an opportunity to build trust; they can more easily understand that we are all working together for them. It also provides us with the opportunity to see children in their own environment, and so often that enables us to see them speak and play in ways they would feel less confident to do so when they first come into school. These visits are so valuable as it also gives you the chance to discuss anything with us before your child starts school.



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- **Teddy Bears Picnic: Friday 17th July at 3:30pm – 4.15pm**

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 bring along some nut-free snacks for you and your child, a blanket to sit on ... and most importantly a Teddy Bear!

- **Hot Dogs and Cool Music: Tuesday 21st 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 20th May at 5pm.**

Mr Ben Walker (Phase Leader) and Mrs Coral Smith (Early Years Curriculum Leader)



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