

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

24.10.24

Dear Families,

Happy Half Term! Last term was a very long one - but one that was packed with so much fun and excitement. We hope your children enjoyed their first term of the new school year as much as we did.

We hope you are having a lovely week with your children and enjoying some of the last of the warmer weather before winter sets in. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for the new term on Monday 4th November.

As we prepare for the colder, wetter weather, we would like to remind you to please send your child to school with a NAMED, WARM, WATERPROOF COAT every day. As we begin to develop our play spaces, we are hoping to have the children outside playing in most weather conditions. For this reason, please also send into school pair of named wellington boots and a pair of named waterproof trousers to keep in school. See page 3.

Staffing Updates:

Last term we were sad to say goodbye to Heather Glenday. Heather had worked at the school for a number of years, supporting lots of the children in one way or another. She has moved on to become a nursery practitioner and we wish her all the very best in her new adventures.

Ashley Lye has also left the school after a number of years working as a midday meal supervisor and a cleaner. We wish her all the very best for her future.

This letter contains some important information about next term - I urge you to please read it carefully.

Kindest regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

Reminders:

TTRS - Rockstar Day - Monday 4th November. Children to come to school dressed as a Rockstar. See page 2.



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

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

Please check dates carefully - there are some upcoming dress-up days!

Term 2

Monday 4th November 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

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November:	School recognition of National Epilepsy Awareness Month
Tuesday 5th November:	School recognition of Guy Fawkes Night
Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November:	Recognition of Antbullying Week (children may wear odd socks to school all week)
Monday 11th November:	Recognition of Remembrance Day (Children belonging to Guides / Brownies / Cubs / Scouts / Beavers etc to come in uniforms for silence)
Tuesday 12th November:	Year 5 Trip to Kent Life Maidstone
Thursday 14th November:	Recognition of National Diabetes Day (Children may paint their nails blue in recognition)
Friday 15th November:	Recognition of Children in Need (Dress-up, Theme: SPOTacular!)
Monday 18th November – Friday 22nd November:	New EYFS Cohort 24/25 Parent Tours
Wednesday 27th November	Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme - pupils in Year R - 6
Friday 29th November:	Classroom Open Afternoon 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Friday 6th December:	Year 5 Class Worship 2:50pm Year 4 Greek Day

As you may already know, as a school we use Numbots (Year R-2) and Time Table Rockstars (TTRS)(Year 3-6) at home to support Maths learning in school. The children are able to build knowledge of the fundamental number bonds needed to solve calculations and later on build their times table knowledge.

We would love to invite all children from Year R-Year 6 to dress up as a rockstar on Monday 4th November 2024.



Children will come to school dressed up and have a 'Rockin' day planned with lots of fun learning to inspire all things Maths. During the day, all teachers will show the children how they can access Numbots and TTRS at home. All that I ask is that parents/carers know their child's login - as they may be excited to have a go at home straight away.

This wonderful day is to inspire the children and encourage them to access Numbots and TTRS at home, as they do in school.

I can't wait to see you all on the first day back in Term 2. Ready to rock!

Ms Pittam (Year 3 teacher and Maths Leader)



OPAL WET WEATHER PLAY PLEA



Calling all families!

As we begin to develop our play spaces, we are hoping to have the children outside and playing in most weather conditions (except torrential rain and dangerous icy weather!).

For this reason, please send your child to school **every day** with a **WARM, WATERPROOF COAT**.

If your child wishes to play in the new sand pits or mud kitchen, which will be open after half term, we also ask that they also bring into school a pair of **wellington boots** and a pair of **waterproof trousers**. Please note that these are likely to get muddy, so you are welcome to send in a **lightweight cagoule** to protect a winter coat if you prefer.



LET'S GET SPOTTY FOR PUDSY!



Friday 15th November

Children are welcome to come to school in spotty clothes.

We are suggesting a small donation-£1

To:

Wear spotty clothes

Crazy Hair

Spotty face



Rosettes will be given out per class for the best Pudsy outfit!

A cake sale will also be taking place after school, please bring in cakes for the sale on Thursday 14th or Friday 15th of November!



Chippendayle Lodge Residential Home Visit

A big thank you to the group of Year 6's who visited Chippendayle Lodge Residential Home in the last week of last term. The residents really brighten up on our visits each term. The children were polite and friendly as they worked on arts and crafts alongside the people there. We plan to visit again before Christmas. This outreach activity really enriches both our pupils and the elderly people they meet. Well done Year 6!
Mrs Holland





Could you be a Parent Rep for your child's class?



We are looking for one / two Parent Reps for each class.

We are looking for Parent Reps to act as a Parent / Teacher link for each class.

We are looking for people who would happily work together, with the school, to drum up support for fundraising events as and when needed. Our Parent Reps would also liaise with the class teachers in terms of finding parent helpers for their class trips, finding reading volunteers for the class, finding helpers for curriculum days etc. They would also act as a lovely link for new families to a class - so that the parent body for each class comes together as a mini community.

If you are interested in being a Parent Rep for your class, please email Mrs Chambers (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) with details of your name and your child's class.

No prior experience needed - just a willingness to work with us to create the best school for our children and families.



Please do come along to the PTFA AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 19th November - tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Save the Date

Harrietsham School Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th December

3:30pm - 6pm

