



Friday, 9 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the academic year 2016/17. I do hope that you enjoyed a restful time with your family over the summer. Much was achieved in school to keep it well maintained for your children and a pleasant learning environment. The kitchen project was finally completed with the remaining paintwork undertaken, new display boards have been put up all through school, Mrs Stanford has a new room in the extension of Blackbirds' classroom, new lighting has been installed, the chickens have a new run, the gardens and land maintained and the children all have new coloured coat pegs. Phew... a change is indeed as good as a rest! Special mention and thanks to Mr Fisher, Mr Connolly and Matt for giving so much time and effort in assisting us in jobs requiring our attention. True community spirit. We couldn't have achieved what we have without you. THANK YOU! It was a delight for school to become its usual happy and flourishing self when the children arrived back on Tuesday. It is so not right without them. It was our pleasure to welcome you all back. Children refreshed and taller. We are as ever excited to begin a new year. We never stand still! I am pleased to send home to you today a bumper pack of information providing detail regarding the year ahead. Thank you for attending the 'meet the teacher' meetings this week, as well as the parent forum this morning. We believe that the education of your child is a holistic process and to this end look to involve you in every way possible. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

In this pack you will find the following:

- Term dates
- Global consent form
- Home school agreement (please return **whole** form)
- Administering medication form (where applicable)
- Data Check Sheet
- Medical/allergy update
- Plans and newsletter from individual class teachers
- Principals menu and information sheet
- Parent questionnaire results
- Term 1 headlines (school plan)



Please return to school the global consent form, home school agreement and administering medication form if applicable next week. Thank you.

Welcome



We are pleased to welcome to our school two new members: Jessie and Numan. Jessie has returned to Hartlip School after a time of relocation with her family. Lovely to have her back with us. Numan has also relocated to our area and it is a pleasure to have him as part of our school community. We hope that both children and their families will be very happy with us. We also wait with anticipation on the arrival of a number of new babies. Exciting times.

This week

We have been thinking about how we all belong in our school community. Every single one of us is important and the school is not the school without your membership. We thought about what part of our body is the most important? Ask your children to tell you why the little toe is important! We need every part of our body. In the same way, we need every member of our school and every person is important and has their part to play. We then moved on to think about our Christian School Values. I was so impressed with how the children remember these. We put friendship at the very heart of our school and today we had a special moment when our new friendship bench was blessed. It is a focal part of our school for our reflection and enjoyment.

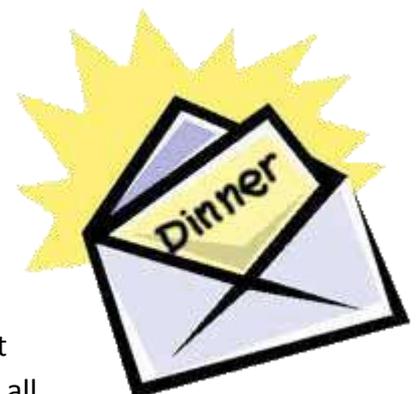


Kent Test

Our Year 6 children were straight back in to hard work! On Thursday they took their Kent Test, or more commonly known as the 11+. There is no denying that this is a tough process. We try to make things as comfortable and secure as we can, beginning the day with a cooked breakfast and breaking up a trialling and concentrated time with drink breaks and refreshment. We are proud of each and every one of our children and congratulate you all on your hard work.

Dinners

Please may we start the year as we mean to go on? I enclose a leaflet from Principals detailing this term's menu. It also informs you of how to make payments for dinners. There is a post box in the lobby for receipt of monies. Please pay in advance at the beginning of the week, on the day or on line. Please do not put staff or yourself in the embarrassing position of chasing for payments. I always say that we can't walk in to a takeaway outlet and expect to pay days later after several reminders. Robins and Blackbirds are all entitled to a free school meal daily. Cook is fabulous in her flexibility and is happy that the children order



jacket potatoes and fillings as alternative to the menu on offer. In addition, a sandwich alternative can also be ordered daily by completing a form from the office and handing this to the office or with your child at registration. If your child has just moved in to Peacocks, please remember that meals now need to be paid for. The enclosed leaflet provides guidance on this.

