

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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I trust that you have had a lovely summer break and your children are settling back into school life. We are really pleased to see old friends and welcome all our new children. We hope that this will be a truly happy school year for everyone.

Over the summer, teachers have prepared for the new school year and planned many exciting learning opportunities. We continue to aim to provide a rich, topic-based curriculum that will inspire plenty of thinking and acquisition of new skills. Themes for the term include: Carnival of the Animals (Rother), 'Look in the Mirror' (Warren), 'Jungle Explorers' (Downlands), 'Meet the Greeks' (Torberry) and 'War and Peace'. We would be glad of any resources that you think might support the children's learning.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us - we will do our best to make 2018-2019 a wonderful school year.

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

## Spotlight on safeguarding

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The teachers have created an up-to-date e-safety curriculum for the children. As a parent, I would have welcomed knowing its content as I could reinforce messages with my own children, when they were young.

The e-safety curriculum is divided into different aspects:

- self-image and identity;
- online relationships;
- online reputation and managing online information;
- online bullying;
- health well-being and life-style;
- privacy, security, copyright and ownership

Do have a look at what we have created as it may prove really useful for family conversations.

You will find it under 'Key Information' and then 'Curriculum' on the school website. The route map has statements that children in different year groups should be able to access to keep them safer

## Resources wanted

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Last year we asked for dressing-up clothes for use at playtimes. We would love to develop the opportunities for children's play so would like interesting things like old sunglasses, hats, cloaks, beads, etc.

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### Summer chicken keepers

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Thank you to all the families who looked after the chickens for us over the summer. We know that they were well cared for and are really grateful for your help. Hopefully the chickens showed their appreciation by producing plenty of eggs!



### Summer competition

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Please remember that we would love to see photos of the children doing maths in unusual places; Summer Reading challenge certificates; and entries to the writing competition held by Jackson Stops and Staff. Remember, the closing date for the latter is 10<sup>th</sup> September. Entries will be picked up from school on Monday.

### Free School Meals

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We would be grateful if you would apply for 'free school meals', should you think you're your family circumstances might match the criteria (see below), even if your child will automatically receive them along with all other 'infant pupils'. By applying, you will help the whole school budget as there is an element of it linked to this register of children.

Eligibility for free school meals:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Further information can be found:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

You are welcome to talk to office staff, in confidence, for guidance too.

### Open Afternoon

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We welcome visits from prospective families to come and see the school 'at work' on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October (1.15 - 3.15pm). If you know any local families who might be interested in joining the school, please let them know the date. Of course, if they are not free then they can arrange to visit another time.

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We have been notified that there will be an open morning at The Petersfield School on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Vote for one of our old pupils

Elise Millington who has just left the school has been crowned a regional finalist in a national drawing competition. We would love her to win so please vote for her artwork. It is already displayed across the South East. Voting closes this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. This is the link for voting:

<https://www.bickids.com/uk/youngartist/>



### Key dates for your diary

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

Teachers invite you to 'meet them' for an informal briefing about the year ahead - see times and dates below.

Sharing assemblies are for all families to attend if they wish.

### Events for Autumn term

Autumn term 2018		
Week Beginning 10.9.18 (All yR am; Autumn born all day; and Spring born leave 1pm)		
11.9.18		Cobnor Residential (leave school 10.15am)
12.9.17		Cobnor Residential
	8.45am	Meet the teacher: Warren
	2.45pm	Meet the teacher: Downlands
13.9.18		Cobnor Residential
14.9.17		Cobnor Residential (pick up from Cobnor 2- 2.15pm)
Week Beginning 17.9.18		
17.9.18	Am	PTFA meeting at The White Hart after drop off (FM) <i>To be confirmed</i>
19.9.18	2.35pm	Meet the teacher: Torberry
	3.05pm	Meet the teacher: Beacon
21.9.18	2.30pm	Sharing assembly: topics for the year (all welcome)
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 24.9.18		
26.9.18	All day	MRC y6 experience day
28.9.18	Pm	Forest school y3 starts – each Friday + one Monday
	2.30pm	Harvest assembly (Beacon lead): all welcome
Week Beginning 1.10.18		
5.10.18	Pm	MRC football
Week Beginning 8.10.18		
8.10.18		Forest School – Monday session
	4.30- 6.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
10.10.18	1.30-3.30pm	Open afternoon ('School at Work') – for prospective pupils' families
11.10.18	am	Individual photos
	am	NSPCC assembly (9.40: KS1 & EY; then KS2)
	11am	Y5/6 NSPCC workshop

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	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
12.10.18	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly: Warren and Rother (all welcome)
Week Beginning 15.10.18		
15.10.18	All day	Greek day: Torberry class
18.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
19.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
22.10.18	Half-term holiday	
Week Beginning 29.10.18		
29.10.18	Back to school	
2.11.18	2.30pm	Poetry sharing assembly – all classes present choral (all welcome)
Week Beginning 5.11.18		
7.11.18	Eve	Rotary club concert at MRC – strings players
9.11.18	11am	Remembrance at memorial <i>(tbc)</i>
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
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)		
14.12.18	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	<i>Christingle Service (tbc)</i>
		Last day of term

Dates for 2019	
<b>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 <b>Absence policy</b>, should you need clarification.</b>	
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas
15.2.19	<b>INSET DAY</b>
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	<b>INSET DAY - <u>tbc</u></b>
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts

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