

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

The week promised to be busy as we cram all the activities in that had to be postponed due to the snow closures, as well as the ones already planned! We have also seen many of the classes going out and about in the last week or so.

Beacon class have participated in a netball tournament; been on a learning walk at Rake school; joined the Rother Valley School Council; and participated in the locality debate. We are proud of the way they all represent the school at these events.

Both Downlands and Rother pupils have been walking in the village. Some of the older children have written lovely poetry in response to their 'welly walks'. Torberry class went to Butser Farm (see report below) and Warren class are looking for penguins today at Birdworld!

Tomorrow we will also try to fit in an enormous amount of activity for the children, simply because of the weather issues a couple of weeks ago. Hopefully it will prove to be enormous fun. Do look at the reminders below so that your child is well equipped for the day.

Thank you to all of you for your immense support.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Bear Book Day - tomorrow! *Itinerary for children*

Rother children: dress up as a character from a book with a bear in it

Warren children: dress up as a character from a book with a bear in it. Be sure to have your PE kit - African dancing session with the possibility of showing it at Sharing Assembly later in the day

Downlands children: dress up as a character from a book with a bear in it. African dance workshop - to dance in Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm

Author visit - If you would like your child to buy a book, please complete the attached form and return with the correct money.

Torberry children: dress up as a character from a book with a bear in it. Author workshop. If you would like your child to buy a book, please complete the attached form and return with the correct money.

Y5: bring Forest School kit to change into

Beacon children: dress up as a character from a book with a bear in it. Author workshop. If you would like your child to buy a book, please complete the attached form and return with the correct money.

2.30pm African sharing assembly: all welcome!

6.00-7.30pm School disco

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Apologies for the day being so crammed with activities - we understand that it will be busy for us all! We do not, however, want the children to miss out on the things that were originally planned.

We look forward to welcoming a whole range of creatures and people to school tomorrow - it always amazes us how much creativity our community brings to such days.

Year 5 Forest School - last day tomorrow



The last Forest School session (cook out) will be the same day as 'Bear Book Day' simply because of the snow cancellation. Please do send your children in with suitable clothes and a bag to store costumes during the afternoon.

Netball

We are delighted that our netball team played so well last week at the MRC. They came second in the tournament!

Rother Valley debating competition

Congratulations to the whole of Beacon class for their part in preparing the year 6 debaters. The school was represented by the team, who excelled. Despite being asked extremely demanding questions, by the audience, they won their debate. The motion that they supported was: 'This house believes that primary children should not have mobile phones'.

They also came home with a cup - they were the runners up in the competition!



PTFA

Thank you to Genevieve Raeburn and Kate Grocott for stepping in as Co-Chairs for the PTFA. They welcome the support of other parents so if there is an event that you would like to help at, please let them know and they can point you in the direction of those running it.

We really appreciate all the work that the PTFA do for the school and the funds they raise. It means that there is more equipment for the school and events are more sociable.

School lunches

Under the guidance of Devina Claydon, who prepares our school lunches, we have decided to ask that Chartwells only provide two choices on some days. We are asking that bean chilli and rice; butternut squash and chickpea curry; and cauliflower and sweetcorn bake are off the list as they are not popular with the children. This will mean that there are three choices for 12 out of 15 days - just once a week. There will still be a vegetarian option (jacket potato).

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Butser Farm Trip - report by Millicent

On the 8th of March 2018, Torberry class visited Butser Ancient Farm under our Invaders and Settlers topic. At 10 o'clock, we arrived to



be greeted by Mark, our teacher and guide for the day.

Our first activity, or rather introduction, was in the Iron Age hut where we spoke about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, which was very interesting.

Our second activity was outside: to make two wattle fences out of wooden posts and hazel branches and it was girls vs boys! The girls won by making a stronger fence, even though the boys' fence was taller.

Thirdly, we were shown how to make jewellery: spiral pendants for necklaces. We made them out of wire, using pliers and our fingers, which was quite tricky.

Afterwards we ate lunch and visited the site shop, where all of us bought souvenirs of our outing; we also stretched our legs before heading back inside the hut.

Our next activity was to guess what kind of artefacts were found in a Saxon house and where, based on what we knew. Most of us did very well. Our last activity was crafting lucky pendants out of chalk, which was very difficult, but equally fun.

At two o'clock we left, but all of us enjoyed it and many wanted to come again because we all found the trip amazing.

Waitrose green tokens

We are delighted that in April, Harting School will be part of the 'Community Matters Scheme' ie those clear plastic boxes with a slot for a green token, seen in Waitrose stores. If you are a Petersfield Waitrose shopper, please do make sure that you remember to grab a green tiddlywink! If not, consider sending you child in to buy something tiny so they can add to the number.

Depending on the numbers of counters collected, we will be allocated a proportion of funds. It strikes us that small frequent shops will help us to raise more money but it will also be dependent on the other good causes we are competing with.

Whatever we receive, we are grateful to Waitrose for considering us to be important.

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Easter Service

On the last day of term, we have our usual service at the Congregational Church at 11am. You are welcome to join us there.

Mufti-day: last day of term

Children are invited to bring £1 donation for the PTFA funds and come into school wearing their own clothes on the last day of term.

Sports Relief

Thank you to those of you who sent in £1 for a wrist band for yesterday's event. We still have a few available, so you are welcome to buy one. Money raised will go to Sports Relief.

The children really enjoyed their Winter Olympics themed PE and enjoyed 'curling and skating' races!



Harting Mini-bus for future TPS pupils

Message from Trish Knight (01730 825260 or 07752 938900. Email: pmknight14@gmail.com):

'If your child is starting at TPS in September and you would like them to travel on the minibus to school each day, please contact me to reserve a place for them (evenings are the best time to catch me).'

Key dates for your diary

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

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. Therefore you are asked to take family breaks in school holidays only. The school website has the Absence policy, should you need clarification.

Spring Term 2018		
21.3.18	Sports Relief PE. Wristbands for sale in school £1 each	
23.3.18	Spelling Bee (y3-6) postponed	
	Bear Book Day - <i>be a character from a book with a bear in it</i>	
	Author visit	
	African dance workshops PE kit needed	
	Last y5 Forest School - <i>remember to bring spare clothes as well as costumes</i>	
	6.00- 7.30pm School disco	
29.3.18	11am	Easter service (Congregational church) - all welcome
		Last day of Spring term (Mufti-day)
30.3.18	Easter holiday	
Summer Term 2018		
Week Beginning 16.4.18		
16.4.18	Back to school	
25.5.18	Last day of half term	
Half term: 28.5.18-1.6.18		
Harting Festivities 28.5.18		
Week beginning 4.6.18		
4.6.18	INSET DAY	
Week Beginning 11.6.18		
13.6.18	pm	Sports day
20.6.18	pm	Reserve Sports day

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22.6.18	INSET DAY
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts
3.9.18	INSET DAY
4.9.18	First day back for children
18.10.18	INSET DAY
19.10.18	INSET DAY
22.10.18	Half-term holiday
29.10.18	First day back after half-term
19.12.18	Last day of Autumn term
20.12.18	Christmas holiday
3.01.19	First day back after Christmas