



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce officially our plan to hold a community event across multiple venues in Harwich on March 21st called the Diversity Festival, along with all the other primary schools and the High School in Harwich. We will be coming together to involve the whole community of Harwich and Dovercourt in a day involving exhibitions, creative performances and practical activities for children and families. It will launch our Diversity Bench, which is being created by the children of Harwich and Dovercourt with an artist, and installed on the seafront.

On this day we have permission from the Local Authority to class the day as 'off-site learning' which means that pupils are **NOT** expected in school that day. Instead, we are inviting and encouraging parents to try to team up with friends or family members to attend the festival enabling as many of our pupils to join in as possible. If attending the festival is not possible, then we will provide remote learning for the day. All pupils will be marked as learning off-site that day in the school registers, a bit like they would if they were attending a school trip. Classroom staff will not be in school that day as they will be involved in the running and organisation of the festival, co-ordinating activities, overseeing stalls and marshalling the event.

The Festival will open at 9.30am and will run until 2.30pm. There will be a variety of exhibitions, creative performances and practical activities for children and families. We are hoping for a variety of 'celebrity' guests (well, MPs!) as well as food tasting, free film viewings, visiting organisations and even goodie bags! It is shaping up to be an eventful and exciting day!

So, get the date in your calendar and start planning for the day! More details will become available nearer the time, including a map of all the venues involved!

And remember, pupils are NOT required in school that day!

Many thanks for your support with this.

Please contact us via your own school's office, should you have any further enquiries.

Kind Regards,

The HEP Headteachers.