

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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Following staff training sessions, we are now using the new Learnpads. These are the educational equivalent of i-pads with software that means that every child starts each lesson with a similar screen, prepared and enabled by the teacher. They are a wonderful resource.

Last year's e-safety workshop highlighted the need to be really vigilant at home with technology. The leaders illustrated that many parents were unaware of the increased accessibility to the internet by the children of today. Be aware that they can get on to the web through TVs, telephones, along with many other appliances such as games consoles. Most of these do have their own parental controls which can be set using the instructions that come with them on purchase. We have heard of a couple of families whose children have explored the internet and seen sites that their parents would have not chosen. It would be good to check the machines in your homes to ensure that your children are seeing just what you would wish them to see.

Best wishes

Fiona Mullett

## PTFA sponsored walk

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Thank you to Fiona Heaton for organising this year's soggy sponsored walk. The weather was really miserable but the children loved slipping on the mud!



## Welcome

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In the last few weeks we have been delighted to welcome:

Rowena Kent (yR), Daniel Grinstead (y1), Chloe and Abigail Tutt (y2 and 4), Fraser Stewart (y4) and Olivia Munro (y6). If you haven't already met their parents, please introduce yourselves - I can remember how lonely it felt as a new parent, when we first moved to the area, and conversations with already established parents made me feel so much more comfortable at the school gates.

## Returners to work

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On the Parents' noticeboard in the 'airlock' is information about a service to support adults who might be keen to return to work or gain new skills through volunteering. Do look if you are interested.

## Poetry Competition

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It was a privilege to listen to the children recite their poems for the competition. They all did really well and both Mari Simpson and Jill Wood, our judges, loved their time with the children. We are really grateful to them both for their time and support of the school. Congratulations go to the winners of each category and our overall winner, Henry Paget, along with all the other pupils who did well. We are hugely proud of all the children's efforts.

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Advice

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West Sussex County Council is asking for guidance about how best to access their service. Should you wish to complete a form, they are in the 'air lock' (main pupil entrance) next to the Parents' noticeboard.

## Operation Christmas Child

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The boxes in classrooms are steadily filling reading for the children to select items for the shoe boxes to be prepared by the children on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Do ask your children if they have small, good as new, items or toys that would be suitable to give away. For more information on what can be put in the boxes, do consult the last newsletter on the school website.

## PTFA - next meeting

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*We are really pleased that there are a couple of parents willing to head the PTFA this year. There will therefore be a PTFA meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at The White Hart. This is an opportunity to decide class representatives so do come along if you are interested.*

## Key dates for your diary - please note error in red (apologies)

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Date	Time	Event
20.11.15	2.30pm	'Read to me'
27.11.15		Sharing assembly - Torberry and Downlands
10.12.15	Lunch	Children's Christmas Lunch
15.12.15 NOT 16.12.15	Eve	Carols with the Salvation army
17.12.15	5.30pm	Whole school Christmas Celebration
18.12.15		Final day of term
Christmas holidays: 21.12.15-1.1.16 (also inset day on 4.1.16)		