

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

The images attached show you how successful our buddy system is. During the school disco I felt really privileged to be visited by several of our old pupils. They spent the evening talking to me about their lives and then about their buddies. Three of them walked into my office and spontaneously hugged each other, which I managed to capture on camera with two pairs. It is really heart-warming that this relationship is so important to both parties and that a strong bond is forged between the reception and year 6 pupils.

I feel that this is something that we, as a school, have got right and that it really matters to our community. I look forward to seeing all the children shine in many ways over this term.

Best wishes,

*Fiona*



## Bear Book Day

We had a real array of different sorts of characters, linked to books about bears. It was great to see a few Bear Grylls added to the mix with plenty of Goldilocks and many of Paddington's friends. As always, the children were so well supported and looked splendid in their costumes.

## Course for parents

'Reaching Families' group are running a course for parents entitled 'Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour'. It is being held at Easebourne School on 26<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in attending, there is a poster with further details on the parents' noticeboard

## Author visit

David Fuller joined the Downlands, Torberry and Beacon children to talk about his craft, as an author. Children could be heard laughing as he explained that he did not write his children's stories for them. He stated that he writes his books because he enjoys them himself and, as it happens, children do like them too.



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### African dance

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We enjoyed Ali and his friend leading us all in African dance at the last Sharing Assembly. Downlands class did really well with their performance which proved a fantastic end to their topic.



### Talk for parents

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Camelsdale School are holding a talk on 'Anxiety' on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> May. Should you be interested in attending, please let the office know so that we can inform the school.

### Operation Encompass

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We are one of many West Sussex schools that have signed up for Operation Encompass. This is so that we can support children (if needed), when police have been called to a family home in certain situations. For more information about this scheme please click this link: [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

### Waitrose green tokens

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We are delighted that this month, Harting School is part of the 'Community Matters Scheme' ie those clear plastic boxes with a slot for a green token, seen in Waitrose stores. If you are a Waitrose shopper in Petersfield, please do make sure that you remember to grab a green tiddlywink! If not, consider sending you child in to buy something tiny so they can add to the number.

Depending on the numbers of counters collected, we will be allocated a proportion of funds. It strikes us that small frequent shops will help us to raise more money. Sadly, we are competing with Petersfield Infants School which also has lots of little people to post green tokens!

Whatever we receive, we are grateful to Waitrose for considering us to be important.

### Free School Meals

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Sent out with this issue, is an application form for free school meals. Please check whether you might be entitled to this as it brings additional funding for the school, which helps us to provide a range of extras.

### Flash mob!

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During the PTFA cake sale as well as the singing assembly, our dancers did a flash mob - something that they had chosen to do. It was a culmination of their creativity and practice in dance club which is led by Tracy Robertson. It was fun yet really well executed.

They also entertained those who go to the Luncheon Club earlier in the term.



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### PTFA - uniform sale

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There will be second-hand uniform available for sale next week at the front of school. If you have any good-as-new uniform, that you no longer require, the PTFA would welcome such donations. Please leave it in the school office, tomorrow, Friday.

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the school is working hard to ensure that we are compliant with the new regulations. We have therefore sent out today, in book bags, the privacy notices along with an updated version of the photographic consent form and internet access consent. We would be grateful if this document can be signed and returned by next Friday (27.4.18) to allow us to complete the paperwork needed before the deadline. Unfortunately nil returns are not permitted, which would have made it much simpler for us all.

### After School Care

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Reminder: there is now an after school provision so children are looked after until 6pm on a Monday. It continues to be available on Tuesday, Wednesday evenings too. Breakfast club runs every day from 7.45-8.30am. If you are interested in any of these sessions, please contact Viv Wilson in the school office to book your child a place.

### New Parent Governor

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We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Maria Le Mesurier (mother to Dolly in Year R) has volunteered to take on the role as parent governor. Since there were no other candidates, we are happy to welcome her to the governing body and thank her for offering to support the school. (Susan Broadhead, Clerk)

### Key dates for your diary

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

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. Therefore you are asked to take family breaks in school holidays only. The school website has the Absence policy, should you need clarification.

Summer Term 2018	
Week Beginning 16.4.18	
16.4.18	Back to school
27.4.18	Year 1 Forest School starts
4.5.18	Sharing assembly: Torberry/Rother
7.5.18	Bank holiday
11.5.18	Torberry trip - archaeological dig
14.5.18	SATs week: y6
18.5.18	7.30pm Open Mic in Roundhouse
25.5.18	Last day of half term
25.5.18	Harting's Got Talent Heats
Half term: 28.5.18-1.6.18	
Harting Festivities 28.5.18	

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Week beginning 4.6.18		
4.6.18	INSET DAY	
Week Beginning 11.6.18		
13.6.18	pm	Sports day
20.6.18	pm	Reserve Sports day
22.6.18	INSET DAY	
25.6.18	Chichester cathedral Leavers' service	
4.7.18	MRC transition day	
6.7.28	Sharing assembly: Beacon, Downlands, Warren	
9.7.18	Y3 swimming starts	
12.7.18	School production	
13.7.18	School production	
16.7.18	Bikeability starts y6	
23.7.18	Whole school walk and picnic (tbc)	
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)	
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts	
3.9.18	INSET DAY	
4.9.18	First day back for children	
18.10.18	INSET DAY	
19.10.18	INSET DAY	
22.10.18	Half-term holiday	
29.10.18	First day back after half-term	
19.12.18	Last day of Autumn term	
20.12.18	Christmas holiday	
3.1.19	First day back after Christmas	