

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

There have been several treats for me, as a Head, over the last week or so. One of them was with year 6 pupils when they entertained parents in Chichester cathedral (see Voices for Freedom) below.

Additionally, I have loved working with the year 4 children whilst the year 5s have had a wonderful Forest School experience. This has prompted some great writing.

Another event was the Rother Valley Schools' debating competition. We were proud to have three of our pupils represent us: Mariella, Tess and Nico. They had been helped, in their preparation, by being asked questions by their classmates. They were able to field any asked by an audience as well as challenging the thinking of other teams by their own enquiries.

It's great to see children enjoying learning so much and making us proud as they represent the school.

Best wishes

Fiona



Voices for Freedom

The children from Beacon class had a good day at the cathedral the Friday before last. As part of their RE topic, they learned about the holy spirit in the morning. This was followed by them participating in a choral workshop with a concert for parents. Songs were linked to the theme of 'Freedom' and it was a joy to listen to all the children's voices.

Forest School

This is a very tardy 'Congratulations' to Ros Stamper who has successfully completed her level three award. This means that she is a fully qualified Forest School Leader having produced an in-depth portfolio and attended training. It's great to have her working with our Forest School team - our children are very fortunate to be so well supported by them all.

Last week was an exciting week in Forest School as there was a protestor (Lucy Wall-Palmer) tied to a tree and a developer talking about the area (Debs Paterson). It was interesting to hear how passionate our children have become about protecting the beautiful Forest School spot that the National Trust allow us to use.

This work has sparked some great news reports.

Key Harting values: love and respect
'Love others as yourself'
Worship Theme: Forgiveness

Foundling in school

Year 4 and 6 also enjoyed writing news reports last week. An incident where a baby was 'found' in the front lobby helped to stimulate the year 4s to write their articles, which linked to the history for the week about Foundlings. Thank you to Elle Potts for loaning us her baby, Elizabeth.

I believe that year 6 wrote about earthquakes and had their own expert in class, Morgan, who had experienced one when living in New Zealand. This helped make their work more real.

School lunches

In response to children's preferences, there will be one main choice, along with jacket potatoes and cheese, for two lunches in the Summer cycle. This will mean that lasagne and roast will be available to all children on these days, which should avoid disappointment.

Mothering Sunday

The Parish Church have tailored their service to welcome children and their mothers this Sunday.

Village funeral - Friday, 31st March parking

We have been asked by a local family if the **front of school can be kept as clear of cars as possible**. A hearse and cars will be picking up mourners from opposite the school gates at approximately 3pm. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time to park at a distance from the front of the school so that we show respect for the bereaved and make the day as easy as possible for them at this sad time. Your support is appreciated.

Red Nose Day - 24th March

Children are invited to wear something red with their school uniform tomorrow and are encouraged bring a contribution of 50p or more, if possible, to go to Comic Relief.

Spelling Bee - 24th March



The Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow - led by our y6 Spelling Beasts! There will be easy words with patterns, which have been taught, along with the more challenging y3/4 and y5/6 national curriculum lists. We look forward to seeing who has had a go at improving their spelling skills.



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

Spring term dates 2017	
24.3.17	Y5Forest School
	Red nose day - wear something red with school uniform
	Spelling Bee
30.3.17	RV Arts Festival - day and evening performance
7.4.17	Last day of Spring term
	Easter Service Congregational Church 11am - all welcome
	Easter Bonnet Parade - 2.30pm
10.4.17	Easter holiday
24.4.17	Back to school
1.5.17	Bank holiday
06.05.17	Summer Gig
26.5.17	Last day of half term
29.5.17	Harting Festivities/ half-term holiday
5.6.17	Inset day
6.6.17	Back to school
14.6.17	Sports day
21.6.17	Reserve sports day
23.6.17	Inset day
14.07.17	School Disco
20.07.17	Quiz Night
25.7.17	Last day of school year
26.7.17	Summer holiday starts
4.9.17	Inset day
5.9.17	Inset day
6.9.17	Children return to school