

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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This will be the last newsletter for the year which means that we are about to say 'Farewell' to our year 6 and a few others as they move to 'new pastures'. We wish them all well and will, without doubt, miss them.

Next Tuesday, will be our leavers' service in the church - a time when our children think about the future and the past. It is very much a service that everyone is welcome to attend. Please do join us.

Alternatively, if you are not free for that, please do join us for the whole school walk when we hope to enjoy relaxing time together. Just let us know you are coming, by Friday, so that we are well manned!

I wish everyone a really restful and happy summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of the autumn term.

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

## Request for the summer

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Please give your children opportunities to keep their maths and literacy skills going or, at the very least, avoiding them sliding backwards this summer.

You can do this, for maths, by doing real-life tasks and practice maths knowledge. Examples of real-life maths include:

- Reading the time to the 'o'clock; then half past and quarter to/past; then to the five minutes; and later to work out timings eg for cooking
- Talk about fractions and division eg when cutting up and sharing food
- Baking allows lots of maths opportunities eg estimating, weighing, counting, number operations (x, -, + and ratios (when scaling up a recipe)
- Addition and subtraction can be done whilst shopping
- Money when out shopping

Maths fluency can be practised through times tables chants; addition, subtraction, division and multiplication games (using number plates) on journeys, along with computer games. This website (link on school's website) gives really useful information about more things that you can do to help your child with maths: <https://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/activities-for-children>

For literacy, every day reading to your child along with some shared reading aloud can make a big difference: building your children's vocabulary and improving reading skills. If you have a child who is reluctant to read, any reading activity is helpful eg instructions on the internet, recipes, comics, signs in the environment.

Real-life tasks to encourage writing include: emails, shopping lists, phone messages, blogs etc.

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### Spotlight on safeguarding

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I recently attended a safeguarding conference and, with the summer holidays in a few days, I thought I would share my notes:

What are children doing nowadays online?

- Connecting (to known and unknown people): feeling a 'connection'. They feel like that they are watching a friend
- Playing: games online
- Sharing: thoughts, opinions own content, etc
- Learning
- Creating: game platforms, music and blogs, etc
- Spending time: 15 hours 18mins per week (some children are spending longer: 7-9 hours per day). Most frequently through smart phones and social media.

These are just a few pieces of information about how children are online these days. Much of what they do is positive; however, there are also risks. There is an app, called **Net Aware (from NSPCC)**, which can be really useful for parents to keep up-to-date with the latest apps and how they are being used, along with some of the risks - assessed by experts. There is also lots of useful parental guidance.

Yolo is a fairly new app, which is anonymous with livestreaming, linked to snapchat. There is clearly a risk of linking to unknown adults and 'friends'! There are risks acquiring apps that allow anonymous contact. Here is a link to CBBC which tells children why it's not a good idea to load these:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics/anonymous-messaging-and-apps>

Acronyms that children might use to hide what is being said from parents online/texts:

- Gokid - got observers
- IDTTY: I don't talk to you
- PIR - parent in room
- **MIRL** - meet in real life
- IHML - I hate my life
- KPC - keeping parents clueless
- WTT - want to trade pictures

I have emboldened MIRL because of its implications for children's safety.

Signs/ things to notice if something is going wrong online:

- More/less time on line
- Child is distant/upset/angry (changes in behaviour)
- Secretive behaviour
- Lots of new phone numbers without reason

If a child discloses online abuse:

- Listen
- Reassure
- Not their fault
- Don't confront the alleged abuser
- Report

Where to report:

- CEOP
- Internet watch foundation IWF

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These are simply my notes, which I hope might be useful and protect your children in some small way. I've highlighted Net Aware because it may be helpful to have information about particular apps when you don't recognise the icon. You can even use the search tool and describe it eg colour

### Cello lessons

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Anna Prudente-Poulton has offered to teach cello at school. She has taught in other local schools, through West Sussex Music, and has continued to teach privately, using a unique and successful blend of Kodaly and traditional methods. Her website is [www.challocello.co.uk](http://www.challocello.co.uk) if you would like further information. It would be helpful to indicate to the school office if your child is interested in starting to learn this instrument so we can see if it is viable for her to run lessons, starting in the autumn term.

