

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

I trust that you have had a lovely break and the children are well rested, having enjoyed the Christmas festivities. This term promises to have exciting topics with Beacon classroom set up for an adventure of the imagination; Torberry class will enjoy 'All the Fun of the Fair'; Downlands will be 'Walking with Mummies'; Warren class will enjoy 'An Island Home'; whilst Rother class are thinking about traditional tales - 'Once upon a time'.

We hope that the children love these themes and it is the start of a wonderful 2019 for them.

I wish you all a very happy new year!

Best wishes,

Fiona

Spotlight on safeguarding

I am alerted to digital warnings, from time to time, and try to keep parents in the picture by adding information to this section of the newsletter. Over the holidays, I was prompted to look at a website, which looks like an excellent reference book for parents. It has several key sections:

- Games, apps and tech
- Safety settings
- Parenting
- Well-being
- Education and the future
- Relationships and sex

and you can add a filter for primary age articles

Do look at it. It aims to provide parents with up-to-date information and is provided by ParentZone and CEOP, who are reputable: www.parentinfo.org

Big cushions and rugs

We would welcome big cushions, beanbags and fleecy rugs for the additional classroom at the back of the library. This room is used by After School club, as well as by the learning therapist and counsellor, so it is lovely to have a cosy space where children can relax. The items we have there currently have been well used so good-as-new, child-friendly contributions would be gratefully received.

Charitable giving

Thank you for your donations at the Christingle service and for contributions for the 'jolly jumper day'. We will be sending the money raised (£ 226) to Education West Africa, which will reach our sister school in Sierra Leone and the Fitzroy Trust, Petersfield. These are two of the three charities chosen by the School Council.

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Worship Theme: Beginnings

Application for reception by 15th January 2019

We welcome children from a wide area, including surrounding Hampshire and West Sussex villages, along with those from Petersfield. The office staff is happy to help but the easiest method is to apply on-line: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If you know of a family who might be interested in our school, do encourage them to come and visit - they just need to email or call the school office.

Vacancy - Midday Meal Supervisor

A reminder that we have a vacancy for a Midday Meal Supervisor - closing date next Thursday 10th January.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, then please contact the office or view the school website for further details.

Key dates for your diary

Note: Inset days; PTFA events; new dates/ information added to calendar

Sharing assemblies are for all families to attend, if they wish.

Holiday dates for 2019	
We respectfully ask that you log the dates of the school calendar in your diaries as legislation does not permit us to authorise leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. You are therefore asked to take family breaks in school holidays only. The school website has the Absence policy , should you need clarification.	
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas
15.2.19	INSET DAY
18.2.19	Half-term holiday starts
25.2.19	First day back after half-term
5.4.19	Last day of Spring term
8.4.19	Easter holiday
23.4.19	First day back after Easter
6.5.19	Bank holiday
27.5.19	Half-term holiday starts
3.6.19	First day back after half-term
21.6.19	INSET DAY
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts

Key events for Spring term

Spring Term 2019		
14.1.19		
15.1.19	pm	Children's concert, Chichester - Torberry and Beacon classes
18.1.19	2.30pm	Sharing assembly - Downlands/ Torberry
	Eve	Open mic
1.2.19	pm	Y6 cross-country at MRC
		Forest School starts y5
	Eve	School disco
5.2.19	pm	RV School Council (12.30-2.30)
14.2.19	3.05pm	PTFA cake sale
15.2.19	INSET DAY	
Week beginning 18.2.19: half-term		
25.2.19	Back to school	
1.3.19	2.30pm	Sharing assembly Beacon/Warren/Rother
5.3.19	pm	Parents' eve

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6.3.19	pm	Parents' eve
7.3.19		World book day
15.3.19	pm	Y6 MRC netball
	Eve	Open mic
26.3.19		RV debate
28.3.19		RV Arts - dance
5.4.19	11am	Easter service (Congregational church-confirmed by Linda)
Summer Term 2019		
12.6.19	Pm	Sports day (tbc)
19.6.19	pm	Reserve Sports day (tbc)
2.7.19	am	<i>Leavers' service at Cathedral (tbc)</i>
11.7.19	6pm	School production
12.7.19	6pm	School production
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