

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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It is with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of Mark Morton, the village's rector, last Tuesday. He was very much a part of the school's community and came into school every Thursday to be with the children either leading an assembly or, in the last couple of years, talking about 'Big Questions'.

These sessions were enjoyed by the accompanying teaching staff and children. They had the opportunity to think in a philosophical way about moral debates. The sort of questions that were considered included 'Can kindness change the world?'; 'Do presents bring true happiness?'; 'Is it ever right to tell a lie?'; and 'Should we always keep our promises?': subjects allied to the topics for whole school worship. Mark listened and encouraged children's views and helped deepen their thinking. He showed his compassion and shared his Christian views, helping them develop their own moral compass.

Mark was a real ally and advocate of the school. He brought wisdom to the governing body. His pragmatism, an ability to listen and by sharing his wisdom, he contributed to the school's vision. Of course, he also prayed regularly for the school and was part of significant times in the school's calendar for which we are grateful.

I, along with others at school, shall miss him. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

## Harting's Got Talent

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We are delighted to see that children are practicing their acts in the playground and around the school in their free time. Please do encourage your child to enter as all acts are thoroughly enjoyed during the heats and the school audience is very kind - as are the judges! It is always wonderful to share talents that we did not know about: there are some very modest children, developing interests at home, which we would love to see!

## SATs

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The year 6 children completed their SATs tests this morning, having had rowdy breakfasts together each day beforehand! We hope that the tests were enjoyable and they felt that they could 'shine'. Regardless of the results, we are really proud of their achievements and the progress that they have made whilst at the school. We are sure that they will have been set up well for secondary education - something we often hear back from parents of 'old' pupils.

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### Playground after school

Thank you for leaving the playground quickly with your children when we run 'Goblin club'. The go-kart is capable of travelling at 15mph so it's very prudent for pedestrians to escape early! If you do need to pop back for anything, please enter the school via the front door as it may prove a little safer!

### Plastic free day - 9<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you for trying to avoid disposable plastic in the lunchboxes. Asking the children to do this has influenced my use of cling film - so greaseproof paper is more often used by me too! Children who had done well were given house-points. Please do continue to encourage better use of plastic each day.

### Key dates for your diary

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

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

Holiday dates for 2019	
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 Absence policy, should you need clarification.	
27.5.19	Half-term holiday starts
3.6.19	First day back after half-term
21.6.19	INSET DAY
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts

### Key events for Summer term

Summer Term 2019		
Week Beginning 13.5.19 KS2 SATs		
17.5.19	3.	Y1 - Forest school
	3pm	PTFA cake sale
	Eve	Open Mic
Week beginning 20.5.19		
22.5.19	pm	Rother trip
24.5.19	pm	Y1 - Forest school
	pm	Harting's Got Talent Heats
Half term: 27.5.19		
Harting Festivities 27.5.19		
Week beginning 3.6.19		
7.6.18	pm	Y1 - Forest school
	am	Stedham football tournament - y6
	6pm	Harting's Got Talent Finals
Week Beginning 10.6.19		
12.6.19	1.15pm	Sports day - at Memorial Playing Field (Petersfield Road)
13.6.19	All day	Torberry trip
	6.30pm	New reception year parents' meeting
14.6.19	pm	MRC cricket (y6)
	pm	Y1 - Forest school
Week beginning: 17.6.19		
18.6.19	All day	Downlands trip
19.6.19	pm	Reserve Sports day
	2.30pm	New yR storytime

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21.6.19	INSET DAY -	
Week Beginning 24.6.19		
25.6.19	2.30pm	New yR storytime
28.6.19	All day	Rounders tournament
	pm	Y1 - Forest school
Week beginning 1.7.19		
1.7.19	Lunch	New yR visit for lunch
2.7.19	1.15pm	Leavers' service at Cathedral
3.7.19	All day	MRC transition day
4.7.19	Am	Class and leavers' photos
5.7.19	pm	Y1 - Forest school
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly: Downlands, Beacon
Week beginning 8.7.19		
9.7.19	am	Y3 swimming
10.7.19	am	Y3 swimming
	pm	<i>Dress rehearsal school production</i>
11.7.19	am	Y3 swimming
	6pm	School production
12.7.19	am	Y3 swimming
	pm	'Bump up' afternoon
	6pm	School production
Week Beginning 15.7.19 (y6 activity week)		
15.7.19	am	Y3 Swimming
	am	Bikeability y6
16.7.19		<b>NO</b> Swimming
	am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Y6 take over afternoon
17.7.19	am	Y3 Swimming
	am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Y6 Sports afternoon
18.7.19	am	Y3 Swimming
	am	Bikeability y6
	pm	Y6 Forest School (tbc)
	pm	Year 6 sleepover
19.7.19	am	Y3 Swimming
	pm	Y6 Forest School (finish 4pm- tbc)
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 22.7.19		
22.7.19	10am	Whole school walk and picnic
23.7.19	11am	Leavers' service
	Last day of school year	
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