

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

11.10.24

Dear Families,

This term seems to be whizzing by. There is a lot to celebrate from this week and lots still to look forward to before the end of term.

### Yom Kippur:

On Friday we celebrated Yom Kippur. We learnt about how Jews fast on this day and consider it as The Day of Atonement. We thought about our own choices - choices that we are proud of and those for which we are not so proud.

### World Mental Health Day:

It was lovely to see the children in school in their own chosen clothes on Thursday in celebration of World Mental Health Day. We hope the children enjoyed expressing themselves. A special mention goes out to Mia: she bravely expressed herself through song in our morning worship.

### Northern Lights:

I personally was so very excited to see the Northern Lights at my home in Whitstable on Thursday evening. But, to find out that some lovely families had captured them in photographs above our school was a lovely surprise. Please see photos here: <https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/northern-lights-october-2024/>.

### OPAL Play - Mud Kitchen:

We cannot thank Mrs Negus and her colleagues from SGN, along with Tony - a local resident - all of whom helped Miss Bradley to make us a mud kitchen for OPAL play. SGN also donated £500 towards new play equipment for the school - we are so incredibly thankful. To see photos of the project, see here: <https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/making-our-mud-kitchen/>.

### Black History Month:

We are celebrating Black History Month in school this term. Our teachers have planned some fun activities across the curriculum to help us learn all about some inspirational black people.



In particular, we will be learning about:

- Benjamin Zephaniah in English
- Serena Williams in PE
- Bob Marley in Music
- Rosa Parks in History
- Marcus Rashford in PSHE
- Mae Jemison in Science

We look forward to sharing our learning with you and finding out more about some of the incredible black people who have helped shape our world.

### Reminders:

**Parents Evenings** - Please see letter sent out this week for details:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/harrietshamchurchofenglandprimaryschool/UploadedDocument/ac089ef5-7971-4b34-8a73-3a7db6eb2c0a/parents-evening-october-2024.pdf>

**OPAL Play Donations** - We are still looking for donations for OPAL play - see poster on page 2.

**School Values Display** - Mr Gambell and myself are collecting photographs of the children showing 'Love', 'Forgiveness' and 'Fellowship' both inside and outside of school for a giant school values display in the hall. If you have any photographs to send in, please send to Mrs Chambers at: [headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk).

With best wishes,

Jackie Chambers  
Headteacher

## Term Dates:

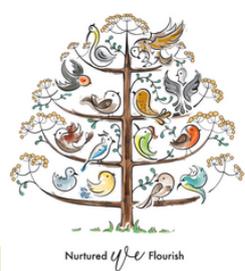
Term Dates and year dates for families: [Term Dates](#) | [Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#)

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

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Year 5 trip to London Science Museum
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parents Evenings
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October:	Year 6 Class Worship 9am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	School recognition of Diwali

(Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: – INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

TERM ENDS: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024



### Core Values Awards

- Cygnets: Kian
- Ducklings: Thea

- Wrens: Ezra
- Kingfishers: Prudence
- Sparrows: Rainbeau
- Jays: Jude
- Woodpeckers: Elodie
- Robins: Zac

- Swallows: Ali
- Nightingales: Rohan
- Kestrels: Neve
- Eagles: Iris
- Herons: Hollie
- Hawks: Erin

### OPAL PLAYTIMES

## Donations Needed

We are looking for items to improve our playtimes. Are you able to donate any of the following?

- Sand play toys (buckets, spades, sand play accessories).
- Suitcases of any size or type.
- Pegs (for holding dens together).
- Giant chalks.
- Road signs or cones or barriers.
- Old kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards (nothing sharp).
- Tools - like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms.
- Buckets of different sizes.
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric).
- Tarpaulins.
- Plastic guttering and tubes.
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!).
- Hats/scarves/ jazzy shirts/ elasticated skirts/ waistcoats/ wedding dresses/ character costumes.
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats.
- Cable drums.

We will be collecting every morning on the gate!



## Harrietsham CEP School Prayer Group

Harrietsham Prayer Group meet each term at school. Any member of our school family is welcome to join.

If you would like to join any meeting, please meet in the school office at 2:45pm.

The next meeting date is:  
**Monday 14th October**

**you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**  
**Please select us at Asda!**



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**1**

#### Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

**2**

#### Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

**3**

#### Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



[Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com)



# 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.

### 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.

# SOCCKER SCHOOL

[maidstoneunited.co.uk/soccerschool/](http://maidstoneunited.co.uk/soccerschool/)

