

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

20.12.24

Dear Families,

Well, we have made it to the end of Term 2. We have had a wonderful last week of term.

We enjoyed a beautiful Nativity from Year 1. The children all performed so well, learning their lines, their songs and dance moves brilliantly. Our huge thanks to the staff who made the show come together.

Our I-Rock musicians played excellently at their end of term concert. Dan was so excited that he even tried to stage dive!! Both Dan and Mollie were so impressed with the children's musical progress and we loved hearing them come together to play in their bands.

Each year group in the school has put together a Topic display which was judged by our Governors and Mrs Furmidge this week. The children (and staff!!) were very excited to see who would win - the competition was fierce! I would like to wish all year groups a HUGE well done on their efforts - all displays were wonderful. Our winner from Key Stage 1 was Year 2 with their space themed display and from Key Stage 2 it was Year 4 with their Ancient Greece display.

We had a lovely Christmas dinner with our school family. Our huge thanks to the team in the kitchen who made us all a delicious roast dinner. The staff team were tireless: decorating the children's tables; serving the meals; playing with the children in the playground; and making the whole thing so very enjoyable.

Our wonderful guitarists played a lovely concert of Christmas songs to us all. They played, and sang, beautifully and definitely put us all in the Christmas spirit. Our thanks to all of the guitarists and to their teacher, Andy, for putting on such a beautiful concert for us all.

We also enjoyed a Carol concert of our own. The children enjoyed listening to some readings from our Shining Lights and to some songs led by Mrs Holland. Our thanks to Mrs Wells and Mrs Holland for putting this together for us.

Finally, the children enjoyed a performance by the staff of The 12 days of Christmas. I can safely say, from the cheers, that the children enjoyed it and it sent us out with a bang!

After such a busy last term, we are sure that the children, like us, are all looking forward to a relaxing break this Christmas. We hope that you all enjoy some family time. All that is left from me is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

Kindest regards,  
**Jackie Chambers**  
Headteacher



Term Dates and year dates for families: [Term Dates](#) | [Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#)

Parent Calendar: [Calendar](#) | [Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#)

### Term 3

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**TERM STARTS: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)**

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Year 5 Apprentice Hook Day
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Spring Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified)
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	New EYFS Cohort 24/25 Parent Tours
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	School recognition of Chinese New Year
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Recognition of Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>



## Puddle Suits - Mud and Wet Weather.

We know the importance of outdoor play, but, we also know that children need to be dressed appropriately for the outdoors.

For this reason, we are looking to place a bulk order for puddle suits.

If you would be interested, please complete the survey below:



<https://forms.gle/dgYvdNTxX19WqKWE8>



## In school guitar lessons with Andy Davis Music

To register your child or submit an enquiry, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/4KTdV6cTdBqBt7RK7>



## Class Parent Reps Still Needed

**HELP NEEDED**

Thank you to those lovely parents who have signed up so far.

**We are still looking for Class Reps for the following classes:**



Cygnets (Miss Ashwood)  
Sparrows (Miss Frazier)  
Woodpeckers (Mrs Giannini and Mr Saye)  
Swallows (Mrs Wells)  
Eagles (Mrs Stroud)  
Herons (Mrs Pickering)



**If you could help your child's class, please do let me know**  
**([headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk))**

# Church Connections

Please see below details of upcoming services and events at our local, St John the Baptist, church.



## Join us this Christmas

St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

### Carols by Candlelight

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm

### Nativity Fun with Messy Church

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December, 3pm

### All-Age Christmas Celebration

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 11am

### Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.15pm

### Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 11am

### Benefice Carol Celebration

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> December, 11am



MERRY CHRISTMAS

## NATIVITY FUN FOR ALL



### Christmas Nativity Fun with Messy Church

St John the Baptist Church,  
Harrietsham  
Sat 21 Dec | 3pm - 5pm

Come dressed up as a nativity character or have fun with our dressing up outfits.

Craft activities, Christmas Nativity, snacks and drinks to enjoy!



### The Pathways Church Christmas Special!

Lenham Community Centre  
Sun 22 Dec | 5:30pm - 7pm

A special Christmas service for young and old.

With Christmas nibbles, carols and a craft for children to make.



**Do bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome!**