

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

I trust that you have had a lovely summer break and your children are settling back into school life. We are really pleased to see old friends and welcome all our new children. We hope that this will be a truly happy school year for everyone.

Over the summer, teachers have prepared for the new school year and planned many exciting learning opportunities. We continue to aim to provide a rich, topic-based curriculum that will inspire plenty of thinking and acquisition of new skills. Themes for the term include: Carnival of the Animals (Rother), Castles and Dragons (Warren and Downlands), 'The Flintstones' (Torberry) and 'Ancient and Modern' (Beacon). We would be glad of any resources that you think might support the children's learning.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us: we will do our best to make 2019-20 a wonderful school year.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Meet teacher drop ins

Please feel free to pop into your child's classroom next Wednesday after school to chat with their teacher. There will be no formal talks but there may be information that you wish to share with them or ask about class routines, etc.

Peanut free

Thank you for sticking to our peanut-free rules. We have a child who is highly allergic to anything containing peanuts. Please avoid sending any products known to have peanuts in them, particularly in lunchboxes. Your help is much appreciated.

Paracetamol and anti-histamine

Many parents have signed permissions for their children to be given either of these drugs in an emergency. Please ensure that you have agreed to their use, if you are happy to do so. **You need to let us know if your child can no longer** be given these drugs and wish to withdraw your consent, as a matter of urgency. Please contact the school office.

Open Afternoon

We welcome visits from prospective families to come and see the school 'at work' on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th October (1.15 – 3.15pm). If you know any local families who might be interested in joining the school, please let them know

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the date. Of course, if they are not free then they can arrange to visit another time by calling the school office for an appointment.

Our catchment area includes Harting and surrounding villages but we are often able to accommodate children from further afield, including Petersfield and other Hampshire locations.

Parking

We ask that if you use the village hall car park, that you reverse park into a space and ensure that your vehicle does not block access to the short footpath over the grassed area. This is likely to help keep children safer.

The Council have decided to paint jolly yellow lines outside the school to discourage parking – we thank you that this has never really been an issue! We have, however, been asked to remind parents to avoid parking on the corners of the road opposite the school entrance to ensure that it is accessible to residents and make it safer to cross (especially for the older unaccompanied children). Thank you for your consideration.

Administrator

Having been interviewed against an extremely strong field of applicants, we are delighted to welcome Anna Nardecchia to our school. She will be working in the school office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays alongside Susan Broadhead, (who will be working full-time in the short-term). We believe that they will make a wonderful team.

We are still seeking to appoint a part-time bursar, who has strong financial skills, preferably with knowledge of West Sussex schools' systems. If you know someone who might be suitable, please point them to the information on the school's website.

Traffic survey – Monday, 9th September

We have been advised that there will be a traffic survey on Tipper Lane on Monday. It should have no impact on the school but there will be two people sitting in a car for much of the day.

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.

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)

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- 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 our office staff, in confidence, for guidance too.

Chichester Festival Theatre: Playtime

We were successful in a bid to be part of Chichester Festival Theatre's Playtime scheme and are delighted that our year 5 and year 6 will participate in a series of drama workshops, after an initial visit to the theatre. Their work will be based on The Butterfly Lion and culminate in seeing the production one evening. This is such a privilege and will feed class literacy work.

Year 6 applications for secondary school

Applications for secondary school can be made between Monday, 9th September to Thursday, 31st October. Information on how to apply, from the West Sussex Admissions Team, will be sent from the office next week. Do check your child's book bag for this.

Spotlight on safeguarding

Tips to help you keep your children safe when they spend time online but do try to restrict the amount of time:

- Think about sitting down with your children, at some point, and find out about the things they like to do online. You could visit their favourite sites or join in with their games.
- Try to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they would feel more confident in confiding in you.
- Reassure your child that no matter what the issue may be, you are there to listen without judgement, and help them without confiscating their devices or punishing them.
- You could use some great conversation starters as a tool to help encourage an open and honest dialogue with your child. Sign up to the NSPCC & O2 icebreaker email series <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>.
- Learn more about the apps, games and services children are using as well as familiarising yourself with reporting and blocking features. Visit Net Aware to help guide you about the social networks children use <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- Take time to do a privacy check-up - encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. Check out the Safer Internet Centre's social media guides to help you: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides>.

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- Some children may want to share photos and videos online of what they are getting up to. Talk to them about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with.
- A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

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 2019		
Week beginning 2.9.19 (Year R in for half days + home visits afternoons).		
4.9.19	First day	
6.9.19	Am	All yR in
Week Beginning 9.9.19		
11.9.19	3.05pm – 3.45pm	Meet the teachers (Warren, Downlands, Torberry, Beacon) – drop in.
12.9.19	Am	Beacon to Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT)
13.9.19	2.30pm	Read to me: parents invited. Come and read with your child and their classmates
Week Beginning 16.9.19		
17.9.19		Y5/6 Residential
18.9.19		Y5/6 residential
19.9.19		Y5/6 residential
20.9.19		Y5/6 residential
	Eve	Open mic (tbc)
Week Beginning 23.9.19		
25.9.19	All day	Midhurst Rother College y6 experience day – those considering applying to MRC are invited to attend. Parents to take and collect.
	Pm	Y3 Forest School starts (tbc)
27.9.19	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon
	2.30pm	Harvest assembly
Week Beginning 30.9.19		
3.10.19	Am	Flu vaccines
	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon in hall
4.10.19	2-3.45pm	MRC y5/6 football
	Pm	Y3 Forest School (tbc)
Week Beginning 7.10.19		
7.10.19	Pm	Y3 Forest School (tbc)
	4.30-6.30pm	Rother Parents' evening
9.10.19	1.30-3.30pm	Open afternoon ('School at Work') – for prospective pupils' families
10.10.19	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon
	3.30pm –	Rother Parents' eve

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	5.30pm	
11.10.19	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly: Warren and Rother
Week Beginning 21.10.19		
24.10.19	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon
	2.30pm	Poetry assembly – all classes present: parents welcome
25.10.19	Inset day	
Week beginning 28.10.19 HALF TERM BREAK		
Week Beginning 4.11.19		
4.11.19	Inset day	
5.11.19		Children back to school
6.11.19	7pm	Rotary club music concert (tbc)
7.11.19	1-2.30pm	CFT drama with Beacon in hall
8.11.19	Pm	Y3 Forest School (tbc)
	2-3.45pm	MRC y5/6 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
	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 (tbc)
	Pm	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	Forest School y3 (last)
Week Beginning 25.11.19		
29.11.19		Read to me (parents invited)
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 y5/6 Basketball festival
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		
16.12.19		
17.12.19	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
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
08.05.20		May Bank Holiday – FRIDAY
25.05.20 to 29.05.20		May Half Term

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20.07.20	INSET DAY
21.07.20 to 02.09.20	Summer holidays

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