

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

20.9.24

Dear Families,

Another busy week has passed by. We are pleased to report that our Year 6 children have all enjoyed their residential trip and survived 3 days camping (even Mr Gambell who got stuck in the caving bus!!). Our thanks to the children for being such great sports and joining in with all of the activities and to the staff for giving up their evenings to enable the trip to go ahead.

We are also delighted to have received our Class Mascots last week - all hand crocheted by Hazel and the Harrietsham Craft Group. You can see pictures here: [Bird photos](#).

Max is a very spoilt dog - he is very thankful for all of his love and attention this year and was delighted with his new 'Mini Max' Toys: [See here](#).

Safety of our children:

Please do help us to remind our children not to use the play equipment on the playground at the end of the school day. We are not able to supervise this safely.

Request of help:

Does anyone have any links to a recording studio? We have a lovely school song which has been written by Mrs Holland and I would love to have this professionally recorded if at all possible so that we can use it in school for years to come.

Reminders:

- Sponsored Walk tomorrow - Saturday 21st September. Meet at school at 9:45am for 10am start! Sponsor us here: [Sponsor Form](#).
- Student Leadership Position Applications - Close Friday 4th October at 5pm. Apply here: [Application Form](#).
- We are still looking for donations for OPAL play - see poster on page 2. Collections will be held on the main gate each morning.
- 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: Samuel
- Kingfishers: Bobby
- Sparrows: Elliott
- Jays: Petra
- Woodpeckers: Grace
- Robins: Eliza
- Swallows: Eden
- Nightingales: Annie
- Kestrels: Josh
- Eagles: Victoria





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 chinks.
- 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. 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

Sponsored Walk – Are you coming?

Please do come along to our Sponsored Walk **TOMORROW** on Saturday 21st September, or donate towards the cost of the fencing here: Crowdfunding to Raise funds for our forest school and outdoor learning.

FUNDRAISING FOR FENCES

In addition, if you are aware of a business who may be willing to sponsor this huge but essential project for our children, please do let me know.

**you scan,
we DONATE
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**



Please select us at Asda!

Please vote for us in Tesco stores.

Please add tokens to our
containers in Maidstone
Tesco Stores.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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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)

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.

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

OCTOBER CAMP 2024

AT ALL LOCATIONS - 28th October - 1st November

WALL CLIMBING
KIDS FAVOURITE

FANCY DRESS

ANIMAL WORKSHOP

INFLATABLE FOOT DARTS

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX, KENT & SURREY THIS OCTOBER
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED

Ofsted Registered

See below for FREE training opportunities for Parents

STUDY SMART Free Online Courses

spire Education

ncfe. | cache

Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

Next Start date
30th September

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

Six Week Course
Mon - Fri
9:30 - 11:30am
12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm
(last optional session for reflection and support if needed)



Space 2 Talk

@ Maidstone Community Support Centre

39-48 Marsham Street, Maidstone, Kent
ME14 1HH

Thursday 3rd October
10:00 - 11:30

Topic Focus: Anxiety

space2beme.org.uk/services/space2talk

MAIDSTONE

TRY US FOR FREE!

FROM ONLY **£8.49**
PER CLASS
AFTER TASTER
SESSION

LEARN
NEW SKILLS!

GYMNASICS CLASSES

by **Beth
Tweddle**

PLUS CLASSES FOR
YOUNGER CHILDREN

Gymfinity Kids

**NO
CONTRACT!**

**NINJA
CLASSES**

WHAT THE PARENTS SAY...

MY SON HAS BEEN ATTENDING NINJA CLASSES OVER THE PAST YEAR AND HE LOVES IT! - TANJBELA

IT'S NOW LIKE A SECOND HOME TO US - SOPHIE

MY LITTLE ONE ENJOYED HIS TASTER SESSION. THE COACH WAS AMAZING AND FRIENDLY.- VENESSA

FULL OF ENGAGING ACTIVITIES THAT DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE. - ASAD

**HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED!**

**FOR ALL
ABILITIES**

HOW TO FIND US...

Gymfinity Kids Maidstone
Newnham Court Shopping Village,
Bearsted Road, Weaving,
Maidstone,
ME14 5EL

T: 01622 291410
E: info@gymfinitykids.com

T&C's apply. See website for details.

