

Harwich Community Primary

School and Nursery

Newsletter - Friday 30th August
2024



WELCOME BACK -WELL ALMOST

I really hope you have all managed to have a good summer holiday with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3rd September where the gates will open at 8:35am. (Music to your ears!) A warm welcome to you all, including our new children and families and some of our new staff too.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd Sept- Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 3rd Sept- First day of Autumn term

Tuesday 3rd Sept- Breakfast Club is available

Week Commencing 9th Sept- Clubs will start

Wed 11th Sept- Individual photos (including younger siblings)

Wed 11th Sept - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 -Meet the teacher sessions at 3:30pm (lasting 30 mins)

Thursday 12th Sept- Year 3 ,4 and 5 - Meet the teacher sessions will take place at 3:30pm (lasting 30 mins)

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

On Wednesday 11th Sept and Thursday 12th Sept we will be holding our annual 'Meet the

Teacher' sessions so you can find out the expectations of a new class.

You can also find out what your children will be learning and how you can support us and your children with this. It is really important you make every effort to attend these so that we can strive to continue to improve our communications with you. They will commence at 3:30pm and will take place in your child's new classroom. If you head to the hall on the day of your child's year group and we will direct, you to the correct classroom. I appreciate that many of you have more than one child and this will be difficult to attend all but the class teachers will post the power points they use in the sessions on your Class DOJO page.

Reception parents you will have your individual meetings with Mrs Mann and Miss Cook during the first few weeks of us starting back. Mrs Mann will also hold a Phonics workshop during the first half of the autumn term, once everyone has settled.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Just to remind you that **no** holidays are permitted / authorised during term time or during the month of September or dates of national testing.

ATTENDANCE CHANGES

From the 19th August legislation has changed around Attendance. I will send out a letter attached to this on the major changes so you are aware of how it will work. The main changes are around fines and penalty notices. We will continue to drive the importance of good attendance at school. This is a change from government and passed on to local authorities. These changes had to be adopted by school.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

If your child is too ill to attend school, please can you call the school office and leave a message with child's name, class teacher and the reason for their absence. Please do not leave a message on DOJOS as these can often be missed.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It is really important that your children arrive promptly and on time for school. Here's a reminder of our timings: -

8:00- Nursery morning sessions start

8:35 - Gates open

8:45 Morning whistle

Lunch times

11:00- Nursery lunch

11:45- 12:45- Reception

11:55- 12:55- KS1

12:05- 1:05 - KS2

12:00- Nursery afternoon sessions start

3:20- Home time -whole school

If you do arrive late to school with your child, you must accompany your child/ children to the main office to fill out a late form and order their lunch.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

As from 19th August 2024 there has been new legislation put in place with regard to school attendance and the system of fines and penalties. Please note that this is not something that the school has decided upon but this has come from Government level and adopted by local authorities. I have attached a letter from all the primary head teachers in Harwich to show that we all work together on this and try and support you the best way we can.

LUNCH TIME MENU

We will be on **week 1** of our lunch menus. You can head over to our school website and find our menus there. They have not changed since

the Summer menus whilst we work on autumn / winter choices.

Here is the link to our school website to see the menus.

[Lunch Menus | Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery \(harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk\)](http://harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk)

YEAR 3 FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is starting in Year 3 this year, the government funded free school meals for you has ceased. If you think you are eligible, please contact the school office and present the relevant documentation to Mrs Davis at your earliest convenience.

COMMUNICATION

We pride ourselves on communicating with you using our Class DOJO system as well as via our school website. We always have staff at the school gate at the beginning and end of the school day too.

Obviously sometimes you may need to make an appointment to see a member of staff. This can be done by calling the school office or popping into school to make an appointment. (You may not be able to see the member of staff at this time).

Class DOJOs is great for an instant message to the class teacher or another member of staff. We do ask

that you respect the following timings to message a member of staff. Please message Monday - Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm and **refrain** from messaging during the weekend and school holidays.

We also use Class DOJOs to send information about class events, whole school events, homework details via the class section and My Proud Moments where children are sent to me to congratulate them for a particular achievement.

