

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head



What a week of weather that we had last week. Thank you for your tolerance and understanding regarding the decision to close, when we did. It was such a difficult 'shout' as the forecasts varied from site to site and hour to hour. Anyway, I do hope that the children had a chance to play in the snow and everyone stayed safe, which is ultimately the most important thing.

Hopefully the letter 'sitting' on the website gave everyone a clear indication of how we would communicate to you so you knew what to expect. We tried to honour this so you could anticipate when decisions would be made. If you have suggestions on how to improve our communication, please do share them with us.

As World Book Day was not possible, as planned, we are suggesting that the children have an extra special day of fun on Friday, 23rd March 'Bear Book Day', when the author David Fuller will also visit.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Bear Book Day!

The postponed 'book day' will be 23rd March (instead of the Spelling Bee, which will be delayed). We are asking that children dress as characters from books about bears, as originally planned. This should give the children plenty of opportunities to wear a range of outfits.

We look forward to welcoming a whole range of creatures and people - it always astounds me the ideas and creativity that our community bring to such days.

Year 5 Forest School

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

PTFA-

Thanks go to Michelle Harradine and Vicki Lamek for filling the gap when the PTFA urgently needed a Chairperson. They are keen to hand over these reins to someone else (or another pair of people) as their commitments mean that they are too tied up to lead the group. They are, however, still keen to help out at events. Please do come to next week's PTFA meeting if you are free (14th March at White Hart - after morning drop-off).

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Parent Governor

Sheena Hulme is also relinquishing her leadership role within the school. She has been a real advocate for the children and a pro-active governor for several years. We thank her for her support of the school.

Therefore we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. We do have parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a parent governor but the governors wish to ensure that if anyone else is keen to take on this role that they make themselves known. Please discuss this with Susan Broadhead (in the school office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), Clerk to the Governors, so that due process can begin.

West Sussex energy

West Sussex County Council has launched 'Your Energy Sussex' - a council-backed energy supplier, providing low cost gas and electricity. It is running on a not-for-profit basis with any surplus going to support Sussex residents struggling to pay fuel bills.

We have been informed that the public can use the service to reduce energy bills and, should you choose to use the service, will give us a small sum of money (£10 per utility). Should you be interested in exploring this, the website is www.yourenergy.org.uk or free phone 0800 9520001

Help with chickens

The weekend chicken rota seems to be falling to the same families. We would be really grateful for some extra help with this, if possible. As they are 'good layers', there is a high chance that you will have half a dozen eggs to take home. If you are interested in helping, please let Michaela Lockrose know so that you can be added to the list and shown where things are. She works in Torberry class Monday and Friday mornings and all day Wednesday and Thursday.

Harting Mini-bus for future TPS pupils

Message from Trish Knight (01730 825260 or 07752 938900. Email: pmkinght14@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).'

Resources for a book corner

Warren class would welcome unwanted comics and children's games, especially Top Trumps, which require some reading

School uniform

Increasingly, there are children who are stretching the school uniform rules. Please can you ensure that your child is not wearing any jewellery (other than plain stud earrings) and black or brown shoes? Hair ties and clips should also be without big bows and in school colours of black/brown/dark blue.

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If earrings are worn, children need to be able to remove them for themselves or leave them at home. Understandably, adults are not keen to take these out for children when they have PE lessons.

Most children remember their PE kit but this needs to be in-line with our guidelines and stay in school each week.

Sports Relief

The children will be doing special activities on Wednesday, 21st March for Sports Relief. They are also invited to bring in £1 to buy a wristband in aid of the charity - we will have boxes of them in school that week.

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		
14.3.18	Debating competition (MRC)	
	PTFA meeting - morning drop-off at White Hart	
16.3.18	Open Mic - Roundhouse (eve)	
21.3.18	Sports Relief PE. Wristbands for sale in school £1 each	
23.3.18	Spelling Bee (y3-6) postponed	
	Bear Book Day	
	Last y5 Forest School - remember to bring spare clothes as well as costumes	
	6.00- 7.30pm School disco	
29.3.18	11am	Easter service (Congregational church) - all welcome
	Last day of Spring term (Mufti-day)	
30.03.18	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
22.6.18	INSET DAY	
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)	
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts	

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