**SCAN HERE
TO BOOK A FREE TASTER**



Sutton Valence Hockey Club

Juniors

Every Sunday

Mini's, U8's, U10's: 9:30
U12's & U14's: 10:30

At Sutton Valence Prep School, Chart Sutton, ME17 3RF

We welcome all abilities for fun, games & skills

From Reception upwards

Starting 15th September 2024

Contact us today
to join in the fun!

For further details, please contact:

Juniors at SVHC Tel: 07845 112514, Email: svhc.juniors@gmail.com

ANDY DAVIS GUITAR TEACHING

40 CHURCH STREET
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA
MAIDSTONE
KENT, ME17 4HW

07973 680 227
andydavisguitar@fastmail.net

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 riffing, 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 ¾ 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 ¾ 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 ½ 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,



Maidstone Family Hubs

Timetable

9 September 2024 - 25 October 2024

Our Family Hubs:

Parkwood
03000 412700
Furfield Close,
Maidstone
ME15 9JR
Parkwoodfh
@kent.gov.uk

Greenfields
03000 412987
Rutland Way,
Maidstone
ME15 8DR
Greenfieldsfh
@kent.gov.uk

South Borough
03000 417770
Stagshaw Close,
Maidstone
ME15 6TL
Southboroughfh
@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

Monday

Drop in **Parkwood**
HV Clinic & Breastfeeding
9.30-11.30

Booking required **Greenfields**
ESOL
12.30-2.30

Booking required **South Borough**
Bumps to Babes
11.30-1.30

Tuesday

0-1 year **Greenfields**
Sensory for babies
10.30-11.30

Drop in **South Borough**
Stay & Play
9.30-11.00

Booking required **South Borough**
Baby Massage
1.30-2.30

Booking required **South Borough**
Introducing Solids
1.30-2.45
Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Booking required **Parkwood**
Baby Massage
10.00-11.00

Booking required **Greenfields**
Triple P
12.30-2.30

Booking required **South Borough**
Learn 4 Life
1.00-3.00
Creche available

Thursday

Parkwood
Helping little people with big feelings
Coming Soon 10.30-12.00
Stay & Play 1.00-2.30

5-8 yrs **South Borough**
Resilience Club (Juniors)
4.00-5.30 term time

South Borough
Talking Walk Ins
9.30-11.30
2nd & 4th Thur of the month

Drop in **South Borough**
HV Clinic & Breastfeeding
1.30-3.30

Friday

0-4 yrs **Greenfields**
Twins Group
9.30-11.30
2nd & 4th Fri of the month

Greenfields
Talking Walk Ins
9.30-12.00
1st & 3rd Fri of the month

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Information



0-1 year **Sensory for babies**

6 Week rolling themes
Exploring all the senses such as sight, sound, touch, taste and smell

Drop in

Bumps to Babes

For young parents and their children (up to 25 yrs)

Booking Required
southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Invite only **Learn 4 Life**

Various workshops and courses with creche facilities

Booking Required

ESOL

English learning for speakers of other languages

Booking Required

0-5 years **Stay & Play**

Fun activities providing learning opportunities through play and helping you to bond with your child. Just drop in!

Drop in

Pre-school children only **Talking Walk Ins**

Play-based session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff. If you do not have parental responsibility please bring written consent with you.

Drop in

Triple P

4 Week Course face to face & 4 week follow on call

Antenatal and postnatal preparing for baby and beyond 0-12 mths

Booking Required

8 Weeks to 6 Months **Baby Massage**

4 Week Course

Baby Massage enables you to learn about and respond to your baby's body language. It is also a wonderful way to make your baby feel safe and secure.

Invite Only

5-8 years **Resilience Club (Juniors)**

After school fun! Support building confidence, self esteem and encouraging outside school friendship with a range of activities.

Drop in

Introducing Solids

A workshop run by the Health Visiting team to guide you through the weaning journey. Book when baby is 4-6 months

Child Health Clinic & Infant Feeding Support Group

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available. Please arrive by 3:15pm, 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

[@MaidstoneFamilyHubs](https://www.facebook.com/MaidstoneFamilyHubs)

[@Maidstonefamilyhubs](https://www.instagram.com/Maidstonefamilyhubs)

[@Maidstonefamilyhubs11to19](https://www.instagram.com/Maidstonefamilyhubs11to19)

Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.

Free for 2

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:

Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visiting Team
0300 5550506

Please Note:

For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

For more information about opening times give your local centre a call

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

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