

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head



Young Voices was an incredible experience for the children and the Head teacher! Thank you to Cathy Day who led the choir so ably. As always the children excelled themselves both in their participation during the day and their behaviour. They are such good ambassadors for the school and they made those who accompanied them very proud.

The concert itself was a wonderful combination of singing and movement. For me, it was quite a challenge to coordinate voice and hand jives but our children threw themselves into the event and were clearly well rehearsed. When the DVD comes out, we hope to share some of the evening with you.

Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes

Fiona Mullett

Harting Pre-school

Melanie Read has worked at pre-school for some years and is now leaving for a promotion. Ex-pupils and parents are invited to join her for a cream tea at 2.30pm on Friday 12th February to say 'Farewell'.

Parent View - reminder to complete for us, please

It would be great to hear what makes Harting school the place that it is. Parent view is a tool, used by Ofsted, which asks 12 multiple choice questions, and is likely to take five minutes to complete. Currently there is only one response about Harting School, and in order to see how you grade us, we need at least 10 parents to complete the questionnaire. This can be done via the school website: key information, then useful links or directly through Ofsted's website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views> .

The results published give a general overview of the school, rather than day to day issues. Please can you take some time to complete this on-line questionnaire so that we have a really good idea of what our next steps are and staff can hear what we should celebrate?

If you or your child should have more immediate concerns, class teachers are always happy to talk things through - as am I. We therefore hope to hear the positives about our learning environment and need to have everyone's views so that the general feeling is captured.

Worth Less Campaign

You will remember that West Sussex children have significantly less funding per head for their education than most others in the country. To rectify this, the Worth Less campaign was established to apply pressure to the government for fair funding. There will be a meeting with the Department for Education on Monday 8 February, so parents are being asked to actively support the campaign:

'We are delighted that in just 36 hours, over 5,000 people have liked our latest image on Facebook and many of you have written powerful messages of support.

We are keen not to bombard you with requests but would ask that you help us to maintain momentum.



With this in mind, if you have not done so already, please use the link below to like the most recent image and increase our number still further. Every 'like' and 'share' really counts.

Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorthLessWestSussex/photos/a.1652657748339729.1073741828.1646768215595349/1672986596306844/?type=3&theater> and click 'like'.

Thanks to PTFA

Downlands class projector is magnificent! The teachers are no longer struggling to cope with a temperamental machine with a dim beam, thanks to the school's PTFA. Thank you! Two other classes are to have superior projectors this term too - we are really grateful.

Official opening of the Rother outside area

Isabel Cuthbertson cut the ribbon and officially opened Rother's new outside area at the end of the last Sharing Worship assembly. As the Chair of the School Council, it seemed appropriate that she should be the one to declare the area open. The children are now enjoying using the apparatus available to them in a much brighter, safer space.



Key dates for your diary

Please note changes in red.

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 1.2.16		
5.2.16	2.30pm	Sharing : Beacon and Warren
Week beginning 8.2.16		
12.2.16	3.05pm	Cake sale and uniform sale - PTFA
Week beginning 15.2.16 Half term break		
Week beginning 22.2.16		
26.2.16	2.30pm	'Read to me'
Week beginning 29.2.16 'Wolf week'		
3.3.16		World Book Day
4.3.16	All day	African dance + drumming
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly - Batafon
Week beginning 7.3.16		
8.3.16	Eve	Parents' evening
9.3.16	pm	Rother Valley debate
10.3.16	Eve	Parents' evening
11.3.16	Eve	Cinema night for children - PTFA
Week beginning 14.3.16		
17.3.16	Eve	Quiz night - PTFA
18.3.16	2.30 pm	'Read to me'
Week beginning 21.3.16		
24.3.16		Easter service (tbc) Last day of term
25.3.16		Good Friday - first day of Easter break

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INSET DAY 27.5.16		
Week beginning 30.5.16 Half term break		
30.5.16 Harting Festivities		
INSET DAY 1.7.16		