

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Value of the Month: Thankfulness

### Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we have already been back at school for four weeks now. During this time the children have been working incredibly hard in school in all areas of their learning. It has been my pleasure to be able to be a part of so many memorable experiences with the children already and I cannot wait to see what exciting opportunities the month of October is going to bring us.

As you will be aware, over the past few weeks the children, staff and Reverend Harriet Neale have been working on a Christian values project. Following this work, I am pleased to be able to share with you the different values of the month we will be focusing on throughout this school year and how these fit in with the church calendar.

Month	Value	Church year theme
September	Trust	New beginnings / Journey
October	Thankfulness	Harvest
November	Respect	All Saints / Remembrance
December	Love	Incarnation / Christmas
January	Endurance	Epiphany / Baptism of Christ
February	Friendship	Friends of God (Old Testament)
March	Forgiveness	Lent
April	Hope	Cross / Resurrection / Easter
May	Compassion	Ascension / Stories of Jesus
June	Peace	Pentecost / Holy Spirit
July	Humility	Stories from the Bible

With 'Thankfulness' being the value of the month in October, it would be greatly appreciated if you could talk with your child/ren about what this looks like in your lives at home and how they can show the value in their own actions.

Next week we are looking forward to the first whole school visit to St Mary and St Gabriel Church for nearly two years. We will be visiting on Thursday morning where, with the assistance of Beacon class, Reverend Harriet Neale will be leading a collective worship with a focus on Harvest Festival. Children will be bringing their donations to the church which we will be giving to the Petersfield Foodbank.

Thank you all again for your continued support for the school and your children and also for the feedback we have received so far this year.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Tidey

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### Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/YLgy3BRcSG7TZCj28>

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Thank you to those of you that have already completed the survey that I sent out this week. Your comments have already provided ideas on how the school can move forward. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to complete the survey to aid in my understanding of parents' views of the school. To access the survey please copy the above link into your browser.

### School Website

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I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we will be launching the newly designed school website in the coming weeks. If you have any recommendation on how the website could be used to better aid parent/carer understanding of the school and the learning which takes place here then please include these on your questionnaire feedback.

### Social Media

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Thank you to those of you that have already begun following the school on social media. If you are yet to have done this then please do find us and follow us on any of the following platforms.

Facebook: @hartingprimary Instagram: @hartingprimary Twitter: @harting\_primary

This form of communication will provide further insight to the work the children are doing in their classrooms and around the school.

### Weald and Downlands Schools Federation

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Today, I was extremely pleased to see the article in the Petersfield Post (page 2) on the formal announcement of the federation of Harting and Stedham schools and the formation of the Weald and Downlands Schools Federation. Please see attached a version of this article.

### Safeguarding Procedures – Mobile Phones

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To further improve the safeguarding culture of the school, I would like to request that mobiles phones are not used on the school premises by parents/carers, including at drop off and pick up. I understand that this is a change for the school community but in order to safeguard ourselves and the children of Harting I would appreciate your support with this matter.

### COVID Updates

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This week the school has been reviewing its COVID Risk assessment and as a result will be making some small changes.

1. Whole school assemblies will now take place in The Roundhouse instead of in the playground. This will enable us to run assemblies even when it is raining whilst also ensuring sufficient ventilation to minimise the risk of any potential transmission.
2. At lunch time children will now be eating in the hall. There will be no more than three classes in the hall at any one time and children will sit at class specific tables, which will also be sanitised thoroughly before the next class comes in for lunch. In addition, doors and windows will be open to allow as much air flow as possible through the hall.

### Phonics

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This year the school is placing a significant focus on phonics and the teaching of early reading. Earlier this term I informed you that we were adopting a scheme called Phonics Bug. However, following feedback from parents, staff and children we are reviewing this programme to ensure that it is right for the children of Harting School. Further details of this review will be shared in due course.

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It is with great pleasure that Harting CofE and Stedham Primary schools announce the official formation of The Weald and Downlands Schools Federation. The formation of this federation will open many exciting opportunities for the two small Rother Valley schools to work in close partnership as a larger team of professionals delivering the highest quality education that our children deserve.

At the heart of this federation is the commitment of both headteachers in providing children with the very highest quality learning experiences and those that will create lasting memories as they grow. Staff at both schools will work together in sharing expertise and building a partnership where all children are supported and challenged in realising their full potential.

Although there is an agreed commitment to work together as a new federation, the unique characteristic of both individual schools will be retained to ensure that they remain the truly special places that they are.

The governing body from both schools is also fully committed to the success of the federation and extremely excited about the many new opportunities that lie ahead. Please be sure to visit both school's websites and social media pages to learn more about each school, keep up to date with events and to find out about some of the exciting learning opportunities that the children are involved in.

Both schools always welcome visits from prospective families, so please get in contact to arrange a tour - we would love to meet you.

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