



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry for the slight delay in sending my first newsletter of the year to you. The first two weeks of term has absolutely flown by.

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school. As always, there has been a wonderful, calm feeling to the school environment. It has been a pleasure to welcome to Harcourt Primary both our new Acorn Class and a number of children throughout the school. We hope that all new pupils and their families enjoy your time with us.

### **School Attendance**

As you will know, the Government are keeping a very close eye on school attendance especially in relation to families where their children are persistently absent. Last year 15.5% of our pupils were persistently, absent from school. This means that appropriately 23 children were in school less than 90% of the school year. As a school, we are determined to reduce this number and will be working hard to support you in the coming months and years.

### **Open Days for Children Starting Reception in 2025**

The school will be holding tours for children due to start school in 2025 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. To book a tour please contact the school office.

### **Kent and Grammar Test**

Well done to all of our pupils that has recently taken the Grammar Test assessments. All of our pupils worked incredibly hard and certainly tried their best. Results for these assessments will be emailed to parent on the 17<sup>th</sup> October by the Local Authority.

### **Nut Free School**

You will have seen from our communications with you that we have had a child join the school with a severe allergy to nuts. Please can I ask that you do not send your child to school with any products that have nuts or nut traces in them? This also means many forms of chocolate spread. Please do check the container so we can keep everyone safe.

### **Health Break Snacks and Drinks**

This school year the school are revisiting our approach to ensuring our children are both physically and mentally healthy. As a part of this we would like to remind you that the children should only bringing into school healthy snacks such as fresh fruit and vegetables (including raisins). I would also like to remind you that the children should only be bringing water to school to drink, if your child must have squash please ensure this is very well diluted. Thank you for your support!

### **PE and Outdoor Learning**

A gentle reminder that Key Stage One pupils need to wear their PE kit into school every Thursday. Key Stage Two pupils will need to have their PE kit in school every day as the days they have PE can change.

### **Earrings and Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons please can you ensure that your child does not wear into school any jewellery. If a child does wear earring these must only be studs and no hoops.

### **Communication with School**

Communication between home and school is vital for children to flourish and succeed. If you do need to speak any members of the school staff you can do so in a number of ways:

1. Pass a message to a Senior Leader on the school gate – the teachers will be in class teaching
2. Email [office@harcourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@harcourt.kent.sch.uk)
3. Telephone the school to make an appointment to meet members of staff
4. Email the class email account – please note this will only be monitored when the children are not in school so no urgent messages should be emailed.
5. To make an appointment with a Senior Leader please contact the school office.

### **Provisional Dates for the Diary**

Date	Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Results Assembly
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival (PM)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Yellow for Young Minds
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Reading Workshop
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Re-start the Heart Online Workshops
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Consultation
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term One

**Thank you for your continued support**

Anthony  
Headteacher