Such lessons would be during the school day and would therefore be no longer than half an hour and be one afternoon a week.

### Violin, piano and guitar lessons

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I am delighted that all children continue to be offered the chance to learn a musical instrument at Harting School. Helen Dromey will teach Torberry class the violin again next year, along with some small groups of children who have also already learned the instrument.

Sandra Fowler Bennett and Jamie West come into school to offer piano and guitar teaching, respectively. They offer weekly lessons. Should your child be interested in signing up for these, please contact the school office so that you can have their contact details.

### School production

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What lovely evenings we enjoyed on Thursday and Friday when the children did their performance of the school play. It was such fun and everyone left 'uplifted'! Thank you to all the families who supported us on both days. We are especially grateful to Claudine Clarke who worked so hard with the children to ensure that they were confident, capable performers. Cathy Day also deserves recognition for preparing the musical elements of the play.



Although we missed Tony Newton, who has been so central to our productions over the years, it was wonderful to see him on Friday. It was testimony to the way he works with the children that there was a huge cheer when he won the raffle. We hope his treatment goes well over the summer.

### Leavers' service at the church

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We bid farewell to all our year 6 pupils at this service and invite parents to join us. Sadly, Margaret Hopkins has decided to step down from her volunteering role as she has played piano regularly for us for nearly five years. She has decided she is now too old to continue! We are, however, delighted that she will be joining us and play for us during the service. We wish to express our gratitude for all that she has done for us and hope that we can continue to see her when she attends Harting Luncheon club.

The church service takes place in the Parish church at 11am - do bring tissues!

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### Sister school in Sierra Leone

We are delighted to hear that the money sent to our school in Moyamba has been used to refurbish the school and create new desks. The Head sent photos of their recent thanksgiving service and wanted to thank all who donated.

### Year 6 e-safety teaching

We were really pleased that our year 6 pupils were able to give important messages about keeping safe on the internet to the younger children. They did this during their 'take over' afternoon (when they act as the teachers). We felt that coming from them the guidance would be stronger and it would all children to consider their own online behaviour.

Clearly there were adult voices to support the year 6, should they need them, but they had spent time researching the topics as part of their class study so were well prepared. It is also timely as they approach secondary school life and we all children are soon to have a long holiday.

### New reception pupils

We have enjoyed welcoming our new pupils for taster sessions including lunch, story times and play in class. We hope that they and their families will very quickly become part of our learning family.

### Lunch vouchers

If funds are a little tight over the summer, we have some 'Holiday Lunchpacks 4 Kids' vouchers which I can readily give you to help. Please contact either the office or Fiona Mullett, in confidence, if this is something that would be useful.

### Summer reading challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge - [Space Chase](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/src) - celebrates 50 years since the first Moon landing. You can sign up now online: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/src) or at your local library. It's free to take part and, with the long summer holiday looming, it's a great way for children to discover books they love while collecting fun rewards. Whether it's reading stories, comic books or information books, or listening to audiobooks, there are many ways to take part. Younger children can also have lots of fun by joining the Space Chase Mini Challenge.



### Key dates for your diary

Summer Term 2019		
19.7.19	am	Y3 Swimming
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 22.7.19		
22.7.19	10am	Whole school walk and picnic
23.7.19	11am	Leavers' service @ Harting Parish Church
	Last day of school year	
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts	

Holiday dates for next year on following page.

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Holiday dates for 2018/19	
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.	
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts
Holiday dates for 2019/2020	
02.09.19	INSET DAY
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04.09.19	First day of Autumn Term - children return
25.10.19	INSET DAY
28.10.19 to 01.11.19	October Half Term
04.11.19	INSET DAY
23.12.19 to 03.01.20	Christmas Holidays
17.02.20 to 21.02.20	February Half Term
06.04.20 to 17.04.20	Easter Holidays
08.05.20	May Bank Holiday - FRIDAY
25.05.20 to 29.05.20	May Half Term
20.07.20	INSET DAY
21.07.20 to 02.09.20	Summer holidays