



WEEK ONE – TERM 3 2019-20

HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas and we all wish you a happy and healthy new year.

It has been lovely to see the children return so happily to school this week. We have enjoyed speaking to the children and finding out about the family time that they have had this holiday and the lovely presents they have received.

Applications for Starting School – September 2020

Don't forget that if you are in the position of needing to apply for a school place for a child starting school in September 2020 the deadline is Wednesday 15th January.

Attendance

This week you will be receiving the attendance certificates for terms 1 and 2 for your children. As with previous terms this is colour coded on our traffic lights system. As always we will be taking a common sense approach to this but where necessary, in the coming weeks, I will be contacting parents to arrange attendance meetings for pupils whose attendance has fallen below the 90% mark. Where appropriate I will also be seeking the support of Kent County Council's attendance team to see how we can further support parents that have difficulty in ensuring their children attend school regularly. If you would like to discuss this further do contact a member of the Leadership Team through the school office.

School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our school uniform policy. The vast majority of our pupils come into school each day looking very smart but towards the end of last term and the start of the new term we were getting a number of pupils coming into school wearing trainers and jumpers that are not part of our policy.

Our uniform policy states that pupils should wear:

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

Key Dates

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the dates of our remaining staff training days this academic year. These are now confirmed as being:

Friday 14th February

Thursday 16th April

Friday 17th April.

Term Three Dates for the Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Term
Wednesday 15 th January	Drama Workshops EYFS to Yr 3
Thursday 16 th January	EYFS Visit to Cheriton Library
Tuesday 21 st January	EYFS to Yr2 Fun Factory Sports Event
Tuesday 28 th January	Selected Yr1 & 2 Pupils Infant Agility Festival
Tuesday 4 th February	Author Grant Strong to Visit the School
Wednesday 5 th February	Strange Cargo Lantern Workshop (Year 5)
Monday 10 th February	Strange Cargo Lantern Workshop (Year 6)
Thursday 13 th February	Last Day of Term 3 for Pupils
Friday 14 th February	Staff Training Day

And Finally

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to speak to a member of the staff team.

Anthony Silk
Headteacher.