

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed the splendid sunshine over the bank holiday weekend. It was good to catch up with old and new Harting pupils at the Festivities on the Monday.

We do welcome hearing from ex-pupils and hope that they will always have an affinity with the school, based on happy memories. Do encourage old students to share their news and success - we love to hear from them.

We were also proud of our year 6 children. They were great salesmen, selling their own high quality products - please read the paragraphs below.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Harting Festivities

We were delighted to have such lovely weather for the Festivities this year. Again, sales of year 6 products were highly successful - selling out well ahead of schedule. The children created designs for canvas bags to remind customers not to use plastic, which is so detrimental to the environment.



An additional joy at this event was the success of the runners: first, second and third prize to our girls!



School banners

We are really grateful to Scott and Iris Simpson's family for providing us with three smart school banners, which we will be able to use for a range of events. Our stall, at the Festivities, identified us so much better than usual (see above).

I would like to register my thanks to the family business: Lick n Stick Graphics for their generosity. We will now be visible in all sorts of places and have already been spotted Goblin racing last weekend!

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Goblin racing



The year 6 team showed such sportsmanship by being competitive, yet supporting each other, at last Saturday's Goblin go-kart races. We are really grateful to Mark Stevens (Matthew's dad) for ensuring that the vehicle was as light as

possible and mechanically sound. The children were absolute stars: they drove well; were a great team and encouraged each other. We are really proud of them for making it into the semi-finals.



Tommy and Charlie visit

We were pleased to welcome Tommy and Charlie with Brian Hough on Tuesday. These were very elderly ventriloquist dolls who visited Downlands class so that the children knew what they were. It had come to light during a literacy lesson, that the children had never seen a ventriloquist. As it happens, Fiona Mullett's dad had done party entertaining in his youth and even now, in his eighties, can use Tommy and Charlie to spark children's interest.

Harting's Got Talent

Thank you to our judges, Rob Wood and Tony Newton for joining us for another session of heats of Harting's Got Talent on Friday, 25th May. It was wonderful to see how the children had devised their own acts and shared a variety of skills to entertain the audience.

We now look forward to the final which is being held tomorrow evening. Congratulations to all those who got through and, of course, to all participants too.

Strings Concert

Another event, to which we look forward, is the 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.

MP visit

We are pleased to be hosting a visit by Gillian Keegan, our local MP in the next week. The Torberry and Beacon children will be debating with her about taxation - we plan to set up the school hall like the houses of parliament (less the splendour!). Our School Council should have an opportunity to interview her - something that may be more challenging for Gillian than the debate! We look forward to showing her our lovely school and encouraging her to champion the importance of small schools.

Afterwards, we hope that you will see reports by children in the newsletter, written about this visit.

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Parenting course

We have received information about the Triple P parenting course (which we believe is rated highly), that is running in Selsey. If you are interested, you can apply directly to the number on the flier, which is attached (and on the parent noticeboard). Further courses will be running on 13th September and 3rd November, should you wish to consider attending one of these instead.

Sports Day - next Wednesday (13th June)

We aim to arrive at the Memorial Sports Field (to the left on the road leading from Harting to Petersfield) just before 1pm and hope to start shortly after. Please drive carefully on the site so that children are safe.

Please send children into school in PE kit so that there is no need to carry extra clothes to the field, nor change at school. Sunblock (please apply at home), hats and coats are all likely to be needed. The site can be very hot, but equally chilly, as it is so exposed.

No book bags or lunch boxes will be taken from the school to the site, but we will carry children's water bottles - the latter are essential that day. If your child has a packed lunch, you are welcome to send it in a disposable bag.

Parents may wish to bring rugs, as there is no seating at the site, to make sitting on the grass for the races more comfortable. Refreshments offered by the PTFA, following the races.

We do hope that it will be another lovely sports afternoon.

Note: If the weather is inclement, we will endeavour to let you know by 11am, if we know that we need to postpone to the following Wednesday - you will be contacted by text. Let's hope that, the weather permits us not to make any late changes in this plan - we will try our very best to keep you informed.

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.

Summer Term 2018		
Week beginning 4.6.18		
4.6.18		INSET DAY
8.6.18		Harting's Got Talent Finals - 6pm
Week Beginning 11.6.18		
13.6.18	pm	Sports day (Memorial field) - 1pm
14.6.18		New Year R parents evening - 6.30pm
15.6.18	am pm	MP Visit Year 1 - last Forest School ('cook out')
Week beginning 18.6.18		
18.6.18	pm	Residential meeting for parents of current YR 4/5 - 3.30pm
20.6.18	pm	Reserve Sports day
21.6.18	pm	New yR pupils visit - story and song time
22.6.18		INSET DAY

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Week beginning 25.6.18	
25.6.18	Chichester cathedral Leavers' service
26.6.18	Pm - New yR pupils visit - story and song time
27.6.18	Rother Valley Hub: parents information morning at Grange, Midhurst
	pm - violin celebration - 2.30pm
Week beginning 02.7.18	
2.7.18	New YR for lunch
4.7.18	MRC transition day
6.7.28	Sharing assembly: Beacon, Downlands, Warren
Week beginning 09.7.18	
9.7.18	Y3 swimming starts
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
19.7.18	Y6 sleepover
20.7.18	Rounders tournament (y6) 7.30p - Open Mic in Roundhouse
Week beginning 23.7.18	
23.7.18	Whole school walk and picnic
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts
Week beginning 3.9.18	
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
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas

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