

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

Over the last couple of weeks, the school family have shown how good they are as a team. We continue to show that we care and children can be spotted encouraging each other and being a great team. This was evident both at the sports day as well as the latest football tournament, which was won by one of our two teams.

It is lovely to celebrate talent across the school - Harting's got Talent has also been a delight to watch children's own efforts and confidence to perform. We are truly proud of all the children within the school.

We are now looking forward to the school production where more children will no doubt shine.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Stedham football tournament - report by Harry

Most of Beacon class went to Stedham football tournament on 8th June. Both teams did really well, with the 'B' team coming first and the 'A' team coming third. Overall, it was a great success and Harting has now taken home the trophy twice in a row! Charlie said 'It was really nice to hear both teams supporting each other.'

We would like to thank the parents for taking us to Stedham.

(The children are delighted with the new kit too!)



Spotlight on keeping children safe

At Harting School, we continue to aim to keep children safe. We train annually to update our knowledge whilst our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Fiona Mullett and Cathy Day (Suzanne Fielder from September) share information from termly briefings.

In addition to this, we follow guidance on recruitment of staff and volunteers. Governors and some of the staff have completed safer recruitment training and we always make official checks on adults who are regularly in contact with our children.

It would be good to ensure that every child has adults, both at home and in school, that they can share any concerns with - you may wish to talk this through with your child.

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Rother Valley Parent Roadshow - information sharing for parents

This event is to enable parents to access information, which might help with their children. It is a drop-in event with coffee and cake plus a range of professionals and groups to chat with. These include the Healthy Child Programme, Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre, Special Care dental services, Family Support Work, Connective parenting, Autistic Spectrum Disorder family worker, West Sussex parent carer forum and the Solihull parenting approach, to name a few.

It will be held on Wednesday, 27th June between 10.00-12.00 at The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Bepton Road, Midhurst. Any parents or carers, from Harting School, are welcome to attend. If anyone needs taking there, please let the school know so that we can try to arrange transport.

MP visit

We welcomed Gillian Keegan, our local MP, to the school last Friday. We promoted her to prime-minister and she attended the 'House of Commons' in the hall. There were back benchers - both on the opposition and in 'government' - who showered her with questions and comments. Sophie Trewin acted as Speaker of the House, keeping 'order' and had a range of comments to make, should the cheering and jeering become too loud! The children loved it and Gillian seemed to too!



This was followed by an interview by the school council - something to which all applicants for school posts are subjected! It can be demanding as the children's questions are often quite challenging. One of the less difficult ones was: 'What time do you go to bed?'



This visit supported the children's understanding of democracy in Britain. Younger pupils now understand that adults have to vote for politicians, just like they do for the school council. Even Rother had images of the Houses of Parliament and politicians which they had drawn!

It was a really successful visit and we believe that Gillian's visit to Harting will be memorable for her as well as the children.

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Harting's Got Talent

Thank you to our judges, Jane Rebeiro and Gail Rowley for joining us for another final of Harting's Got Talent. It was a lovely evening of entertainment with many musical events, along with some dance and comedy.

We are proud of all the finalists who had clearly practiced their acts and many showed creativity. The winners were the three Mackay boys with their Aussie jokes. One enjoyed by the adults was: What is the difference between an Australian and yoghurt? Culture!! It was a fun way to consider stereotypes and know that these boys have settled into our school family. Now we need to persuade them not to move back!

Strings Concert

Reminder: short strings concert at 2.30pm on 27th June for Downlands class and all other children who are having strings lessons at school. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us for the culmination of all this musical learning over the academic year.

Sports Day



Thank you to Nigel Gardner for organising another successful sports day. We are also grateful to the PTFA for providing a delicious cream tea and ice-creams for the children, which added to the event.

Well done to Red House for winning the cup!



Classes for 2018/19

Next academic year, our pupil numbers should allow us to keep whole year groups together. Plan for classes:

Rother	Warren	Downlands	Torberry	Beacon
Year R	Year 1	Years 2/3	Years 4/5	Year 6

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Relationships Education

During the week of 2nd July, part of the teaching will include relationships. We use resources related to changes, puberty and sexual relationships with the older children. The scheme, that we use, is called 'Living and Growing'. You are welcome to talk with teaching staff about the content that is shared with the children beforehand, if you wish.

PTFA request

The PTFA ask that you consider registering for 'easy fund raising' which credits the school with money, based on our purchases. Shops in this scheme include John Lewis so those of you who are making household purchases, could add to the school's coffers at the same time. There is even a small sum per person registered. If you wish for further information, do approach one of the committee. Alternatively, click the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/E9MR6O/>

Key dates for your diary

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

Summer Term 2018	
Week beginning 18.6.18	
22.6.18	INSET DAY
Week beginning 25.6.18	
25.6.18	Chichester cathedral Leavers' service
26.6.18	PM: new year R pupils visit - story and song time
27.6.18	Rother Valley Hub: parents information morning at Grange, Midhurst 2.30 pm short strings concert
28.6.18	Am: Y6 to MRC Dress Rehearsal of Oklahoma!
Week beginning 2.7.18	
2.7.18	New year R for lunch
4.7.18	MRC transition day
6.7.18	Sharing assembly: Beacon, Downlands, Warren
Week beginning 9.7.18	
9.7.18	Y3 swimming starts (Monday to Thursday this week and next)
10.7.18	TPS - parent/child information evening
12.7.18	School production
13.7.18	TPS transition day School production
Week beginning 16.7.18	
16.7.18	Bikeability starts y6 - mornings (Monday to Thursday)
16.7.18	Year 6 Forest School - afternoon
17.7.18	Y6 Forest School - afternoon
18.7.18	Y6 Sports afternoon (tbc)
19.7.18	Y6 take over afternoon Y6 sleepover
20.7.18	Rounders tournament (y6)
Week beginning 23.7.18	
23.7.18	Whole school walk and picnic (tbc)
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts
Dates for 2018/19	
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.	

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Week beginning 3.9.18	
3.9.18	INSET DAY
4.9.18	First day back for children
Week beginning 10.9.18	
11.9.18	Residential y5/6 until 14.9.18
Week beginning 15.10.18	
18.10.18	INSET DAY
19.10.18	INSET DAY
22.10.18	Half-term holiday
Week beginning 29.10.18	
29.10.18	First day back after half-term
Week beginning 17.12.18	
19.12.18	Last day of Autumn term
20.12.18	Christmas holiday
Week beginning 31.12.18	
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas
Week beginning 11.2.19	
15.2.19	INSET DAY
18.2.19	Half-term holiday starts
Week beginning 25.2.19	
25.2.19	First day back after half-term
Week beginning 1.4.19	
5.4.19	Last day of Spring term
8.4.19	Easter holiday
Week beginning 22.4.19	
22.4.19	Easter Monday
23.4.19	First day back after Easter
Week beginning 6.5.19	
6.5.19	Bank holiday
Week beginning 27.5.19	
27.5.19	Half-term holiday starts
Week beginning 3.6.19	
3.6.19	First day back after half-term
Week beginning 17.6.19	
21.6.19	INSET DAY - <i>tbc</i>
Week beginning 22.7.19	
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts

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