



18th November 2024

HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks at Harcourt Primary. In recent weeks I have spent lots of time showing families around for school places in September 2025. As always, I have been delighted to see how settled the children have been in their classrooms and how hard the children are working. With just over five weeks until Christmas the school is already being filled with the practicing of Christmas Carols and the first step in preparing for our Nativity Performance!

I am sure for many of our pupils the highlight of the last couple of weeks was the school disco. A huge thank you to all of the staff and family members that support with this.

Parent Questionnaire

A number of weeks ago a large number of you kindly completed our questionnaire. I was delighted to read the responses and the many positive comments. I was especially pleased to see that 99% of parents would recommend us to another parent – THANK YOU! In due course I will publish all of the results on our school website.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we are continuing to look at how we can address any issues raised. The two areas with slightly lower level of satisfaction was communication and how you are kept informed of what your child will be learning. If you would like to share any insight into these please do drop me at email, headteacher@harcourt.kent.sch.uk or speak to me on a gate.

Christmas Events

As we are quickly approaching Christmas I thought I would share with you some of the Key Dates and times that you may want to know. Further details around tickets will be sent nearer the time of the events

Event	Date	Time
Christmas Fair	Friday 13 th December	3.15pm
KS1 Nativity – Two tickets per family	Tuesday 17 th December	9.15am for a 9.30am start
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 th December	11.45am to 1:30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 18 th December	All day
KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree	Friday 20 th December	9.15am for a 9.30am start
Last Day of Term Two	Friday 20 th December	School ends at 3.15pm
First Day of Term 3	Tuesday 7 th December	8.50am

KRAN Assembly

Last week we were delighted to hold an assembly led by **Kent Refugee Action Network**. This was such a fantastic opportunity to learn about the work of this fantastic charity in supporting refugees to settle in the United Kingdom. At a time when our children are hearing so many negative, racist comments from the media it is so important that we teach our children about different cultures and the experiences that they have. As a school we are committed to teaching British Values, especially those of tolerance and mutual respect for all human beings regardless of ethnic background. As always, our children were fantastically well behaved, inquisitive and delighted to learn more.

School Attendance

This week we will be holding our latest attendance meeting with attendance officers from the Local Authority. Having analysed the attendance figures, I am delighted with our overall attendance figure of 96%. A huge thank

you to the vast majority of parents who are supporting us with this. Unfortunately, we continue to have some children remaining away from school for no good reason, I will be contacting those families in the coming weeks to discuss how the school can support you and any next steps the Local Authority may want to take.

School Tours

If you know of any families looking for a school place for September 2024 please do ask them to get in touch with us. We would be delighted to show these families around.

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.

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.

Half Term Free School Meal and Activity Vouchers

If you received a half term FSM voucher from Kent County Council please ensure you access this.

If you are in receipt of FSM you will also be issued a Half Term Activity voucher that will allow you sign up to 16 hours a week, for up to one week of free child care activities. This should be being sent directly to parents tomorrow, 19th November. For support with this please visit <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/sections/12061341995153-Parent>

Missed Parent Consultations

If you were not able to attend our recent Parent Consultations please do contact the school so we can arrange an alternative time for you.

Class Email Addresses

I just wanted to remind you that if you need to contact class teachers you can by emailing the class email address. As the staff are busy working with the children this account will be monitored once in the work day. If you need to get an urgent message to school please continue to contact the school office.

Class	Email Address
Acorns (Reception)	acorns@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Cherry (Year One)	cherries@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Cedar (Year Two)	cedars@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Rowan (Year Three)	rowans@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Silver Birch (Year Four)	silverbirches@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Elm (Year Five)	elms@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Oak (Year Six)	oaks@harcourt.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support

Anthony
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