Parent helpers

We very much welcome and appreciate parent help in our school. You may have a particular skill that you would like to share with us or like to get involved in supporting an activity. Mrs Byatt is keen to have help for forest school and Mrs Ridge PE. We also appreciate support for learning in the afternoons. In addition, we are always looking for additional extra-curricular activities to be run, either before or after school or during the lunch time. If you would like to get involved, please complete the enclosed form and return to the school office. We can then make contact with you, formulate a timetable and complete the formalities in terms of DBS checks etc. **Please may I request that if you helped last year and would like to continue this, that you also complete the form so that we have this for our records. Thank you.**



Parking



Again, please may we start as we mean to go on? In the holidays I met with PCSO John Cork to discuss the matter. Residents have reported incidences of verbal abuse and lack of access to their driveways. Areas of particular concern are where the road narrows and at the junction of Hollow Lane. Please do refrain from parking across and opposite driveways, at the junctions and on corners of roads. I am exploring methods to address this situation with PCSO Cork and it is likely that he and colleagues will be enforcing courtesy and safety at various times throughout the term. The stop and drop initiative seems to have helped in terms of punctuality and free flowing traffic. Please make this workable by not parking in the coned area. Please pull in to the road in front of the school and do not park opposite on the pavement. Parking on the pavement is a danger to the children. Both I and residents are extremely concerned that an accident is just waiting to happen. Please never let this become a reality. Our children and community are so very precious. Please can we leave a little earlier, take a few more minutes and model courtesy and respect to our children to the benefit of safety and happiness for us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

What's new at Hartlip School?

Please note that our **Celebration Worship** will now be at **2.45pm on a Thursday afternoon**. It is our hope that this makes it easier for families to attend to celebrate Birthdays. Once a term, a class will lead the Celebration Worship, celebrating the learning to date. We hope that you will be able to join us.

We have a **Friendship bench**. This was donated most generously by a family. It serves to remind us about the specialness of friendship and be a reflective place when we feel lonely and without friends, or indeed when we are aware that our friendships could be improved. Friendship is the centre and focal point of our school values. From this, everything else flows: forgiveness, thankfulness, peace and trust. We experienced a special moment today when Reverend Julian blessed the bench. Thank you to Henry's mum for assisting us in our choice and provision of plants. I am sure you agree that it looks absolutely beautiful. We are very lucky to treasure such a beautiful gift.





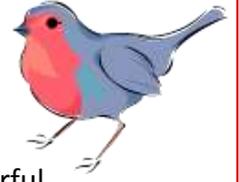
Our chickens have a new run! Grateful thanks to Mrs Martin for donating an old greenhouse which has been covered in chicken wire. Our two hens are so happy in their new found freedom that they are now laying eggs! The first eggs were found during the summer. Mrs White was delighted to receive the very first one and sent a yummy photograph of it lightly poached on a bed of home grown chard. A delicious treat for assisting us in their care. Today, we have sent our eggs home to Jack's nanny who kindly made a donation to allow us to realise the extension

off the run and provision of food bins etc. In the future, every child receiving 100% attendance for the week will be entered in to a draw with a chance to win the eggs of the week... a healthy treat to enjoy over the weekend! I mentioned that two hens live happily together. You will remember that we had four eggs hatch. The other two were cockerels. Unfortunately one of these took being the ruler of the roost extremely seriously and as a result was very aggressive. We cannot have this around children and so he went back to the farm with James and Abby. The remaining cockerel had no volume button and troubled residents by welcoming the dawn extremely loudly. So following a desperate plea, he too was returned to James and Abby. The hens are beautiful birds, gracious and peaceful. They do make a noise once a day with their pride in laying an egg! We celebrate that too!

