



JANUARY 2023

HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break? It certainly seems to have flown by.

As we return to school I wanted to provide you with a number of reminders and updates for the coming term.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have signed up for this week's Parent Consultations. A reminder will be sent to you later today with a notification of the time that you have booked. If you are unable to attend for any reasons please do let us know so that the teachers are not left waiting for you.

Driveway and Pathways

After what seems like an eternity (well at least four years) the work on our driveway and paths has now been completed. I am sure that when you see it tomorrow you will all agree this is so much better and much safer. There are still a few jobs left to do from the 'snagging list' but it will be wonderful to have the full site back for our own use.

Please can I remind you all that the main driveway should only be used by staff and not by parents? This is how it was always intended.

Please note that the speed limit on the driveway is 5mph. We have also now installed new speed bumps on the driveway. Please take care when driving over these as the school will not take any responsibility for damage caused to vehicles.

The school gates will continue to be locked during the times that the children will be walking in and out of school.

In the morning the gate will be locked between 8.30am and 9.00am
In the afternoon the gate will be locked between 2.55pm and 3.30pm.

No exceptions will be made!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will once again start from 7.45am from Wednesday 4th January.

Collection and Drop Off Times

From tomorrow, Wednesday 4th January we will be returning to normal school hours. The children are able to arrive at school anytime between **8.30am and 8.45am** and need to be collected at **3.15pm** each day. The children will enter and exit the school through their Key Stage playgrounds. If you have a child in both Key Stages please collect your youngest child first.

Changes to PE and Outdoor Learning Days

Starting from tomorrow Key Stage One will need to wear their PE kit/Outdoor learning clothes into school on a Wednesday and Key Stage Two need to continue to have their PE kit in school at all times.

Communication with the School

As a school we recognise the importance of strong communication with parents and carers. There are a number of ways that you can communicate with us. This includes speaking to a member of staff on the school gate, calling the school office or emailing us. Please can I remind you not to email the school if it is an urgent message such as changes to adults collecting from school. The school's policy is to check email accounts at least once each work day.

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Initial Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3 Parents evening
Thursday 5 th January	Choir rehearsals start – 8.00 am. Parents evening
Monday 9 th January	Global Goals afternoon for the whole school
Friday 13 th January	First Year 4 swimming session
Tuesday 17 th January	Young Voices Trip to the 02
Tuesday 31 st January	Year 3 trip to Cheriton Baptist church
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 5 Victorian Day
Thursday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Day Last Day of Term 3 for Pupils
Friday 10 th February	School Closed to All Pupils for Training

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow,

Anthony