



Harding Herald

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This half term's value is: **Respect**

Dates to note:

REMINDER

- 6th December Whole school Pantomime **£2 cash payment only**
- 10th December Pre-School Sing along
- 11th & 12th December Year 1 – Christmas performances
- 13th & 14th December Reception – Christmas Carols (details in news)
- 14th December Whole School – Christmas Jumper Day

- 8th March 2019 Pre-School Class Photographs
- 1st – 5th April 2019 Year 6 Residential – River Dart
- 25th – 25th May 2019 Year 2 Camp-out
- 13th June 2019 Pre-School – Individual & Graduation Photographs
- 10th & 12th July 2019 Year 2 – College Lake

Current payments:

All payable via School gateway

- River Dart 2019 £420 (est)

£230 deposit required by the 19th December

Term	School opens on the morning of:	School closes on the afternoon of:
Autumn	Thursday 6 September 2018	Friday 19 October 2018
	Tuesday 30 October 2018	Wednesday 19 December 2018
Spring	Thursday 3 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
	Tuesday 26 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
Summer	Wednesday 24 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
	Monday 3 June 2019	Wednesday 24 July 2019

Staff in-service days (INSET days) will take place on Wednesday 5th September 2018, Monday 29th October, Wednesday 2nd January 2019 and Monday 25th February 2019 and Tuesday 23rd April 2019. School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May



May we remind parents when communicating with school whether by email, schoolcomms, letter etc we do need child's full name and class please, thank you for your help with this.

Dear families,

It was lovely to see and meet so many parents at the 'Meet the Head Teacher' meetings this week, answering your questions and having feedback on the Newsletter survey, also discussed were clubs to be run at both lunchtimes and after school.

On the school website you are now able to access information relevant to your child's class which should also be helpful with keeping up to date with all that is going on in school.

The Harding Herald survey revealed that the majority of parents wished this to continue to be published weekly, we will be re-jigging the layout and after Christmas the Pre-School will issue their own Newsletter.

Have a safe weekend and I will see you all on Monday

Miss Cotchin
Head teacher

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please, please can parents remember to cancel any hot dinner that your child will not be taking due to absence (illness or otherwise). So far it has cost the school several hundred pounds just for the meals that have not been cancelled, at £2.40 per meal. As previously advised, although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal paid for by the Government, they will only pay for the meals that have actually been eaten; any that are booked and not eaten have to be paid for by the School NOT the Government. This is money that could be better used in other areas for learning etc. We appreciate there are occasions when this is not possible, i.e. if your child has been sent home from school unwell, however if you know your child is going to be absent for whatever reason, OR you have provided a packed lunch instead, you should be cancelling meals before 9.30am to avoid the school incurring the cost of that meal.

We really would appreciate your co-operation with this as we may now have no other option than to start billing parents for their un-cancelled meals ☹

***IMPORTANT* - Change to hot meal menu**

The hot meal provider has informed us that they will be making a change to the current menu to include a Christmas menu. The change will only affect Monday 17th December. If you have already booked your child's meal for that day (before the change was made), unfortunately you will need to rebook from the new menu





Year Group News:

2 Year olds In the Violet Room this week we have made a play dough kitchen area so the children can have out various resources to encourage conversations through role play-making dinners, cutting up the play dough using items like play knives, pizza cutters and scissors.

The Homecorner has been made into a shop, the children have had fun with the shopping baskets, filling them with food items, using the till, sitting at the table being the shop keeper.

In the tuff tray the children have been digging with the spades, hiding and finding shells and building sandcastles.

The children have been practising our Christmas songs for the concert on the 10th December-just to remind you it is in the morning in the school hall, afterwards you are welcome back to the Violet Room to play with your child and look through their learning journey books, there will be refreshments available and Christmas craft activities going on, as well as some fundraising for the Violet Room, there will be a Raffle (any donations for this would be very much appreciated) a lucky dip as well as hot chocolate cones and animal friendly reindeer food. we look forward to seeing you there!

Pre-school - We have had a lovely week at Pre-school. We enjoyed making our poppies for our Poppy garden and talking about Remembrance Day.

