

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

22.11.24

Dear Families,

This week Mr Gambell and myself have spent time touring prospective new Year R parents. I have to say that we have both been blown away with the lovely feedback that we have received about our school. Parents have commented on how well behaved and focussed our children are, about the lovely resources that they have access to and about the exciting potential that is being created for the children's play spaces. We couldn't be prouder of our staff and children for making our wonderful school so great.

Forest School News

We have some exciting Forest School news! The footpath that Mr Back so very kindly dug for us down the side of our Forest School has now been formally adopted. This means that as soon as we can afford to, we can fence in the Forest School and there will be no footpath running directly through it - making the area safer and creating a multitude of new learning opportunities for our children.

See the plan: 

We are currently just **£4,200** off our target for being able to afford to add security fencing to this area.

My plea to you all ...

If anyone knows of any charities, companies or businesses who may sponsor us or provide us with a grant for this final amount of £4,200, please do let me know via my email address: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk.

Kindest regards,

Jackie Chambers

Headteacher



Harrietsham School site with new Forest School security fencing.



Reminder:
Tuesday 26th November - Non Uniform Day in return for bottles for us to raffle for our bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre. Alcohol, soft drinks, smellies etc welcome.

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

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

Wednesday 27 th November	Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme - pupils in Year R - 6
Friday 29 th November:	Classroom Open Afternoon 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Friday 6 th December:	Year 5 Class Worship 2:50pm Year 4 Greek Day

You are invited into school to share your child's learning with them.

Note: Y4 Greek Day - Change of date to 13th December.

Monday 9 th December – Friday 13 th December:	OPAL Parents Lunchtime Week (Families may attend lunchtimes throughout the week to play with their children)
Thursday 12 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December:	Year R Christmas Show – 1:30pm

Core Values Awards

- Ducklings: Alexander
- Cygnets: Roseanne
- Wrens: Haiden
- Kingfishers: Dotty
- Sparrows: Zac
- Jays: Daphne
- Woodpeckers: Haris
- Robins: Ronnie
- Swallows: Rosie
- Nightingales: Teddy
- Kestrels: Yagaanah
- Eagles: Emelia
- Hérons: Amos
- Hawks: Jack



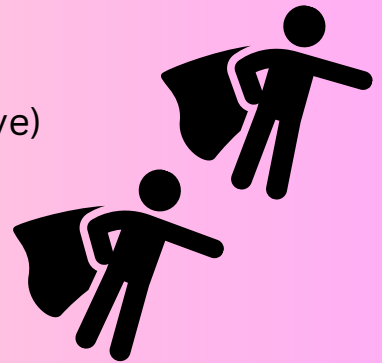
Class Parent Reps

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

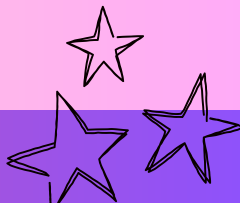
We are still looking for Class Reps for the following classes:



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



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



PTFA Updates

Last Tuesday the PTFA held their Annual General Meeting. There were many successes to share due to the hard work and dedication of our PTFA over the last year. We are forever grateful to the committee, and to anyone who has helped them, for their hard work in raising funds for our children. Last year the PTFA gave the school £10,410.42 towards equipment and events for our children. This is a phenomenal achievement.

Unfortunately, two key members of the PTFA - the chair, Vikki Beck and the Secretary, Rachael Gomer - have stepped down from their positions. We cannot thank these two wonderful ladies enough for their hard work, commitment and dedication towards our school. Without their energy, the achievements of the last year would not have been possible.

Thank you so very much Vikki and Rachael.



HARRIETSHAM PTFA

Chairs Annual Report 19th November 2024

Over the past year, the PTFA has undergone significant changes following the departure of the previous chair, treasurer, and secretary. We experienced numerous shifts within the school staff, including the appointment of Mrs Chambers as the new head.

2023-2024 year, our main focus has been to support the school by enhancing the children's education and well-being. We aimed to raise funds for essential resources and organise inclusive events that create lasting memories for our children and families.

The committee can take pride in our accomplishments. We successfully hosted a Christmas fair that was hailed as "the best one yet." Despite challenging weather, we bravely held our first ever summer fair which raised vital funds. We have also arranged discos and after-school sales.

We are grateful to Mrs. Chambers for welcoming the PTFA into the school community and appreciate the support we've received from teachers and staff. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Frost for her tireless efforts and unwavering support. We also want to acknowledge Grant for his friendly demeanor and willingness to assist us at every turn.

As our children grow and transition out of the school, the PTFA continues to evolve. This year, I have decided to step down as Chair to allow new families to influence the future of the committee, ensuring that their children and others have access to enriching activities and resources that enhance their school experience.

I want to express my gratitude to every committee member who has stepped up and worked diligently to support our events and ensure their success. I wish the new committee all the best in their endeavors.

