



Healthy
Oxfordshire
Schools



Partnership of Schools
Partnership Organisation



Harwell Community Primary School

The Styles,
Harwell,
OX11 0HX

Headteacher: Bryn Gibson

Telephone: (01235) 835337

Email: office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk

September 2019

Dear Parents,

Firstly, welcome to Harwell School and FC! Your children really did do you all proud on their first day at School - it was a pleasure to welcome you all. We will be contacting you each term with a newsletter to inform you of our learning intentions and any other business for the coming weeks. We started the term by reading a Pete the Cat book and hope to share with you some of our work during our first outcome (read below).

Swimming

Swimming is on Tuesday mornings (for as long as we can) up until October half term holiday. If the weather is too cold outside the pool, we might not swim one week. We tend to make the call for this on the morning, so please assume we will swim and send children in with their kit. The children will be expected to change themselves so please assist them by giving them 'easy' uniform to change, such as trousers rather than tights and a nice warm towel for afterwards. Please ensure everything is named as items do wander so by ensuring that your child's name is in EVERYTHING, it is easier to rehome items.

Wild Wood Thursdays

We are venturing out to the wildlife area each Thursday afternoon and will continue to do so throughout the winter months, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for this (wellies are ideal) and a coat. As the weather gets cooler, gloves and hats are a good idea for everyday use but certainly for Thursday afternoons - please name these too!

Cooking

The class cook/bake each Monday morning in a small group and we share the food in the afternoons. For this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£2 per child, per half term please**. If this could kindly be handed to us, in a named envelope please, we would be most grateful. We will be welcoming my Mother-in-law 'Granny Carol' for these sessions and I know she is excited to come and work with your children.

Volunteers

All our regular volunteers are DBS checked by the school which includes those who help in the pool area. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask. Indeed, if you know of anyone else who may wish to support the school with a few hours volunteering, please see Jane or Kristal in the office.

Outcome

We'd very much like to invite you all to our class outcome on **Tuesday 22nd October 13:30- 15:00**. There will be two slots for this so that we can accommodate you all more comfortably and I will be asking the office to send out a google form with your preference of which slot. The idea of the outcomes are for you to have a taster of what the children have been learning and to share an experience with them. We understand that this isn't always possible with other commitments so if this particular date, or dates in the future don't work for you, please speak with us as it may be possible for you to share the work with your child at another time. During this outcome, we'd like to share our phonics with you, rainbow challenges and wildlife area - so bring a coat! We very much hope to see you all there. Turn up at reception at the time we will confirm (either 13:30 or 14:15) and sign in, then we collect you when we're ready. Younger siblings are welcome, but I must add that they remain your responsibility at all times as the classroom isn't set up for under 4's.

Pirate day 19th September

Don't forget it is International Talk Like a Pirate Day on Thursday 19th September. We celebrate this by dressing up like a pirate and have a fun day of pirate themed activities and ask for a donation to charity as with the rest of the school. Please don't feel you have to go to town with costumes as a t-shirt and black trousers is fine - we also have random bits which we could add to a simple outfit if necessary.

Reminders

Thank you for being so organised and sending your child in their named uniform. A gentle reminder that your child will need (all named please):

- Water bottle.
- Book bag (or similar) - reading books won't be going home just yet but you are welcome to borrow sharing books for home.
- Indoor AND outdoor shoes for the children to change themselves.
- Swimming kit (including hat) for Tuesdays
- Warm clothes for Wild Wood Thursdays
- PE kit for Fridays
- Sun hats for hot weather

Lastly, I would like to use this opportunity in thanking you all for such a positive start to our school year! Our class is full of superb, exciting and brilliant individuals who we are thrilled to get to know further. We are all very excited about sharing the coming year together.

Should you need to speak or contact me at any point, I am around in person

Monday to Thursday or please feel free to email me directly on mrs.martin@harwellprimaryschool.co.uk .

We look forward to welcoming you on the 22nd October.
Kind regards

The FC Team