

FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUICK REMINDERS

- **School dinners** cost £2.60/day, £13.00/week, payable Monday
- All money sent to school must be in clearly **labelled envelopes**, available from office at £1 for 30
- Children should be **in school at 8.45am every morning**. Classes start at 8.55am. Children in after this will be marked 'late' and miss valuable social and preparation time
- If you wish your child to wear **earrings** in school, please ensure they are **studs** for your own child's safety
- Pupils are not permitted to bring **mobile phones or any other electronic device** to school and parents are asked NOT to use their phone in the school building or grounds

DATES FOR THE DIARY SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019

Staff Development Day 1 26
(no school for pupils)

Staff Development Day 2 27
(no school for pupils)

Staff Development Day 3 30
(no school for pupils)

OCTOBER 2019

P7MM 'Play in a Day' 2

P5DK 'Time Steps—Egypt' 7

'Reading Buddy' training (P6) 7

Book Fair in school 8-11

P7MM poetry project 8

P7MM poetry project 16

Parent teacher meetings P1-7 21-24

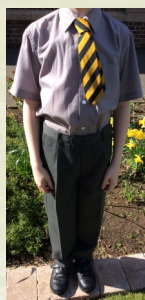
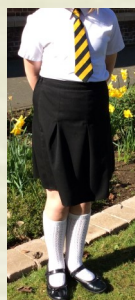
Children home at 1pm 21-25

Half term holiday 28 Oct-1 Nov

WELCOME BACK FOR 2019/20

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks to all parents for turning your children out so smartly for the start of term. At the moment, pupils may still wear their summer uniforms. Summer officially ends on 30 September. **All pupils, P2-7, are to wear shirts and ties from Tuesday 2 October.**



PE KITS

Please send in your child's PE kit—black shorts, yellow polo shirt and black plimsolls / trainers — in a bag every Monday. We will send it home on a Friday for you to wash.

NAMES IN CLOTHING

Please ensure every item of clothing your child wears, or brings to school, is clearly named. This includes woolly hats and gloves when the weather gets colder. Good quality name tags can be purchased online at www.mynametags.com

Please check the clothing your child brings home; if it is NOT yours, please return it to school the next day.

WATER BOTTLES

Scientific research proves the benefits of remaining well hydrated throughout the day by drinking plenty of water. All children are encouraged to **keep REUSABLE water bottles on their desks every day**. These must be REUSABLE, as we are working to eradicate single-use plastic from the school, and contain water not juice. Please encourage your child to avail of this.

MONEY

Children should not have more money in school than they require for that day.

MEDICATION

If you wish medication to be administered during the school day, you **MUST** bring the medication to the school secretary, who will give you a form to complete. A copy of the completed form will be sent home with your child. Remember: **if your child has a diagnosis of asthma, you MUST provide a blue 'reliever' inhaler** to be kept in school. Many thanks to all the parents who have done this already.

CONTACT DETAILS

Remember to inform the secretaries straight away if any of your contact details change e.g. **mobile telephone numbers, address, named collectors**.



MANY THANKS!!

Thursday 29 August saw the third year of our **Parent & Pupil Induction meetings**, where you and your child got to meet the new teacher, hear what the teacher had to say about the year ahead and share with the teacher any additional information about your child. The feedback received from parents and from teachers continues to be really positive; please let us know if there is anything additional you feel we should include to make these sessions even more useful. Thank you so much for making time to attend, including many of you who had to take time off work and those who had to come up three times...or more!! **(90.5% attendance)**

BY THE WAY...

Open Night will be on **Wednesday 11 December**, which will also incorporate a Winter Fair, kindly organised by our parent Governors & volunteers; more details closer to the time.

This year's **Christmas performance** will be a **Junior 'Celebration of Christmas' (P1-3)** in school on **Wednesday 18 December** at 9.30am & 11am. All families and friends welcome (all P1-3 children home at 12pm).



Save the date: Pupil & Parent Induction Day 2020

Friday 28 August 2020

First day of term



ROAD SAFETY

- ◆ If parking, please follow the rules of the road and **park legally**. This may necessitate your parking further up Charles Street.
- ◆ **When driving, SLOW DOWN.** You never know when or where a child may appear



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.hartmemorialps.org



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HOLIDAY LIST – 2019/20

Term1:

School starts at 9am/11am/1pm on Thursday 29 August – PUPIL & PARENT INFORMATION DAY—first day of term

SDD1: Thursday 26 September 2019

SDD2: Friday 27 September 2019

SDD3: Monday 30 September 2019

Mid-term break – Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November (inclusive)

Christmas holidays begin at 12 noon on Friday 20 December

Term 2:

School starts at 8.45am on Monday 6 January

Mid-term break – Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 February

St Patrick's Day break – Tuesday 17 March

Easter holidays begin at 12 noon on Friday 3 April

SDD4: Monday 6 April 2020

Term 3:

School starts at 8.45am on Monday 20 April

SDD5: Thursday 7 May 2020

1st May Bank Holiday – Friday 8 May

2nd May Bank Holiday – Monday 25 May

Summer holidays begin at 12 noon on Tuesday 30 June

*There will be **5 School Development Days (SDD)** during the year. Children DO NOT attend school on these days.*

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FAREWELL!!

It was a huge shock to us when **Mrs Brown** announced her retirement at the end of the school year. We wish her many years of health and happiness to enjoy the next chapter in her life. The Hart will very much miss her dedication, skill and vast teaching experience. Good luck, Mrs Brown!



WELCOME!!

A big welcome to the Hart and from the Hart to **Mrs Stockdale** who brings her enthusiasm, energy and many years' teaching experience to Primary 4. She is a welcome and valued member of the Hart team and we look forward to having her on-side for many years to come!



If you have a worry, concern, question, complaint....

DO...

- ◆ Write a note to the teacher
- ◆ Ring for clarification
- ◆ Ring to make an appointment
- ◆ Get it sorted!

DON'T...

- ◇ Do nothing!
- ◇ Use inappropriate language
- ◇ Make posts on face-book inviting negative comments

We're all on the same team, trying to do the very best for each and everyone of our pupils—your children. Respectful, positive dialogue will sort problems and ensure a strong home-school partnership to the benefit of all.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P7MM (98%)

2nd: P2H (97.4%)

3rd: P2FH (97%)

Please have your child in school **every** day.....

Miss School, Miss Out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

=1st: P6H; P2LM

(2 latecomers)

Please have your child in school **ON TIME** every day.....

Miss School, Miss Out!

P7MM GO WILD!!!

P7MM pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at the Bushcraft Centre on Oxford Island on Wednesday 12 September. They learned a lot about life in the Mesolithic and Neolithic times as well as taking part in activities that promoted communication, using thinking skills and working together. Groups were involved in building Neolithic shelters from items found in the forest and foraging for food. We all tested our hunting skills through archery!!! A great day was had by all.