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome
Headteacher

Robins



Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to all the Robins for welcoming us into your homes. We have had a wonderful time visiting you and listening to all your holiday adventures, you certainly have been busy!

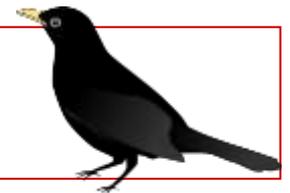
The plan attached gives you an overview of this term's topics. However, please be aware that there will be possible changes as we believe the children should have an input into what they wish to learn. The main aim over the next few weeks is to begin to know each other with the main teaching focus being on your child's wellbeing and involvement. The transition from nursery to school entails a lot of changes and we want to make sure that each child feels secure, confident and most importantly happy at Hartlip School. It is also an opportunity for us to build a trusting relationship with yourselves, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you and our door is always open.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing all the new Robins on Monday for their first day at school. A truly memorable occasion!

The Robins Team

Blackbirds

Please see separate plans in your envelope.



Peacocks

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful four days to start a new term and new school year. We have worked together to organise the classroom, played some team building games as well as completing our first maths and English lessons too! Our topic for the next two terms in 'The Romans'. We started looking at this during the week and are excited to learn about the history of the Roman Empire and how they lived back in the past.



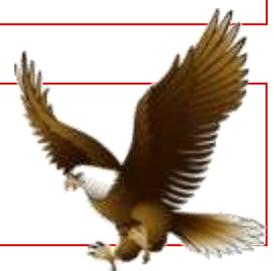
Next week we will begin having PE lessons and these will be on every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Ridge. Please ensure all PE kits are named and sent into school.

Many thanks to the parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting yesterday. The information from this meeting is enclosed in your envelope.

The Peacocks Team

Eagles

See separate newsletter with plans for Terms 1 and 2.

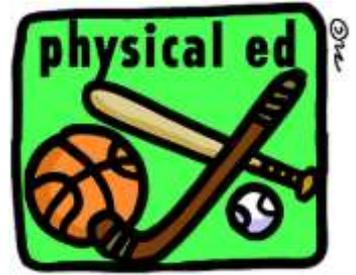


PE -

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a good break with family and friends. Although official PE lessons have not started yet (they begin next week), the children have been working on their DPA (Daily Physical Activity) which has included the Daily Mile and tasks from Go Noodle.



REAL PE will begin next week alongside another unit of work. Classes will focus on their Personal skills, in addition to their physical ones. Eagles class will be focussing on Tag Rugby, leading up to a competition in a few weeks' time.

LUNCHTIMES – Mrs Jerome and I had a meeting with the MMS and discussed ways forward with lunchtimes. Specific equipment will be out at all times, e.g. skipping ropes, balls, hoops and other equipment will be timetabled, for instance, Zed bugs one day, Den building the next etc... As you would have seen on Clasdojo - the children are LOVING the old boxes to play with at lunch. The whole school were playing with them and being active. Yesterday I had to come and take photos as the howls of laughter from the field could be heard in the staff room! School Games Crew is being revamped and will begin shortly.

CLUBS – these will start, week beginning 19th September. **Look out for a club letter next week.** Please do come and see us if you are interested in running a club or if you have any areas of expertise that the children can benefit from. Our clubs were moving from strength to strength last year and we could not have done this without the commitment from staff and parent volunteers.

A friendly reminder that **NAMED PE kits** should be in school from the first day of term, until the end of a term. Although days are set for PE there are other times when their PE kit may be required.

