

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head



It was such a joy to be on the playground last Friday. The sun was shining and the children were dotted across the playground and field. It was good to see children of different ages having fun with the dressing up clothes that have been gathered. The roundhouse was covered by all sorts of character, including some very dubious looking 'grannies' with wigs on!

Whilst this was going on, there were teaching staff turning skipping ropes with a large group of children joining in. Some of the younger pupils were playing football whilst others were playing a range of games; scrambling on the play equipment; and rooting around in the 'wood'.



We really appreciate all the clothes that have been donated for playtimes, thank you. Do keep bringing them in, especially hats and wigs, should you have them in your wardrobes. Our aim is to provide happy playtimes for the children but when things do go wrong, it is always helpful to let us know if your child hasn't told us.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Conker competition - year 2 upwards



Torberry class are organising a conker competition on Friday, 12th October for the school's charity Education West Africa. They have researched the rules along with how to stay safe whilst taking on the opponent's conker. With this in mind, they suggest that children bring in sturdy gloves (eg goalie gloves), a helmet (eg bike helmet) and any goggles that may

be suitable. They are planning to bring some of their own kit to share but do send your child in with their own things, preferably named in a carrier bag. **String length - 30cms ,please.**

The entry cost will be 50p per conker.

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Open Afternoon

We welcome visits from prospective families to come and see the school 'at work' on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th October (1.30 - 3.30 pm). If you know any local families who might be interested in joining the school, please let them know the date. Of course, if they are not free then they can arrange to visit another time.

If anyone has a noticeboard near to their home where an invitation/poster could be placed or you are linked to a pre-school, please do let me know. We really appreciate the help.

Application for reception places 2019

Attached is the information for application for places to the school. 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

PTFA: Christmas cards

Message from the PTFA:

On Friday 5th October, please look out for one of your PTFA class reps (Rother: Ellie Barnett; Warren: Victoria Warrender; Downlands: Elle Potts; Torberry: Kate Grocott; Beacon: Sarah Conlon) to receive your pack for your child to design their own Christmas Cards! There is NO obligation to be involved if you don't want to, but please let your rep know if this is the case. If you do want to be involved, it's pretty straightforward: let your child design their Christmas Card as instructed via the details in the pack, and return the pack to your class teacher or rep by **Friday 12th October at the latest**.

Cards will be sold in packs of 12, with the artwork on the front and the child's name and school on the back, and will cost £5.50 per pack (this covers the costs of production). We will let you know when they're ready for sale - well ahead of Christmas, don't worry! Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your PTFA rep.

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Parent seminars

Beacon House has an impressive group of practitioners (they will be leading the staff inset training in October) so if you think any of the workshops below may be useful do feel free to apply. They have a base in the Chichester area.

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Harvest Thanks

We have plenty of food for Stonepillow, which will go with the church's offerings. As I was packing them up, I thought how welcome they would be - such variety that would enable others to create interesting, tasty meals. Thank you for such generosity and for teaching the children how to share.



Individual School Photographs

The school photograph will be coming into school on Thursday 11th October to take individual photographs of the pupils. He will also photograph any siblings attending school together in addition to their individual photograph. If you would like a photograph of your child/ren with any pre-school siblings, please arrive at 8.30 and they will be photographed first.

Spotlight on safeguarding

Reminder: NSPCC assemblies next Thursday. Do talk to your child afterwards to support them in their thinking

Sleepless nights!

This link has information about how to help children to sleep - I hope the suggestions are helpful to those families whose children struggle:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLurbLgFxbQ5UBK5whg4oa59VAjQWiWhq>

Applying for places at secondary school - reminder for parents of year 6 pupils

The window for applying for secondary school places started on Monday, 10th September and can be done until **Wednesday, 31st October 2018**. This is best done on-line:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If you don't have internet at home, you are welcome to use one of the school's computers - please contact the school office for help. Alternatively, this can be done at the local library or Children and Family Centres. Paper forms can also be completed - call 03330 142903 to ask for one.

Flu Vaccinations - Year R to 5

Please look out for the 'flu information pack' in your child's bookbag today. Please return the consent form by next Friday - 12th October.

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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.

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.

Events for Autumn term

Autumn term 2018		
Week Beginning 1.10.18		
5.10.18	Pm	MRC football
	Pm	Year 3 Forest School
Week Beginning 8.10.18		
8.10.18		Forest School – Monday session
	4.30-6.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
10.10.18	1.30-3.30pm	Open afternoon ('School at Work') – for prospective pupils' families
11.10.18	Am	Individual photos
	Am	NSPCC assembly (9.40: KS1 & EY; then KS2)
	11am	Y5/6 NSPCC workshop
	3.30–5.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
12.10.18	Am	Torberry's Conker competition – years 2-6
	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly: Warren and Rother (all welcome)
Week Beginning 15.10.18		
15.10.18	All day	Greek day: Torberry class
17.10.18	3.05pm	PTFA cake sale
18.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
19.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
22.10.18	Half-term holiday	
Week Beginning 29.10.18		
29.10.18	Back to school	
2.11.18	2.30pm	Poetry sharing assembly – all classes present choral (all welcome)
Week Beginning 5.11.18		
7.11.18	Eve	Rotary club concert at MRC – string players
9.11.18	11am	Remembrance at the village war memorial
Week Beginning 12.11.18		
13.11.18	Pm/eve	Parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
14.11.18	Pm/eve	Later parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
16.11.18	2.30 pm	Sharing assembly – Torberry and Downlands
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 19.11.18		
23.11.18	Pm	Last Forest School y3
Week Beginning 26.11.18 Last week for most clubs		
28.11.18	Pm	Y5/6 football Bedales
29.11.18	1.00pm	Flu vaccination Year R,1,2,3,4 and 5
30.11.18	2.30pm	Operation Christmas Child + assembly
Week Beginning 3.12.18		
6.12.18	2.30-3.15pm	Open classrooms
Week Beginning 10.12.18 (Creative Christmas)		
14.12.18	Pm	PTFA gift and wrap

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	3.45pm	KS1 nativity
Week beginning 17.12.18		
18.12.18	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
19.12.18	2.30pm	Christingle Service
		Last day of term

Dates for 2019	
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

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