

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

At the weekend, I read an article in the Times Educational Supplement which supported the arguments for providing the children with a good night's sleep. If it is humanly possible, please ensure that your child has plenty of rest. Not only does it help children's general well-being but it allows them time to process learning - children who have plenty of sleep do better in school.

Last week, I saw lots of yawns in class - probably due to busy bonfire weekends but do provide your children with the best opportunity to catch up afterwards. The article also illustrated the need for children to have plenty of time for peace and quiet to enable them to think things through - hard in today's world.

This may seem 'rich', coming from me, as I so often find myself awake at night re-visiting lists of things to do but at least by flagging this up, we are all aware and can try to make the children's lives a little less frantic.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Hockey

Congratulations to the hockey players at MRC on Friday. One of our teams came third of thirteen schools whilst the other one was further down the rankings. As always, the school was proud of the play demonstrated by our year 6 pupils.

Old DVDs

We would welcome any unwanted children's DVDs that would be suitable for use during wet playtimes and, occasional use at after school club.

Playground early morning

It is wonderful to see children playing sport, climbing on the equipment and generally enjoying being outside before school each day. Unfortunately, we can only supervise such activity when I am outside. I am therefore drawing your attention to the fact that your children remain your responsibility until the school doors open at 8.30am. My only concern is that I often have early morning meetings when I may be off site or in my office, so cannot respond to an emergency or be sure that children are safe. I believe that it is important that you, as parents, are aware of this.

Christmas

We would like Beacon class to support their year R buddies and sing in this year's nativity - see date below. Please let us know if this proves difficult logistically and we will try to ensure that it is possible. We plan to keep the children in school until the production, itself, as it makes it much easier for all if they have a drink and snack in school before the 'show'.

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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

Woodland Trust

We have just been informed that we have been offered some hedgerow plants from this group. Watch out for better hedging and greenery around school after they have arrived in the Spring. The application was prompted by a parent so do fill us in if there are funds, we can apply for to support our work.

Poetry Sharing

We loved the poems that each class shared with us a couple of Fridays ago. Thank you for the work you did with the children at home, helping them to learn the words so they could recite them so well.

'Wow' book suggestions

Apologies, it seems that I have caused chaos with the release of these new homework books by not doing the promised assembly to launch the new 'Wow' books. Sorry to have caused confusion. Hopefully your child should receive their book within the next week (year 1-6). We will continue to use the 'Wow' wall in Rother class.

Remembrance at the memorial



Pottery poppies, made by the children, graced the war memorial, along with named silhouettes of Harting's soldier. They formed part of the school's annual remembrance service outside the parish church.

Year 6 pupils led this time of reflection by reading their own war poetry as well as reciting 'In Flanders Fields'. As the school sang 'Hear my Prayer', individual figures (annotated with soldiers' names) were respectfully placed beside the clay poppies by the older children.

A small red dot was put on each child's finger to remind them of the blood shed by men of the past for the future of this country. It was a really poignant service with even the youngest children staying silent as the church bell chimed eleven. We have wonderfully caring pupils

Having had a quiet time, the year 6 pupils, whose topic is 'War and Peace', moved the mood to become more upbeat by singing some popular world war one songs.

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Operation Christmas Child

Already we have items coming in for the shoeboxes, thank you. Currently we seem to have plenty of toothbrushes but are lacking cuddly toys and warm hats and gloves so please do look for these too. Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in items.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 12 December 2018. Chartwells will provide a special Christmas lunch for the price of £2.35. If you would like your child to have the hot lunch please pay £2.35 to the office in cash stating their choice of Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet by Thursday 22 November 2018 at the latest. We cannot accept cash orders after this date. However you can also order online at www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 2 December 2018. An order form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Please note if your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meal, the Christmas Lunch will be ordered for them. You do not need to do anything. We will assume that your child will have the Roast Turkey unless you inform us to the contrary. If you normally order your child's lunch online and you have already ordered for that week then you will not need to take any other action.