We had a very exciting day on Tuesday when the firefighters came to visit in their fire engine. They let us look inside the fire engine. They talked to us about how they use the fire engine when they go to help people, and what the equipment is used for.



Breakfast and After School club

We have also been talking about Remembrance Day and making poppy paper plates. We have been playing Volleyball, Netball and Football and also Hide and Seek

Reception - This week Reception has been learning all about old toys! In English they have been learning to use their phonic sounds to read and write words, and in Maths discovering how to add objects together. During Knowledge and Understanding of the World the children have started learning about the similarities and differences with old/new toys.

Getting Changed for P.E

Please make sure all P.E kit is labelled. As part of your child's development they need to be able to independently dress themselves. If your child is struggling with this they may need some extra practise, how about a race to beat the adult; who can put on their socks the fastest.

Reminders - Reception will be performing Christmas carols for parents in the main school hall. Please note it will be two adults per child. Ticket forms will be sent out closer to the date.

Honeysuckle/ Buttercup 9.30am - 9.50am on Thursday 13th December.

Bluebell/ Daffodil 9.30am – 9.50am on Friday 14th December.

Year 1 - This week in Year One we have been extremely busy with our learning! In Maths we have continued learning how to subtract, using different methods to help us, such as a number line or crossing out. In writing this week we have been learning all about Titles and what they are used for – you could create your own story at home. We have also been looking at full stops and when we use them. In Science, we have continued to use our senses and have focused on taste, describing the taste of some ingredients and whether we like them or not. In Project, we have been learning all about real-life superheroes and talking about the amazing job that they do.

Despite our busy learning, we have managed to fit in a visit from the local firemen. The children loved meeting them and their fire engine. They asked lots of questions and learnt all about what they do to help us within our community. We were very proud of how sensible the children were and the questions that they asked. Well Done Year One!



Year 2 - This week in Maths we have been investigating the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, we also began to explore symmetry. In English we have been looking at the features of narrative including repetition, appropriate vocabulary and alliteration. We then practised using them to write a spooky pirate story. In our curriculum time we wrote a pirate code and researched Captain James Cook. In Science we thought about the importance of exercise, we played our favourite playground games then checked the affect it had on our bodies and moods! We then made posters to explain our favourite game. Why not ask us which ones we liked best.

Year 3 - This week in Year 3 the children have really impressed us with their wonderful maths skills. They have been working well to develop their times table facts. It is fabulous to see how the children are able to articulate their reasoning. Next week we will continue to work on our eight times table facts so please help your child to practise these at home. In English this week the children have started to learn about playscripts and are beginning to think about how different characters behave. As part of our cornerstones lessons the children have researched their own class role model in more depth, thinking about why they may be considered a hero. Please can you check with your child that they have all of the necessary stationery in their pencil cases. A copy of the stationery list will be sent out as a reminder.

Year 4 - This week the children have been looking at the different metric units of measure and learning how to convert them in Maths whilst in English they have been planning, rehearsing and then performing a sales pitch to a panel for an imaginary new gadget. For Science they have begun a new topic called 'Good vibrations', which will involve everything concerning sound, whereas for Project Learning the pupils have spent the week investigating how different musical instruments are made and how they produce sounds. Moreover, very soon, the children will be making their very own musical instruments from recycled materials, therefore, the teachers in Year 4 would like to ask parents to send in any used boxes, cardboard tubes etc. that can be used for this purpose.

Year 5 - This week have been estimating, measuring and drawing different types of angles in Maths whereas in English they have been using the 4Ws (What, Where, When & Who) to begin planning their own retelling of the story 'Bling' in the form of a diary entry from the point-of-view of the main character. In Science they have been investigating the viscosity of different materials whilst for Project Learning they have been learning about the origins and spread of the 'Black Death'.

Year 6 - The children made their own poppies which we put together to create our own wreath to remember those who have given their lives in war. The children thoroughly enjoyed making them and the display looks fantastic!

In English the children have been writing metaphorical poetry based on a chosen sea creature. They have spent time On Monday we were able to put together our poppy display that the children worked hard to finish last week. thinking about the poetic devices (metaphors, similes, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia, rhyme and rhythm) that help to bring their sea creatures to life and how the layout also helps to contribute to the meaning. In our Project lessons we have been thinking about whether or not robots are 'intelligent' by looking at a range of robots from ATLAS, SOFI and da vinci. The pupils have now begun to think about the algorithms needed in programming and have started to write their own based on everyday tasks.



