



END OF YEAR 2017-18 – TERM 6
HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy school year, I would like to thank everyone that has worked so hard to make Harcourt Primary such a happy school. I am extremely grateful for the dedication and hard work of the whole school team and the support that parents and carers have provided us with.

Goodbye to Year 6

It is with sadness that we say a final goodbye to Year 6. We wish each member of Oakes Class every happiness as they move on to the next stage in their life. We hope that they will take with them many happy memories of their time at Harcourt.

Goodbye to Mrs Andrews and Miss Bassett

It is also with real sadness that we say farewell and thank you to Mrs Andrews and Miss Bassett. On behalf of everyone involved at Harcourt, we would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school. We wish them every success in the future.

Moving Forwards into 2018-19

As we move forwards in to the new academic year, I would like to inform you of some of the important changes that will be happening in and around the school.

Homework

Having spoken to a number of parents, teachers and pupils I have made the decision to change our approach to home learning. In the coming school year I will be sharing with you our new homework policy which will have a much clearer focus on the development of reading, spelling and mathematics. From September, we will no longer be setting termly homework projects for the children to complete.

Communication

In every school that I have ever worked in communication has been a concern. As we move forward into the new school year, we will be refining our approach to how we communicate with you. In response to parent requests, in the future all general letters will be sent out by e-mail to you and posted on the school website. This will allow you to access information more easily. **It is therefore vital that you provide us with an email address that you are able to easily access.** We will continue to send out paper copies of letters that require any form of permission from yourselves. Small numbers of letters will also be kept in the school office for you to help yourself to if you cannot access electronic copies.

Enrichment Days

Having reviewed our whole school curriculum, the leadership team have made the decision to no longer have the fortnightly Enrichment Days. This will mean that from September the children will need to wear school uniform each day. On a termly basis, we will be continuing to provide the children with opportunities to participate in wider enrichment activities.

Parent Consultations and Reports

In the new academic year, we will be increasing the amount of information that we provide to you regarding your child's effort, progress and attainment. This will take the following form:

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| End of Term One | Parent Consultation |
| End of Term Two | Written Target Document |
| End of Term Three | Parent Consultation |
| End of Term Four | Written Target Document |
| End of Term Six | More Comprehensive Annual Report |

Vehicle Access to School Site

Since I joined the school in February this year there has been a number of near misses involving cars driving on to the school site. In the coming weeks I will be formalising plans with PlayBox nursery to reduce movement of cars on the school site between 8.30 and 9am each morning and between 3.05 and 3.30 each afternoon. I believe that this is a crucial step in helping to safeguard the well-being of our pupils. I do hope you will fully support us with this.

Trophy Assembly

Congratulations to each of our trophy winners in this year's trophy assembly.

| Year Group | Effort and Progress Trophy | Ambassador Trophy |
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| Reception | Eira | Madison |
| Year One | Lexi | Freddie |
| Year Two | Aryan | Shriya |
| Year Three | Oliver | Poppy |
| Year Four | Oscar | Athenia |
| Year Five | Manthan | Sumeyra |
| Year Six | Molly | Saskia |

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| Key Stage One Sports Cup | Mack |
| Key Stage Two Sports Cup | Arthur |
| Key Stage One Creativity Award | Effie |
| Key Stage Two Creative Award | Eleanor |

And Finally

On behalf of the teaching staff and Governing Body, we would like to wish you a lovely summer holiday. I hope the sun stays out for all of us! We look forward to see you all on Wednesday 5th September.

Anthony