Mrs Ridge



Hartlip Endowed Church of England School Term Dates for Academic Year 2016-2017 <u>Staff Development Days – 5 allocated as shown</u>		
	Term Starts for children	Term Ends for children
Term 1 Staff Development Day Monday 5 September 2016 School closed to pupils	Tuesday 6 September 2016	Friday 21 October 2016
Week 2		
Monday 12 th September	Robins start school	
Tuesday 13 th September	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 14 th September	Peacocks: PE	
Thursday 15 th September	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
	MOBILE LIBRARY	
Friday 16 th September	Family Trust leading church worship	
Week 3 Clubs week 1		
Monday 19 th September		
Tuesday 20 th September	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 21 st September	Peacocks: PE	
Thursday 22 nd September	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
Friday 23 rd September	Church Worship: 9am	
Week 4 Clubs week 2		
Monday 26 th September		
Tuesday 27 th September	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 28 th September	Peacocks: PE	
Thursday 29 th September	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
	MOBILE LIBRARY	
Friday 30 th September	Church Worship: 9am	
Saturday 1 st October	2pm: Messy Church	
Week 5 Clubs week 3		
Monday 3 rd October		
Tuesday 4 th October	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 5 th October	Peacocks: PE	
Thursday 6 th October	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
	Decoration of church for Harvest (parent help appreciated)	
Friday 7 th October	HARVEST FESTIVAL CHURCH WORSHIP	
Sunday 9 th October	Hartlip Village Harvest celebration	

Week 6 Clubs week 4		
Monday 10th October		
Tuesday 11th October	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 12th October	Peacocks: PE	
Thursday 13th October	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
	MOBILE LIBRARY	
Friday 14th October	Church Worship: 9am	
Week 7		
Monday 17th October		
Tuesday 18th October	Eagles: Outdoor learning	
Wednesday 19th October	Peacocks: PE	
	Parents evening: 3.30pm-5pm	
Thursday 20th October	Celebration Worship @ 2.45pm. Invites to parents of Birthday children	
	Blackbirds: PE	
	Parents evening: 3.30pm-7pm	
Friday 21st October	Church worship: 9am Parent Forum: 9.30am	
Mid Term Break	Monday 24 October	Friday 17 February 2017
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2016	Tuesday 20 December 2016 Children dismissed at lunchtime.
Friday 4th November	FOUNDERS DAY 2PM Service in church 4.30pm: Founders Day Fun, Food and Fireworks	
Thursday 10th November	7pm: Full Governing Body Meeting	
Week commencing 14th November: Anti Bullying week		
Saturday 3rd December	Messy Church: 2pm	
Saturday 10th December	Hartlip Christmas Fair	
Monday 12th December	2pm: Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday 13th December	2pm: afternoon Performance	
Wednesday 14th December	2pm: afternoon Performance	
Thursday 15th December	6pm: evening Performance	
Friday 16th December	Christmas Fun Day (includes Christmas Dinner)	
Tuesday 20th December	Active Christmas	
	11am: Nativity Service	
	12md: Children to be collected	
Christmas Break	Wednesday 21 December 2016	Tuesday 3 January 2017
Term 3 Staff Development Day Tuesday 3 January 2017 School closed to pupils	Wednesday 4 January 2017	Friday 10 February 2017

Wednesday 11th January	7pm: Full Governing Body Meeting	
Week commencing 16th January	Maths week	
Wednesday 8th February	School Photographer	
Mid Term Break	Monday 13 February 2017	Friday 17 February 2017
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 31 March 2017
Friday 24th February	Family Trust leading church worship	
Week commencing 13th March	British Science week	
Friday 31st March	Active Easter	
Easter Break	Monday 3 April 2017	Monday 17 April 2017
Term 5 NB: Bank Holiday Mon 1 May School closed	Tuesday 18 April 2017	Friday 26 May 2017
Friday 21st April	Family Trust leading Church Worship	
Monday 8th May	SATS week	
Mid Term Break	Monday 29 May 2017	Friday 2 June 2017
Term 6 Staff Development Days Thurs & Fri 20 & 21 July 2017 School closed to pupils	Monday 5 June 2017	Wednesday 19 July 2017
Week commencing 19th June	Sports week	
11th July	Dress rehearsal	
12th July	Afternoon Performance	
13th July	Evening Performance	
17th July	Leavers Party Day	
18th July	Leavers Service: 7pm	
19th July	Leavers Banquet	