Each week the newsletter will be posted on Class DOJOs and on the school website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website in addition to Class DOJOs also has details of school policies, staffing, newsletters and pictures of particular events. Dates for the diary will be added to the website calendar soon.

[Home | Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery \(harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk\)](http://harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk)

PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

There are times when we don't get things right or have not resolved something to your satisfaction. Please can I ask that you make contact with the class teacher in the first instance especially if it is linked to the classroom. Please can I

ask that you are calm and respectful in the way you communicate the issues you need to raise, as often shouting / swearing or becoming aggressive will result in you being asked to leave the school grounds, make an appointment when you are calm so that the issue can be resolved quickly. Can I also remind you that we do not tolerate abuse towards staff face to face or via any social media networks. Many thanks.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We offer a wonderful breakfast club every week day for our children who would like to attend. **This will begin on Tuesday 3rd September.**

This could be to support our working parents or to support them with socialising with other children and learn new skills. It opens at 7:45 and is for 1 hour before school. The children are offered a wide range of cereals, bagels and toast with different toppings. Wait for it On Wednesdays we offer pancakes and waffles... and on Fridays we offer a full cooked breakfast.

As well as offering breakfast our children also have the opportunity to play team games, perfect their computer skills and have the chance to complete their homework if it has been impossible to do at home. Mrs Arnold and Mrs Marsh run the breakfast club. This costs £3.50 per day, per child.

Please can you ensure that you book in Wednesdays and Fridays so we can ensure we have enough breakfast on offer. This can be done via DOJOs to Mrs Arnold or through the school office.

OUR SCHOOL RULES AND VISION

Our school rules are simple and are a common thread in all that we do here at Harwich Community Primary School. They are: -

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

We also pride ourselves on our vision being '**Working Together to Achieve our Best**'.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have a system of old pre loved school uniform that has been kindly donated over the years by parents and staff. If there is anything you are struggling to get hold of ready for the new school year, please let us know.

UNIFORM AND PE KITS

Please visit our website for details of our school uniform. Can all PE Kits be brought in on Tuesday 3rd

September where they will be kept in school. Your children will be informed of their class PE sessions on Tuesday and will be confirmed with you on the meet the teacher sessions.

[Uniform Information | Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery \(harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk\)](http://www.harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk)

NAME IT OR LOSE IT!

Please can we urge you all to label everything. It is much easier to find items when they have been lost, run away or been eaten by the lost property monster.

Why not try our **STICKINS** labels using this link below or use a sharpie pen on the clothing labels.

[Clothes Name Labels. Stick On School Name Labels, Name Tags: Stikins®](http://www.harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk/school-clubs/)

WELCOME BACK MRS FLATT

It is with great pleasure that I am able to welcome back Mrs Flatt to school. Mrs Flatt had a scary encounter and has inspired and amazed us all with how she fought back and beaten cancer. She rang the special bell on 15th August and almost rang it off the wall. We have missed her so much but she has really shown us all what can happen with the right attitude and the right mind-set. You did it and you are our inspiration.

GOOD LUCK, MRS MARSH

I would also like to wish, on behalf of us all, Mrs Marsh a speedy treatment and recovery as she fights her own battle with cancer. You can do this! We will see you back at school very soon.

CAR BOOT SALE NEWS

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding a car boot sale on Sunday

29th September 2024. Gates will open for sellers at 8:30am and then buyers from 9:00am will be welcome. Sellers will be charged £5 per car and buyers 50p to get in.

SPORTS CLUBS

These will all start from Monday 9th September. Please use the link below to sign up during the first week back for the clubs available.

<https://www.harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk/school-clubs/>

PANTO COMPETITION

Hands up who would like a free ticket for your child to go to our pantomime. During the summer term we announced this competition to produce a 3 D pantomime character and the best ones would receive a free ticket to the Panto.... We thought we would re-open the competition as in the busy times in the summer term we only had a few entries. We will re-open it so that all entries to be in by Friday 13th September (lucky for some)

MESSAGE FROM ME...

Enjoy the last few days of the holidays and we will see you all on Tuesday 3rd September. Any queries about the new term, please call the office between 1pm and 3pm on Monday 2nd September.

