



End of Year 2022-23

HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't actually believe that this is the final time that I will be writing to you this academic year. If I am honest I can't believe where the school year has gone.

The end of the school year is always filled with mixed emotions. As you will be aware, Miss Foreman, Miss Doherty, Mrs King and Mrs Chapman will all be leaving us. Each of these members of staff have played a huge role in supporting the children this year and I know they will be missed. At this time I would specifically like to thank Miss McGlone for all of her hard work over the past six years. During her time with us, Miss McGlone has worked tirelessly for the children of Harcourt both as a teacher and previously as a member of the school's Leadership Team. Thank you Nicky!

We will also be saying a very sad farewell to our wonderful Year 6 Class. Over the years, we have seen the children mature into kind, caring, polite children that we are all incredibly proud of. We wish each and every one of them every happiness and success in the future.

Trophy Assembly

Congratulations to all of the children that received a trophy today. As always we are extremely proud of all that our children achieve.

Year Group	Effort and Progress	Class Ambassador
Reception	Lily	Nancy-Mai
One	Ezra	Joshua
Two	Maylee	Rosie
Three	Poppy	Lucy
Four	Luca	Gemma
Five	Gabriel	Amelia
Six	Lilie-Mae	Beatrice

Award	Pupil
Key Stage 1 Creativity Cup	Charlotte
Key Stage 2 Creativity Cup	Jessica
Key Stage 1 Sports Cup	Edward
Key Stage 2 Sports Cup	Evie
Overcoming Adversity Cup	Effie
Headteacher's Award	Dania

School Events

It has been really lovely to see so many of you at our school events this year. A huge thank you to everyone that has come into school to celebrate a special event. Whether it was our Coronation Picnic, Sports Morning, Parent Consultations or Trophy Assembly it has been a pleasure to share these with you. We look forward to even more events in the new school year.

PTFA

On behalf of the school I would also like to thank everyone that has been involved with the PPA this year. It has been so nice to see the PTFA re-establishing themselves for the benefit of the children. Thank you to everyone

that has supported an event, whether that was buying a cake or an ice-cream or organising some events. I know that the PTFA have some big plans moving forward – including a very exciting school disco!

Statutory Assessment Results

As you will know throughout the pupil's time in school they undertake a number of formal assessments that are set by the government. These assessments are used to assess whether children are ready for the next stage in their schooling and to judge school performance. I am delighted to inform you that your children have continued to achieve extremely well at Harcourt. Particular highlights include 82% of pupils passing the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 and our Year 6 pupils outperforming the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths and Combined in KS2 SATS. This is an incredible achievement especially after the challenges the children faced during the COVID pandemic.

School Website

During the Summer Holidays and possibly the early weeks of the new term, it is likely that the school website will not be available. This is because we are having a new website built. We will continue to communicate with you via ParentMail and Facebook during this time.

Free School Meal Vouchers and Bus Passes

In the past couple of weeks all eligible families have been issued with a £60 supermarket voucher and a bus pass that has been paid for by KCC. If you have not been able to access these please do get in touch with me.

Communication During the Holidays

Throughout the summer holidays I will continue to monitor my email account. If you need to contact the school urgently please email on headteacher@harcourt.kent.sch.uk.

School Uniform

During the Summer Holidays I have no doubt that many of you will be purchasing new uniform for your children. Please can I remind all parents of our expectations regarding the correct school uniform being worn in school.

Boys	Girls
Grey/Black Trousers or Shorts A white shirt or collared t-shirt School sweatshirt, fleece or purple jumper Grey, white or black socks Black sensible shoes – not trainers	Pinafore dress/skirt <i>OR</i> Trousers A purple/lilac and white checked gingham for the summer terms A white blouse or collared t-shirt School sweatshirt, fleece or purple jumper Grey, black or white socks or tights Black, flat sensible shoes – not trainers

Finally, on behalf of the whole school team I would like to thank you for your support, encouragement, gifts and kind words throughout the year. It is an absolute pleasure to be working with the Harcourt Community. We wish you all a happy and stress free break.

We look forward to seeing Year 1 to Year 6 on Tuesday 5th September and our new Reception Class on Wednesday 6th September.

Anthony

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TERM DATES 2023-2024

Term 1	
Friday 1 st September 2023	Staff Development Day 1
Monday 4 th September 2023	Staff Development Day 2
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	First Day for Term 1 for Year 1 to Year 6
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	First Day of Term for Reception
Friday 20 th October 2023	Last Day of Term One

Term 2	
Monday 30 th October 2023	First Day of Term Two
Friday 15 th December 2023	Last Day of Term Two

Term 3	
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	First Day of Term Three
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Last Day of Term Three For Pupils
Friday 9 th February 2024	Staff Development Day 3

Term 4	
Monday 19 th February 2024	First Day of Term Four
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last Day of Term Four

Term 5	
Monday 15 th April 2024	First Day of Term Five
Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed to Pupils
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of Term Five

Term 6	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	First Day of Term Six
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Last Day of School Year

Please note that two further Staff Training Days are yet to be allocated.

Please can we remind all parents that family holidays during term time can only be authorised by Mr Silk when clear and exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. All requests for leave of absence must be made in writing prior to the absence, clearly stating the exceptional reasons for the request.

Under no circumstances will requests for holiday leave be authorised during May due to Statutory Assessments.