The PTFA will help at the lunch and provide some festive extras to make it a joyful time for all children regardless of whether they have a hot lunch or not.

Governor questionnaire

Thank you for completing the questionnaire, from the governors, to help improve the school. Should you wish to have a copy or return one, please contact the school office.

Torberry teacher

We are exceptionally grateful to Anne Nixon and Michaela Lockrose for their teaching in Torberry class whilst Jane Maybury has been on maternity leave this year. They have done an amazing job and ensured the pupils have had great teaching and care. We thank them both.

In December, Jane Maybury will be returning and initially work with Michaela as she hands back the reins. This should mean that the handover goes smoothly and ease sharing of information for the last weeks of the term as they will both be there on a Monday morning, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. The children will enjoy two teachers on these days.

Flu Vaccination

Pupils in Years R, 1, 2,3, 4 and 5 whose parents have given consent to the vaccination, will be given the flu nasal spray on Thursday 29th November in the afternoon.

National School Meals Week - message from Chartwells

National School Meals Week is in full swing, thank you to everyone for your support in making this successful. Our 'We're All Ears' parent survey ends on Friday 16th November 2018.

This link is live <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/westsussexnsmw>

Not only is this parent feedback essential but there are great prizes to be won.

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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.

Events for Autumn term

Autumn term 2018		
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	Pm	Flu vaccination YR, 1,2,3,4,& 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)		
12.12.18	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch
14.12.18	Pm	PTFA gift and wrap
	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	
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

[Information about Operation Christmas Child - from Marylou Thistleton-Smith](#)

As you may know Harting Primary School has a long tradition of taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal which you can learn more about via this link:

<https://youtu.be/KcOrtVxYBi0>.

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On 30th November the children will all have an opportunity to fill a shoe box for a child somewhere in the world who will be given it for Christmas. These boxes, filled with goodies, which needn't be expensive, help bring joy to children across the globe whose lives are affected by war, disease, famine and disaster and for whom Christmas is nothing like our own. This is an unconditional gift of love, regardless of background or religion and makes a massive difference to the lives of innocent children in unimaginable circumstances.

In order to do this, we ask everyone to donate as many items as they can for the to put in the shoe boxes. Please see the list below of do's and don'ts:

	✓	✗
TOYS	Cuddly toys, dolls, vehicles, skipping rope, yo-yos, balls, small puzzles, musical instruments, bits of lego	Nothing related to war or military, no guns or knives, no playing cards, no battery-operated toys, nothing sharp or fragile, no handmade or knitted stuffed toys
STATIONERY	Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener, erasers, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads, notebooks, colouring & picture books, solar calculators	Nothing used or damaged, no battery-operated calculators, no scissors
HYGIENE	New toothbrushes & toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, combs, hairbrushes, flannels	No liquids or lotions including bubbles, no medicines, nothing sharp
WARMTH	Hats, caps, gloves, scarves, sunglasses,	No other clothing other than listed, no socks, nothing dirty
EDIBLE	Sweets in sealed packets – must have best before date of March 2019 or after	Chocolate, food
OTHER	Wind up torches, jewellery, hair clips	Nothing sharp or fragile

With this list in mind, we ask that you start to collect donations – either by going through the toys and bits at home, or by throwing a few extra things in your basket when you're next at the pound shop - and empty your amazing generosity into the large boxes that will be placed inside each classroom and in the lobby, from Monday 29th October and leading right up to the event on 30th November.

PLEASE NOTE: this is not an opportunity for fly tipping as all donations need to be new or as new and in good working order

This is a fantastic event that the children really enjoy and an emotional day for those involved - it's also a great opportunity for us all to give something back at such an important time of year.

Any questions or want to be more involved? Contact Marylou

 Christmas Lunch 2018 - Wednesday 12th December 2018

My child would like to have the roast turkey / quorn fillet

I enclose £2.35 in cash

Signed: Date:

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