Parking outside of school:

As it is clearly written on the hatched area, this is for drop off only not for parking; **this includes waiting in cars for children to go in, or to come out of school.** The only exception to this is for Bucks CC organised taxis, where the driver and/or chaperone is expected to come into the school building to drop off or collect the children. We understand that it is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day and that parking can be a problem, as it is at many schools. You are more than welcome to use a parking bay in the car park at the front of the main school building, if there is one available, to leave your car or to wait for children.

Only use the disabled spaces if you are in possession of a **blue badge which must be displayed.**

Please do not park in spaces which have a 'no parking' sign! (there are currently 2)

Our staff should not be subject to verbal abuse when reinforcing these rules and if they are then we will seek advice from the local Police and/or ban individuals from entering the school site.

Unfortunately if this continues to cause problems we may be forced to reconsider allowing vehicle access onto the school site at the start and end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

<i><u>Morning:</u></i>	<i><u>Afternoon:</u></i>
No parking before 8.25am Cars may be parked in available spaces <u>Drop off only</u> on the yellow hatchings	Cars may be parked in available spaces <u>No</u> use of the yellow hatchings, except for Bucks CC Contracted taxis only – NOT PRIVATE TAXIS

School Car Park Safety

May we remind Parents to use the pedestrian gate when entering the school, a number of parents with children are coming into school via the drive in which is not only dangerous but for the use of vehicles only



School Thrift Shop

Thanks to our small team of willing parents we are now able to run our school thrift shop. This is a great resource to support our families and will raise some much needed £s for our school. We are currently fundraising for new reading materials for our library.

Our first Thrift Shop sale will be on Monday 10th December from 3.15pm in the Main school hall, access through the School Office door only

Kind Regards

Mrs Howson (Assistant Headteacher)

END OF DAY COLLECTION

We would like remind parents of the importance of advising school if someone else is collecting your child/children at the end of the school day, in particular KS1 children, we are unable to release children unless we have prior notice.

Children are also to be reminded not to go home with anyone else unless they have been advised by their parents or a member of staff even if they know them

THANK YOU

BOOK BAG & PE BAG PAYMENTS

Please bring correct money if possible when purchasing Book bags and PE bags as the office do not always have change

Thank You



KS2 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Children in KS2 will be pleased to know that the playground equipment has now been mended therefore it can now be used

Schoolcomms communication

As you are aware we use Schoolcomms as a method of electronic communication with you. Shortly we will be completely moving away from paper based communications and using only Schoolcomms in the near future. This will ensure that communications are quicker with yourselves and cost the school less time and money which means valuable resources can go to improving your child's experiences.

Therefore if you have not yet set up an account you will need to:-

1. Provide the school office with an email address if your haven't done so already
2. Go to <https://schoolcomms.com>
3. Follow the instructions provided

If you would like some support in setting up an account please see the ladies in the office and they will be able to support you in moving to Schoolcomms.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Communication Glossary and Information:

School Gateway app – The mobile device app associated with School Comms. This enables families to report absence, check attendance levels, pay for trips and events at school, as well as inform/change personal details.



Web based School Gateway – www.schoolgateway.com

Log in using your registered email address to see all of the information available on the app, in addition you can also see and download a full payment history.

Please see the details below for the free Parenting Groups that will be taking place from September. They are run by the Family Resilience Service and are excellent courses, open to all parents. If you are able to attend then there is a booking form at the end of the Harding Herald.

Communications;

We now have Twitter back up and running for you to follow and see what is taking place within our school.

<https://twitter.com/SchoolHarding>



STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Application
deadline is
3pm
15 January
2019

**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN
1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31 AUGUST 2015?**

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from **5 November 2018**. Visit our website www.buckscc.gov.uk to apply for a school place.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time will be available on our website from the end of October www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you cannot apply online you can fill out a paper application form.

Open days for primary school are available now on our website at
www.buckscc.gov.uk

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

