

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

What a busy half-term this is has proved to be! Since enjoying our year 6 Leavers' service at the cathedral, we have also had the pleasure of welcoming our future reception pupils with their parents for story and song sessions. These children even had lunch with us last Monday. It is hard to believe how rapidly time seems to have passed - I remember the early days for most of our year 6 children, some years ago.

We have loved our performances of 'Pirates of the Currybean', which were well done and great fun. Additionally, Goblin drivers attended the Goodwood Gathering on Sunday, having practised on the playground and at Seaford College. Now the year 3 children have started swimming and Harting will host a Rother Valley rounders competition tomorrow too.

With all the activities, we ask that children continue to have a good routine at home with plenty of rest. It makes it so much easier to deal with excitement. We thank you for all your support - we are really fortunate to work with so many lovely families.

Best wishes

Fiona Mullett

Clubs

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have run a club this year. We are fortunate enough to have been able to have offered clubs for: dance, table-tennis, music, hockey, reading, homework, running, art appreciation, golf, Goblin racing, recorder, Maypole dancing, outdoor art, judo, environmental art, active fun, outdoor activity and drama, along with Aspire coaching.

Next academic year we are planning to offer a clay club and a music club, which sadly we cannot subsidise, as we have to provide additional staff. The costs of these clubs will be similar to Aspire charges. Please can you let us know if either of these is likely to interest your child, early next term? We expect these clubs to be extremely popular.

Mrs Grosvenor goes to Tanzania

This summer Wanda Grosvenor will be working in a Tanzanian school for three weeks during the holidays. She will be taking second-hand books, as well as some stationery. We thought it would be lovely if our children could find a pencil or rubber from home (which is as good-as-new) that they could give for her to take. I know that our families are really generous but the children have less opportunities to give something of their own. From the Shoebox Appeals I know they give their toys so imagine that they will love to do this too. Any contributions welcome - please bring them to the school office.

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Life belt in Warren pond

There have been a couple of occasions, recently, when the life belt has been thrown into the pond at the Warren so I ask parents to remind children not to try to wade in to put it back in its place. Apparently, the pond is silted up so it is quite dangerous to go in.

Mrs Maybury's news

It is lovely to share Jane Maybury's news: she is expecting a baby early in 2018. We are absolutely delighted for both her and her husband. All being well, she will go on maternity leave at the end of the Autumn term and we will be making cover arrangements after the summer holidays. We will let you know as soon as we can confirm what has been organised.

Piano

Sandra Fowler-Bennett has some spaces for piano tuition next year as a few of her current pupils are in year 6 so leaving the school. Please let the office know if your child is interested, as soon as possible, so that they can be fitted in to start in the Autumn.

Open Mic

Following on from the school disco, the open mic will be at 8pm on Friday evening. Once the children are in bed, you might like to return to an evening of gentle music in the Roundhouse!

Gathering of the Goblins at Goodwood

A team of children and their parents were racing the Goblin go-kart on Sunday. It was a beautiful sunny day, which helped us to enjoy the event. Since they started their first driving lessons, which were at times a little 'hairy', the children's skills have really improved so that they were great slalom, drag and chicane racers.

More importantly, they were a very good team. It was impressive to see how they support and encourage each other.

Special thanks go to Oscar (Keeley's step-father), who has transported and supported the mechanical work on the car this year, and Keith (Abby's grandfather), who has helped at practices. Their support was really appreciated.



Fundraiser

Chloe Blyth came into school on Monday, having raised £42.65 for the school. Her parents had organised a sheepdog trial in aid of Naomi House so they have donated over £1,000 to this children's hospice. We are pleased that they chose to give the funds to such a worthy cause and thank Chloe for her efforts too.

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E-safety: SnapMap

Please be aware of this new App that can have safety implications for your children. Its purpose is to track where they are. Clearly this can be dangerous if your child is being tracked by the wrong people. The link below gives information about how to adjust safety settings:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

This is the information to give to the children:

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time.
- Think about where you're sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share - if not, then turn this off within your settings.

I do not always know of new Apps, etc, but will try to inform you of things that are shared with me by other agencies.

School production

We are really proud of the year 4, 5 and 6 pupils who were in the 'Pirates of the Currybean', which proved to be a fantastic end of year production. The children were amazing- so much talent. It was such fun and has created a buzz within the school community and beyond.

Thank you to all involved, especially Claudine Clarke and Cathy Day who led the drama and music, respectively. It has been a real team effort and I would like to extend thanks to all teaching staff and parents who supported us. Particular thanks go to Tony Newton who has an eye for theatre, which enabled the show to be so polished.



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Farmers, pirates and princesses

Over the last week or so, there have been some other lovely events in school. Downlands class had a farm day so there were a range of farmers in school then. Later in the week, the children made bread and produced their own butter to go with it. Their Friday farm shop has also been extremely successful.

Today the school has a small collection of pirates and princesses in Rother class. Again, this links with their topic and follows on from their trip to the ships last week.



Quiz night

The PTFA have decided to postpone the school quiz to the Autumn term and apologise if this had been put in your diary.

Key dates for your diary

Please note the term times for the year in your diary so that children's learning at school is not broken by additional holidays or days out, which we cannot authorise.

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

Summer term dates		
Week Beginning 10.7.17		
10.7.17	Am	Swimming - y3
11.7.17	Am	Swimming
12.7.17	Am	Swimming
13.7.17	Am	Swimming
14.7.17	All day	Rounders Tournament y6 + TPS transition day
	Am	Swimming
	Pm	Bump up afternoon (new yR in)
	Eve	School disco
Week Beginning 17.7.17 (y6 activity week)		
17.7.17	Am	Swimming
	Am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Bike skills y1/2 - cancelled by Bikeability
18.7.17	Am	Swimming
	Am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Bike skills y1/2 - cancelled by Bikeability
	Pm	Y6 take over afternoon
19.7.17	Am	Swimming
	Am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Bike skills y1/2 - cancelled by Bikeability
	Pm	Y6 sports afternoon
	Eve	PTFA quiz - postponed: Autumn term
20.7.17	Am	Swimming
	Am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Bike skills y1/2 - cancelled by Bikeability
	Pm	Y6 Forest School and sleepover in school
21.7.17	Am	Bikeability y6
	Pm	Y6 Forest School
	pm	Bike skills y1/2 - cancelled by Bikeability

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Week Beginning 24.7.17		
24.7.17	10am	Whole school walk and picnic - please let the school office know if you can walk with us
25.7.17	11am	Leavers' service
	Last day of school year	
26.7.17	Summer holiday starts	
4.9.17	Inset day	
5.9.17	Inset day	
6.9.17	First day of school	
	Year R - group 1	
	Coffee for new parents	
7.9.17	Year R - group 2	
	Coffee for new parents	
8.9.17	All year R in school- morning	
20.10.17	Inset day	

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