

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

'You are a brilliant school and wish you came here every year'.

It's lovely to receive such comments about our children. This was written following our recent Residential trip at Goodwood which proved to be a fun.

For those who don't know already, the years 5 and 6 spend four days away each Autumn. We aim to keep costs down by avoiding travelling any distance which means that we have plenty of time to spend together. It is a great bonding opportunity and new friendships are forged as a result.

Highlights of this year's trip included golf lessons; tennis coaching; a tour of the aerodrome; visiting the racecourse; activities on the farm; the spectacular meals; and the 'talent show'. The latter demonstrated the children's creativity - magicians, rappers and impressionists were all there! Thank you for loaning out the children!

Particular thanks go to all the staff who were involved both with the children and behind the scenes. Special thanks go to Claudine Clarke, Jane Maybury and my husband, Simon, who gave up their time to ensure successful sleepovers!

Best wishes

Fiona

Fiona Mullett



Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers - customers of the school - there is a hidden group behind the school, the Governors. Successive governments have placed more responsibility and accountability on Governors in terms of oversight of schools. Such is that change that governance is now a major focus of any Ofsted inspection. To know your school's governors, their backgrounds and approach to governance please see - <http://www.harting.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/governors/> - and if you would wish to become a governor please contact Sue Broadhead, the clerk of governors, at the school office or admin@harting.w-sussex.sch.uk . All governors have one overriding priority - the futures of the children.

Jeff Ace, Chair of Governors.

Open Afternoon

Please invite prospective families to pop into our Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 11th October (1.15-3.30pm) to see the school at work.

Key Harting values: love and respect
'Love others as yourself'
Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Reception class for 2018

Do let anyone know, if their child is born between 1st September, 2013 and 31st August, 2014 that they need to consider applications for their chosen school. They will no longer be contacted by the authorities to remind them to apply.

Applications opened on **Monday, 2nd October** and close on **Monday, 15th January 2018**. These are made via West Sussex admissions: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or via their own county admissions, if living in Hampshire.

Prospective parents are most welcome to come and visit the school. If they cannot come to the Open Afternoon, they can make an appointment via the school office. We are also very happy to help them through the application process, if needed.

Attached is information which may be helpful to give to families who wish to apply.

Winner of Kindle at TPS

Fraser has won the competition for completing a treasure hunt at the TPS open day last week. See image:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePetersfieldSchoolOfficial/posts/1966856700196988>

It's good to know that Harting children are noticed at secondary schools! Did you know that parents are reporting that our children are well prepared for secondary school and that we have had a series of very successful pupils?

Last year's best achiever at GCSE, from TPS, was once a pupil here and another of our pupils was head boy the previous year. Although it's good to know that children are doing well, it's most important to hear that they are happy and fulfilled. Please do encourage past pupils and families to share their news with us - we always want them to feel part of our school family.

PTFA AGM

Please try to attend the AGM at 8pm at The White Hart this evening (5.10.17). We are really fortunate in having a really strong core of supporters but they welcome others and are ready for a new Chairperson. Although Lyndsay is stepping down from this role, she is happy to support her successor and, for many events, there are teams of volunteers who are able to run them. Do consider if you might be the next Chair.

Holiday reminder

When considering both Summer and Winter holidays, please can you remember that Head teachers are not allowed to permit absences during school time, except in 'exceptional circumstances'. Principally, not much is regarded as 'exceptional', according to the rules. Do check the Absence policy on the school website, if you need clarification.

Absences during term time cause disruption to teaching as children who return from being away, have to catch up even if they have done some work whilst away. This can impact on other pupils' learning, not just the absentees.

Harvest

Thank you for all the gifts for our Harvest Festival. They were really welcomed by Stonepillow and make a difference to those who are homeless in the area.

Key Harting values: love and respect
'Love others as yourself'
Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Shoebbox appeal

Our 'Shoebbox champions' prepared an assembly to launch the collection of gifts to go into shoeboxes. Please could you encourage your children to sort their things? They can then give unwanted but 'as good as new toys', stationary, etc. There is a list of things that can be donated on this link: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox/>

Children are welcome to bring appropriate gifts from now onwards.

Medicines - non-prescription drugs

In the next few weeks, the school will be sending out consent forms for permission to give paracetamol (Calpol) or anti-histamine, which we are now allowed to give (for specific reasons). The Calpol will be for pain relief, rather than illnesses (except in emergencies), as children should be at home if they have a fever or temperature.

The school already give prescribed medicines but these should always have been signed for by parents with clear dosages, etc. Medicines should never be decanted into other containers and need to be with their packaging, including the leaflet with written side effects.

Most drugs don't need to be given at school but at home. The West Sussex guidance for schools states that we only give them to children if they are needed **more** than three times a day. Medication that is required less often can be given at either end of the school day.

If you need clarification of the school's medicines policy, it will be posted on the school website.

Poetry Competition

After the half-term break, we will have our annual poetry competition. Please encourage your children to learn and recite a poem (see below). Everyone is awarded house points for entry and the judges are exceptionally kind with the children.

Photograph of reception children in newspaper

Look out for the photograph of Rother class in the Petersfield Herald on 12th October.

