

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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We endeavour to make sure that you know what is happening in school by class letters about topics and learning, along with information in this newsletter or on the website.

Equally, we welcome the opportunity to share some time with you to talk about your child's progress and learning at parents' evenings, which are next week. I anticipate the governors asking you to complete questionnaires so that we can work to improve how we do things, which will be really helpful.

If what we offer is unclear, please do use the website which we work hard to keep up-to-date. There is information about on-line safety, maths, reading as well as outlines of your child's curriculum for you to access.

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

## Useful information on the school website:

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- Copies of school newsletters with calendar
- Parents' page including NSPCC and e-safety links; phonics; school dates, etc
- Outline of this year's curriculum for each class along with route maps for subjects and topics
- "Ways to help your child" folder: reading, spelling, maths information

If there are other things that might be useful to you, please let us know. Do bear in mind, however, that the website cannot be updated each week.

## Spotlight on safeguarding

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This information may be useful for parents hoping to support older children to navigate the digital world:

The DICE service is facilitated by Barnardo's trained project workers. It is a free service for any parent/carers who wish to develop skills, knowledge and confidence related to keeping their son or daughter safer both on and off-line in today's fast paced and global world. The programme is a blend of information giving, discussion and activities designed to help parents feel better prepared for the challenges of parenting through the teenage years. The contact number is 07892 756 943.

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### Shoeboxes

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Not long left to collect items for shoeboxes to send across the world. Please look out for as-good-as-new things as well as small gifts for children in need. The list can be found on the last newsletter which is on the website in the November newsletter folder.

### Wrap around care

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We are delighted that the after school and morning provision are proving so popular. As a result, we now need families to give us at least **24 hours'** notice for any 'ad hoc' bookings and to **email the school office**, rather than telephone. This needs to be done **by 4pm the previous day**, to ensure that you receive a response and know if there is space.

The level of requests we are receiving means that they are in danger of going unnoticed in the morning's inbox (of the actual day care is needed), especially when the office is busy first thing. Equally, for the office staff to field large numbers of telephone calls affects their ability to do other tasks.

In light of increasing numbers of children attending, we ask that if you know you need childcare frequently, you book well in advance or ask for a regular slot.

### Lunchtime staff

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We have a position for a midday meals supervisor and would be pleased to hear from anyone suitable for the role. Clearly, we take safeguarding seriously so any candidate will be asked for references and usual DBS checks, etc, will be made.

### Beacon teacher

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Unfortunately, Claudine Clarke is due to have some surgery later this month, which means that she will be off until after Christmas. In the meantime, we are pleased to have secured Helen Coleman to cover her teaching. Helen is extremely capable, having most recently been a head teacher at another Rother Valley school and is familiar with teaching this age group. She is really looking forward to working in Beacon class and brings some real strengths in computing, along with other subjects. She and Claudine will be doing some shared planning and work with the class before the handover so that the change in personnel can be as streamlined as possible.

### Dress the head day!

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Children are invited, by the School Council, to 'Dress the head day' on 6<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a day when the head teacher can be asked to wear a silly outfit! Raffle tickets will be on sale on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November, for those who would like to decide her outfit (nothing rude or too bare – outfit to be provided by the winner!). Each ticket will cost 10p each.

Dress the head day also means that children can wear their own clothes and wear something silly on their own heads too - £1 donation to the School Council's charities (our sister school in Sierra Leone and Clicsargent).

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### Bus naming

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Harting village are getting another new mini-bus and are looking for exciting names. It will be painted the same as the old one but will be a 16 seater Peugeot Boxer. Please drop suggestions off to the school office so they can be submitted.



### Violin orchestra

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Last night we were delighted that our children performed at Midhurst Rother College and shone! To have 22 enthusiastic violinists is a real accolade to Helen Dromey who teaches them each Wednesday. It is wonderful that the weekly class violin lessons have inspired them all.

### Christmas lunch booking

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Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have the lunch please book by 25<sup>th</sup> November –either contact Sue Broadhead (in the office) if your child normally has packed lunches (even those in yR, 1 or 2), or order on-line at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk). Alternatively you can pay cash only please in the office before this date. The lunch costs £2.35.

### Bursar

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We are delighted that Nicky Kemp will be starting at the end of November. She will be part-time so not in school every day and plans initially to be here Tuesday-Friday. We very much look forward to welcoming her to our team.

### Reception Places

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Parents of children, who are eligible to join next year's reception class (2020), can now apply for school places. The window for applications is open and **closes on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

If you know any local families who might be interested in joining the school, they are always welcome to visit. Let them know to contact the office and we would be happy to arrange.

### PTFA – pamper and crafts evening (29.11.19)

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You will have seen notices dotted around the school letting you know about this evening, which promises to be good. If you are interested in having a stall, there are just a few left so do contact the PTFA if you have a suitable business that you wish represented. Otherwise, please keep the evening free.

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## 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.**

### Events for Autumn term

<b>Autumn term 2019</b>		
Week Beginning 4.11.19		
4.11.19	Inset day	
5.11.19		<b>Children back to school</b>
6.11.19	7pm	Rotary club music concert (string orchestra to play)
7.11.19	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon in hall
8.11.19	Pm	Y3 Forest School
	2-3.45pm	MRC y6 hockey
Week Beginning 11.11.19		
11.11.19	11am	Remembrance assembly
12.11.19	3.30-6.00pm	Parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
13.11.19	7pm	Butterfly Lion at CFT (y5/6)
14.11.19	4-6.30pm	Late parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
15.11.19	Pm	Y3 Forest School
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly – Torberry (y4 only) and Downlands. Shoebox appeal
	Eve	Open mic (tbc)
Week Beginning 18.11.19		
19.11.19	Am	Fire brigade yR,y2, y5
22.11.19	2-3.30pm	KS2 dance festival MRC
	Pm	Y3 Forest School (last)
	3.05pm	PTFA cake sale
Week Beginning 25.11.19		
29.11.19	2.30pm	Read to me (parents invited)
	5-7.30pm	PTFA event: Pamper evening
Week Beginning 2.12.19		
5.12.19	3.05-3.30pm	Open classrooms (parents invited to look at work with their children)
6.12.19	2-3.45pm	MRC y6 Basketball festival
	3.05pm	Cake sale: PTFA
Week Beginning 9.12.19		
12.12.19	1.10pm	Carols at luncheon club – y6 + Rother
13.12.19	3.45pm	KS1 nativity
Week beginning 16.12.19		
17.12.19	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
18.12.19	Midday	Christmas lunch
20.12.19	2.30pm	Christingle service – children picked up from church
Holiday dates for 2019/2020		
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	

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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