

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

13.9.24

Dear Families,

Wow! Another busy week at Harrietsham. It's hard to believe that we have been back at school for two weeks already. The children continue to impress us daily - it is so lovely to hear them happily learning in their classrooms each day and we are pleased with how well they have transitioned into their new year groups.

Please keep an eye out for a 'Student Leadership' letter - we have some exciting opportunities available for our children.

Important - Safety:

The road outside the school is narrow and can get very busy with cars parked along the path. We urge our families to **please drive and park sensibly** when dropping off and collecting children. Our children's safety is paramount.

We also must ask that the **entrance to the office (on the slope leading to the barrier) is NOT parked on**. Blocking this exit is a Health and Safety issue as this is our emergency access to the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminders:

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

All Parent Information session slides have now been uploaded to the class pages of the website: <https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/class-pages-september-2024/>

With best wishes,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

Term Dates:		October:	
Term Dates and year dates for families: Term Dates Harrietsham Church of England Primary School		Thursday 3rd October:	School recognition of Black History Month
Parent Calendar: Calendar Harrietsham Church of England Primary School		Friday 4th October:	Autumn Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified) Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 9th September:	Year 3 & Year 4 Parent Information Evening 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 10th October:	Recognition of World Mental Health Day (Children to wear own clothes to express themselves)
Wednesday 11th September – Wednesday 23rd October:	Swimming - Year 3	Friday 11th October:	School recognition of Yom Kippur
Thursday 12th September:	Kent Test for Year 6	Wednesday 16th October:	Year 5 trip to London Science Museum
Wednesday 18th September – Friday 20th September	Year 6 Residential to Lower Grange Farm	Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October:	Parents Evenings
Saturday 21st September:	School Sponsored Walk – all families invited.	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: Evelyn
- Kingfishers: Lucas
- Sparrows: Sadhvikha
- Jays: Oliver
- Woodpeckers: Hattie
- Robins: Bobby
- Swallows: Eliza
- Nightingales: Havana
- Kestrels: Amelia
- Eagles: Thandie
- Herons: Nancy
- Hawks: Nathaniel

Great news from Mr Walker (English Leader)



We have some INCREDIBLY exciting news to share with you! At the end of last academic year, you may remember the BriBooks scheme we shared with you, which involved children creating their own books which could then be sold on Amazon.

Over the Summer, a few of our children were working extremely hard to create some amazing books!

We can now share with you that, as a school, **we have placed FOURTH across the ENTIRE COUNTRY for the books that the children created!** This competition did not just include primary schools, but also included secondary schools, academies and colleges. It is important to emphasise that the children took complete ownership of this, the award is most definitely theirs!

As well as this, we had 4 best sellers and 2 jury (judge) winners in our school.

This is an outstanding achievement; I am sure the entire school community will join me in congratulating all children who took part and will agree that we are so proud of our children's attitude towards their writing.



Have a look at the links below for the various awards!

[Jury Award Winners - NYAF 2024 \(bribooks.com\)](https://www.bribooks.com)

[National Best-Selling Authors of UK - NYAF 2024 \(bribooks.com\)](https://www.bribooks.com)

[Literary Leadership Awards - NYAF 2024 \(bribooks.com\)](https://www.bribooks.com)



The final piece of good news (yes, there's more!), is that as a result of the children's incredible effort, **Harrietsham Primary School has been awarded the Literary Leadership Award** which the children have most definitely earned for our school. We even get a small trophy!

I have been so excited to share this news with you and I wish to share my personal thanks to all children and families who continue to support our efforts in supporting our children to flourish in their reading and writing.



As a school we will be starting a new and exciting play project in September - OPAL Play. OPAL play is an exciting programme - OPAL work with schools to improve playtimes for all children.

The OPAL Vision

Our vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions.



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!

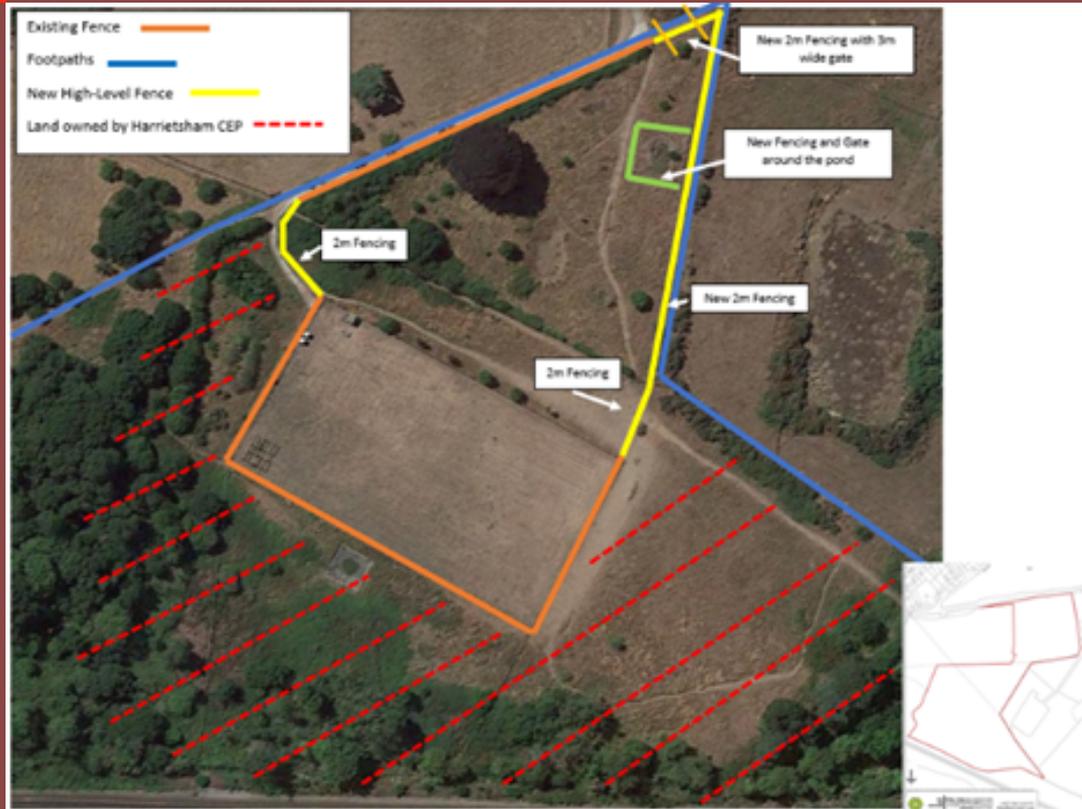


FUNDRAISING FOR FENCES

Sponsored Walk – Are you coming?

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

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.



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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.

All Welcome!

Sunday 29 September 11am

Come and join us celebrating a contemporary community all age service



Where does my help come from



St John's church Harrietsham, Marley road

Space 2 Talk - support group for parents & carers of children with additional needs.

Maidstone Community Support Centre, 39-48 Marsham Street, Maidstone, ME14 1HH.

First session will take place on Thursday 3rd October.
10:00 – 11:30.

There will be an opportunity to share experiences and ideas around supporting anxiety.

A great chance for emotional support and to make connections with others, whilst seeking practical advice.

Support with areas related to: autism, ADHD, PDA and anxiety. No diagnosis is required, and you can attend as little or as often as you would like.

Full details of our Space 2 Talks can be found on our [website](#), including other venues.



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Topic Focus: Anxiety

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