

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

27.9.24

Dear Families,

We cannot thank you all enough for your support in our fundraising attempts during our sponsored walk. We are very pleased to announce that we have raised a grand total of £2411 on our crowdfunding page and, due to a very generous cheque donation and some extra cash donations, this total has now reached **£4544**. Our thanks to Miss Bradley and Mrs Frost for organising. We are excited that the new footpath is going to be started next week (thanks to Mr Back who is going to have fun with a digger!), and we are hoping that we can start the fencing project as soon as possible. If you did not sponsor us, but would like to, it's not too late - [please see here](#).

Request for help - Mud Kitchen

We are making a giant mud kitchen for all of our children to enjoy at playtimes. Do you have any of the following that you would be happy to donate? If so, please get in touch with Mrs Bradley:

jo.bradley@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk

- Unused decking boards or pieces of solid wood.
- An old, clean cooker.
- An old, clean sink.
- Old taps.
- An old, clean microwave.

Reminders:

- **Student Leadership Position Applications** - Close Friday 4th October at 5pm. Apply here: [Application Form](#).
- **OPAL Play Donations** - We are still looking for donations for OPAL play - see poster on page 2. Collections will be held on the main gate each morning.
- **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](#)

Monday 9 th September:	Year 3 & Year 4 Parent Information Evening 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 11 th September – Wednesday 23 rd October:	Swimming - Year 3
Thursday 12 th September:	Kent Test for Year 6
Wednesday 18 th September – Friday 20 th September	Year 6 Residential to Lower Grange Farm
Saturday 21 st September:	School Sponsored Walk – all families invited.

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

Core Values Awards

- Wrens: Francesca
- Kingfishers: Isabelle
- Sparrows: Joel
- Jays: Delilah
- Woodpeckers: Praise
- Robins: Ashton
- Swallows: Mila
- Nightingales: Evie
- Kestrels: Louie
- Eagles: Unique
- Herons: Whole Class
- Hawks: Whole Class



Harrietsham Harvest Festival

As part of the school's Harvest celebrations this year, we would like to make a donation to the Harrietsham Food Bank, located at the church.

If you would like to support us with this, please send donations of tinned/dried food (with a best before date of more than 6 months) into school with your child in the week beginning 30th September.

We will be celebrating Harvest on October 4th as a whole school this year but we are unfortunately unable to invite parents as the school hall is too small.

We will share lots of photographs and we look forward to having parents with us for future celebrations.

Caroline Wells
Swallows Class Teacher

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!

Sporting Updates

Gallagher Stadium Boys Football Tournament 23rd September 2024

Ten year 6 boys took part in the Stones Community Football Tournament on Monday 23rd September against 35 other primary schools. This tournament coincided with the International Day of Peace and Maidstone United is the first football stadium in Kent to twin with the International Peace Field located at Messines in Flanders Belgium and the seventieth stadium to do so across the world. Children got to celebrate this in a presentation of a certificate to show the twinning.

The children competed in 5 matches, all of which were very tough games. They all performed brilliantly, losing one game, drawing three and winning one. Sadly, this was not quite enough to see Harrietsham through to the next round. Thank you to the parents for supporting and transporting the children to and from the event. Our children were an absolute pleasure to take and represented the school excellently.

Here is what the children had to say:

Nathaniel: "I really enjoyed playing as part of a team".

Henry: "The games were challenging, we had a good time".

Gallagher Stadium Girls Football Tournament 14th October 2024

A team of Year 5 and 6 girls will be attending the girls football tournament on Monday 14th October. Mrs Frost has selected children to take part as spaces are limited to ten children. Those selected either play for a club outside of school or have been part of the school's club after school. There will be further opportunities for children to take part in competitions as we work our way through the academic year.

On Tuesday 1st October 2024 Harrietsham Primary will be welcoming the best-selling author

J J Arcanjo

to talk to all of key stage 2 as part of Maidstone Literature Festival



There will be the opportunity to buy books at the reduced cost of **£7** or all 3 titles for **£20** and have signed.

Please send in your child on the day with the correct cash in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with name, class and title of book.



www.jjarcanjo.com



Harrietsham CEP School Prayer Group

Harrietsham Prayer Group meet each term at school. All are welcome to join.

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

This terms meeting dates are:

Monday 23rd September

Monday 30th September

Monday 14th October

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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.



TESCO

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

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.

Do come along to our

Family friendly Harvest Festival Service



at St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham
at 9.30am on Sunday 6th October 2024.

Once again, we would welcome poems, prayers and prose about harvest and caring for our world, written by children or adults.

If you would like to take part in the service, please contact Pamela Cuerden on 859442.

We would also welcome (sealed) food items for the Church food bank.

(Please bring any offerings into the Church that morning, rather than leaving them in the porch).

Everyone welcome.



ANDY DAVIS GUITAR TEACHING

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IN SCHOOL GUITAR LESSONS

Would your child like to learn the guitar? I teach children essential guitar techniques through playing fun, modern & classic rock and pop songs as well as popular theme tunes. They learn riffs, chords, arpeggios and finger picking, solos, melodies and scales in small groups, which encourages fun, interaction and learning to play with other musicians. There is also opportunity to take part in guitar assemblies which are great for building confidence and experiencing live performance. Lessons are half an hour.

The cost is £100 per 11 week term (3 per year: January-April, April-July, September-December). Payments can be split upon request. There is also a one off fee of £10 which pays for a unique folder containing all the songs they will be learning and a plectrum.

They will need their own guitar so they can practice at home. I recommend getting a 3/4 size classical guitar as these are a great size for children to easily hold and get their fingers around. They are also easier on the fingers for learning.

I have new, good quality 3/4 size guitars for sale at £79 including a quality shoulder bag, clip-on digital tuner, 5 picks + a strap (I have lots of designs your child can choose from). Please indicate on the email if you would like one. If your child is in KS1 or petite in size they may need a 1/2 size. If they are taller, they may be better with a 7/8. I have all sizes in stock to make sure they get the most suitable fit.

If you would prefer to source your own guitar, please be wary of cheaper guitars online as they don't hold tune, play well or sound great. Please let me know if you need advice on any aspect of this, as the instrument they learn on is important.

If you would like your child to learn the guitar please email me at andydavisguitar@fastmail.net with the following details:

Child's name
Child's class/year in September
Child's school
Your name (including surname if different from your child's)
Address & Postcode
Home telephone number
Mobile number
Whether you would like to buy a guitar from me
Please put your child's name and school as the email title.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send an email.
Yours faithfully,



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA PENNIES?



WE WANT YOU!

Christmas is fast approaching... are you in need of some extra pennies to help build the pot?

Are you looking to earn an extra £1,000 a month?

WE WANT YOU!

Come and join our lovely After School Club setting, and be part of an amazing team. We have lots of different positions available... please speak to Mel today on 07958521517