Please see the Chairs Annual Report.



We are extremely pleased to say that we have a new Chair for our PTFA. Patsy Tomlin has very kindly agreed to step up as our new Chair. Patsy has been a member of the PTFA this last year and she is looking forward to leading the PTFA in many successful fundraising events this year.

In addition, Ann Parker has very kindly agreed to stay on in her existing role as Treasurer. Ann has been Treasurer of the PTFA this last year and has had to learn the ropes very quickly. Armed with her financial spreadsheets, she is looking forward to seeing what our PTFA can afford to support the school with this year.

Despite becoming a member of staff this last year, Tami Williams has also agreed to stay on to support the PTFA. Tami has worked with the PTFA this last year and provided a wealth of support and she has now kindly agreed to take on the role as Secretary to the PTFA.

We look forward to working with Patsy, Ann and Tami and to supporting them with their fundraising efforts this year.



Website Updates



Please click the links below to see more about the wonderful things that we have been up to.



Year 1 Animal Workshop: November 2024
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School



Children in Need: November 2024
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School



Times Table Rockstar Day: November 2024
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School



PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS THIS TERM

Please do feel free to join our Prayer Group.
The group meets in the office on the following dates:

Monday 25th November at 2.45pm

Friday 6th December at 2.45pm

Monday 16th December at 2.45pm

Competition Time!
We would love to see some
Harrietsham entries!

Harrietsham Church of England Primary School presents...

Early Years Christmas Show!

Harrietsham School Hall 2.30pm
Friday 13th December 2024

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Helen Whately MP has invited all Primary Schools across Kent to design a festive image for her Christmas cards, which will be sent to hundreds of people and organisations. The winner of the competition will receive a prize!

If you would like to take part, please submit your design on A4 paper. Your design should be hand-drawn or painted (not computer graphics or glued collages). It should be an original, not a photocopy please! On the reverse, please provide your name, age and school.

Please give your designs to Miss Ashwood (Cygnets Class) by **21st November!**

ATTENTION WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for some volunteers to help with our Christmas fair:

- Fair set-up.
- Running a stall.
- Helping with refreshments.
- Clearing-up at the end of the fair.

If you would be happy to help with any of the above, we would be very grateful.

Please email the office
(office@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk)
with your availability.

THANK YOU
TEAM HARRIETSHAM

Volunteers needed



This week



Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 26th November



BOTTLE TOMBOLA

In return for your children wearing their own clothes to school, we would be grateful for any donations of a bottle to be left in the boxes on the gate in the morning.

Soft drinks and alcohol welcome!

Suggested donation of £1 if preferred.



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 14th December, 5.30pm

Nativity Fun with Messy Church

Sat 21st December, 3pm

All-Age Christmas Celebration

Sun 22nd December, 11am

Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.15pm

Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 11am

Benefice Carol Celebration

Sat 29th 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!

Community News

The below are flyers that we have been asked to share by various community groups. Please note that we have no connection with these groups and so cannot endorse them, but we wanted to share the information in case anything was of interest.



The Family Food Bank

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

SPARKLE & SHINE

The Collection List

4 x TINS OF MEAT (CURRY, CHILLI, MEATBALLS)	4 x TINS OF VEG (POTATOES, PEAS, CARROTS)	2 x LUCKY DIPS (BISCUITS, XMAS CHOCOLATE, MINCE PIES, XMAS PUDDINGS, HYGIENE PRODUCTS)
1 x RICE (500g)	1 x PASTA (500g)	1 x CEREALS (500g)
1 x TEA/COFFEE	2 x TINNED FISH	2 x TINS OF TOMATOES
4 x TINS OF SOUP	1x UHT MILK	1 x JAR OF COOKING SAUCE
4 x TINS OF BAKED BEANS/ SPAGHETTI	1 x PRESERVES (JAM, MARMITE)	4 x TINS OF DESSERTS (CUSTARD, FRUIT, RICE PUDDING)

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN A BAG / BOX AND DELIVER TO OUR WAREHOUSE OR VIA A DISTRIBUTION CENTRE PARTNER. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND BY VISITING:

www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024

If you don't have time to collect food, have you thought about giving?

A donation of £20.00 would enable us to help feed a family this Christmas!

Please use the Just Giving Link or visit our website to find out more:

www.familyfoodbank.org/christmas-2024




Family Food Bank

Please click the image to be more like Mr. Poppy, and get in the festive spirit.

Donate with
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The Family Food Bank is part of Children & Families Charity Group.

Registered Charity No: 1115459



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Please click on the Logos





Kaiser
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FREE TRIAL CLASS

JUNIORS £7

THURSDAY 6-7PM

SATURDAY 9.30-10.30AM

ADULTS £10

THURSDAY 7-8PM

SATURDAY 8.30-9.30AM



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