

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

I have just had the privilege of staying away with the year 5/6 pupils on the school residential. What a lovely group of children we have to be role models this year. Whilst away they showed such determination and were so encouraging of each other. Their teamwork was remarkable.

As usual, we were commended for the way the children behaved and they did so much better than many of their counterparts who visit the centre. We are really proud of them.

See the information below for some of the highlights of the week.

Best wishes,

Fiona



Applying for places at secondary school - reminder for parents of year 6 pupils

The window for applying for secondary school places started on Monday, 10th September and can be done until **Wednesday, 31st October 2018**. This is best done on-line:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If you don't have internet at home, you are welcome to use one of the school's computers - please contact the school office for help. Alternatively, this can be done at the local library or Children and Family Centres. Paper forms can also be completed - call 03330 142903 to ask for one.

Open Afternoon

We welcome visits from prospective families to come and see the school 'at work' on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th October (1.15 - 3.15pm). If you know any local families who might be interested in joining the school, please let them know the date. Of course, if they are not free then they can arrange to visit another time.

If anyone has a noticeboard near to their home where an invitation/poster could be placed or you are linked to a pre-school, please do let me know. We really appreciate the help

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New member of staff

We are delighted to inform you that Karen Trickett will be joining the staff as a teaching assistant. We know that she has plenty to offer us, bringing school experience, and are pleased that she has accepted the position. She comes highly recommended and we look forward to welcoming her just before the half-term break.

The selection process, itself, was tough as there was a really strong field of applicants. It included a formal interview; working with children from a teacher's plans; as well as being questioned by the School Council.

It was really heartening to hear a pupil from Downlands class comment on her favourite thing in the school being her teachers, whenever she was asked. We hope that Karen will therefore feel welcomed by us all and very quickly become part of the caring staff.

Additionally, we are pleased to have Jen Beaton working in Beacon class as she does her school direct placements along with Michael Lloyd who will be in Warren class for some of the year, whilst completing his teacher training.

School Council - charities

The School Council has decided to support three charities this year - Fitzroy Trust which works with adults with additional learning needs (they are based in Petersfield); Education West Africa to enable us to send funds to our school in Sierra Leone; and Mount Noddy (RSPCA rescue centre). They plan to organise a few fund-raising events soon.

Spotlight on safeguarding

The NSPCC support schools by providing workshops for children to learn about how to keep themselves safe. With this in mind, we have arranged for them to work at Harting before half-term. They will lead two assemblies - one for KS1 pupils and another for KS2.

The KS1 assembly lasts 20 minutes and covers children's rights to be safe, speak out and to get help if they need it. This is followed by information about when to ask for help and discusses trusted adults.

The work with KS2 lasts for 30 minutes and again talks through children's rights and has an animation, followed by a workshop for year 5 and 6 pupils dealing with safe/unsafe approaches by adults.

If you wish for further information, you are welcome to discuss the sessions with us in more detail.

Turn2us helpline

This free, confidential and independent helpline can support and provide information to those families finding it challenging to use the internet. They can:

- Help you complete a benefit calculation
- Help you find grants
- Find an adviser to help with benefits, debt, housing & legal issues
- Use webchat for help with our tools

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Residential



We are having plenty of positive comments about the residential trip at Cobnor last week. The children were offered such a rich range of water-based activities including sailing, kayaking and canoeing along with archery, mountain biking, low-ropes, problem solving and climbing. It was a fantastic experience and the children excelled



themselves by showing tenacity, resilience and encouraging each other.

Thank you to Claudine Clarke for giving up so much of her own time and, of course, Simon Mullett who took annual leave for the trip.



Free School Meals

We would be grateful if you would apply for 'free school meals', should you think you're your family circumstances might match the criteria (see below), **even if your child will automatically receive them along with all other 'infant pupils'**. By applying, you will help the whole school budget as there is an element of it linked to this register of children.

Eligibility for free school meals:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Further information can be found:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

You are welcome to talk to office staff, in confidence, for guidance too.

Parent/guardian consent to administer non-prescribed medicine

Please can you let the office know if there are any changes to the consent gained when your child joined the school? Otherwise we will assume that the consent remains current.

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Key dates for your diary

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

Teachers invite you to 'meet them' for an informal briefing about the year ahead - see times and dates below.

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

Events for Autumn term

Autumn term 2018		
Week Beginning 17.9.18		
21.9.18	2.30pm	Sharing assembly: topics for the year (all welcome)
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 24.9.18 - clubs start this week		
25.9.18		Second hand school uniform will be available to purchase from today and all week (50p per item and donations for selling always welcome)
26.9.18	All day	MRC y6 experience day
28.9.18	Pm	Forest school y3 starts – each Friday + one Monday
	2.30pm	Harvest assembly (Beacon lead): all welcome
Week Beginning 1.10.18		
5.10.18	Pm	MRC football
Week Beginning 8.10.18		
8.10.18		Forest School – Monday session
	4.30- 6.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
10.10.18	1.30-3.30pm	Open afternoon ('School at Work') – for prospective pupils' families
11.10.18	am	Individual photos
	am	NSPCC assembly (9.40: KS1 & EY; then KS2)
	11am	Y5/6 NSPCC workshop
	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
12.10.18	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly: Warren and Rother (all welcome)
Week Beginning 15.10.18		
15.10.18	All day	Greek day: Torberry class
17.10.18	3.05pm	PTFA cake sale
18.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
19.10.18	All day	INSET DAY
22.10.18	Half-term holiday	
Week Beginning 29.10.18		
29.10.18	Back to school	
2.11.18	2.30pm	Poetry sharing assembly – all classes present choral (all welcome)
Week Beginning 5.11.18		
7.11.18	Eve	Rotary club concert at MRC – strings players
9.11.18	11am	Remembrance at memorial
	Pm	MRC Hockey
Week Beginning 12.11.18		
13.11.18	Pm/eve	Parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
14.11.18	Pm/eve	Later parents eve: Warren/Downlands/Torberry/Beacon
16.11.18	2.30 pm	Sharing assembly – Torberry and Downlands
	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 19.11.18		
23.11.18	Pm	Last Forest School y3
Week Beginning 26.11.18 Last week for most clubs		
28.11.18	Pm	Y5/6 football Bedales

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Issue 2: 20.9.18

30.11.18	2.30pm	Operation Christmas Child + assembly
Week Beginning 3.12.18		
6.12.18	2.30-3.15pm	Open classrooms
Week Beginning 10.12.18 (Creative Christmas)		
14.12.18	Pm	PTFA gift and wrap
	3.45pm	KS1 nativity
Week beginning 17.12.18		
18.12.18	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
19.12.18	2.30pm	Christingle Service
		Last day of term

Dates for 2019	
<p>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.</p>	
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas
15.2.19	INSET DAY
18.2.19	Half-term holiday starts
25.2.19	First day back after half-term
5.4.19	Last day of Spring term
8.4.19	Easter holiday
23.4.19	First day back after Easter
6.5.19	Bank holiday
27.5.19	Half-term holiday starts
3.6.19	First day back after half-term
21.6.19	INSET DAY - <u>tbc</u>
23.7.19	Last day of school year
24.7.19	Summer holiday starts

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