

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

4.10.24

Dear Families,

Harvest:

Thank you all so very much for the Harvest donations that you so kindly sent into the school. We were able to deliver a very reasonable donation to the church for the residents of Harrietsham thanks to your generosity. Our thanks to Mrs Wells and Mrs Holland for leading the Harvest Worship. The children all presented a little something to their peers - it was a lovely moment of celebration. We will share some photos with you via the website as soon as we can.



Black History Month:

We are looking forward to 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.

Forest School and OPAL:

Our thanks this week to Mr Back who has dug us a great new footpath in the Forest School - all ready for KCC to lay some hardcore and for new fencing to go in. To see the progress, please do share the following link with your children - [Digger fun!](#)

Having the digger onsite also meant that we could make some progress with OPAL play and the play spaces for our children. Please share this link with your children too - [OPAL Play.](#)

Reminders:

Student Leadership Position Applications - Close Sunday 6th October at 5pm. Apply here: [Application Form.](#)

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.

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](#)

October:	School recognition of Black History Month
Thursday 3rd October:	Autumn Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified) Individual and Sibling Photos
Friday 4th October:	Harvest Festival: Donations collected for Harrietsham Food Bank
Thursday 10th October:	Recognition of World Mental Health Day (Children to wear own clothes to express themselves)
Friday 11th October:	School recognition of Yom Kippur
Wednesday 16th October:	Year 5 trip to London Science Museum
Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October:	Parents Evenings
Friday 18th October:	Year 6 Class Worship 9am
Thursday 24th October:	School recognition of Diwali

(Friday 25th October: – INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

TERM ENDS: Thursday 24th October 2024

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



Max was busy welcoming visitors to the school office last week. We think he makes the most gorgeous receptionist!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for making Max feel so welcome at our school. Your children are so good at making sure that they are 'Max Ready' - they make sure the floors are clear of rubbish, they approach him calmly and they make sure they are not crowding him. I am very proud of how they all behave around him.

Max is going to try to get into some more classrooms this term, and maybe even watch some lessons with me - he is looking forward to seeing all of the children's learning.

Max would like to thank Jorgie for this amazing canvas painting of him. We think the likeness is perfect!





Two beautiful rainbows have been captured over our school last week - we wanted to share them with you.

Genesis 9

God said: 'The rainbow that I have put in the sky will be my sign to you and to every living creature on earth. It will remind you that I will keep this promise forever'.



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A photograph of five children in a school music room. They are wearing white t-shirts and are playing various instruments: a boy on the left is playing a guitar, two girls in the center are playing drums, a boy on the right is playing a keyboard, and another boy on the far right is also playing a keyboard. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. There are white lightning bolt graphics around the children playing drums and keyboard. The background shows a window with a view of a building and some plants.

BACK TO SCHOOL, READY TO...

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No experience needed and all instruments are provided

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Proud parent, 2024



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There are spaces in bands at your school

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