Immunisations

West Sussex are offering some catch up sessions for children (year R-4) who have missed immunisations. Please see the attached letter for further information. These sessions are in case a child misses their opportunity in school e.g. flu vaccine on 27th November.

Quiz night

The PTFA invite you to attend their Quiz night - on 19.11.17. Do join the light-hearted evening and bring a team.

Key Harting values: love and respect
'Love others as yourself'
Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Key dates for your diary

Note: Inset days; PTFA events; new dates 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.

Autumn term 2017		
Week Beginning 2.10.17		
5.10.17	8pm	PTFA AGM
6.10.17	pm	Y3 Forest School
Week Beginning 9.10.17		
10.10.17	4pm	Rother Parents' eve
11.10.17		Open afternoon ('School at Work') - for prospective pupils' families
12.10.17	3.30pm	Rother Parents' eve
13.10.17	2.30pm	Sharing Assembly
Week Beginning 16.10.17		
19.10.17	Eve	Quiz night
20.10.17	INSET DAY	
23.10.17	Half-term holiday	
Week Beginning 30.10.17		
30.10.17	Back to school	
3.11.17	Am	Poetry Competition
	2.30pm	Poetry sharing assembly
Week Beginning 6.11.17		
08.11.17	7pm	Rotary Club Concert, MRC
09.11.17		Torberry Class Trip to Planetarium
10.11.17	11 am	Remembrance at memorial
		Y3 Forest School
Week Beginning 13.11.17		
14.11.17	Pm/eve	Parent evening (tbc)
16.11.17	Pm/eve	Parents evening (tbc)
17.11.17		Year 3 Forest School - last one
	Eve	Open Mic
Week Beginning 20.11.17 -		
24.11.17	pm	Operation Christmas Child (filling boxes)
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly - Rother (+Operation Christmas Child)
Week Beginning 27.11.17 Last week for most clubs		
Week beginning 04.12.17		
07.12.17	pm	Openbox Theatre Company
Week Beginning 11.12.17 (Creative Christmas)		
14.12.17	3.45pm	'Christmas Journeys' at School
Week beginning 18.12.17		
19.12.17	7pm	Carol singing around the village with Salvation Army
20.12.17	pm	School Christingle service in Parish Church (time tbc)
20.12.17		Last day of term
Spring Term 2018		
Week Beginning 1.1.18		
4.1.17	Back to school	
29.3.18	11am	Easter service (Congregational church)
	Last day of Spring term	
2.4.18	Easter holiday	
Summer Term 2018		
Week Beginning 16.4.18		
16.4.18	Back to school	
25.5.18	Last day of half term	
Half term: 28.5.18-1.6.18		

Key Harting values: love and respect
 'Love others as yourself'
 Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Harting Festivities 28.5.18		
Week beginning 4.6.18		
4.6.18	INSET DAY	
Week Beginning 11.6.18		
14.6.18	pm	Sports day (tbc)
20.6.18	pm	Reserve Sports day
22.6.18	INSET DAY	
24.7.18	Last day of school year + Leavers' service (Parish church)	
25.8.18	Summer holiday starts	

Poems for competition

Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg

Please Mrs Butler
This boy Derek Drew
Keeps copying my work, Miss.
What shall I do?

Go and sit in the hall, dear.
Go and sit in the sink.
Take your books on the roof, my lamb.
Do whatever you think.

Please Mrs Butler
This boy Derek Drew
Keeps taking my rubber, Miss.
What shall I do?

Keep it in your hand, dear.
Hide it up your vest.
Swallow it if you like, love.
Do what you think best.

Please Mrs Butler
This boy Derek Drew
Keeps calling me rude names, Miss.
What shall I do?

Lock yourself in the cupboard, dear.
Run away to sea.
Do whatever you can, my flower.
But don't ask me!

I've Got a Dog
I've got a dog as thin as a rail,
He's got fleas all over his tail;
Every time his tail goes flop,
The fleas at the bottom all hop to the top.

Key Harting values: love and respect
'Love others as yourself'
Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Cats by Eleanor Farjeon

Cats sleep,
Anywhere,
Any table
Any chair
Top of piano,
Window-ledge,
In the middle,
On the edge,
Open drawer,
Empty shoe.
Anybody's
Lap will do,
Fitted in a
Cardboard box,
In the cupboard
With your frocks-
Anywhere!
They don't care!
Cats sleep
Anywhere.

On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan

On the Ning Nang Nong
Where the cows go Bong!
And the monkey all say 'Boo'!
There's a Nong Nang Ning
Where the trees go Ping!
And the teapots jibber jabber joo.
On the Nong Ning Nang
All the mice go Clang
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!
So it's Ning Nang Nong
Cows go Bong!
Nong Nan Ning
The mice go Clang
What a noisy place to belong
Is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!

Jack's Tale by Judith Nicholls

*Sun rises before me,
Dazzles pathless flight.
In the corner of each eye
Mists drift and fade,
Dissolve against a lightening sky;
The tops of oaks sprawl
Like giant undergrowth below.
I dare not pause to gaze,
I dare not fall!*

*Behind, as if in smoke,
The castle disappears.
My life is ruled by noise:
Heart drums inside my chest,
The giant thud of angry steps
Invades my ears.*

*Beneath one arm
A squirming weight of feathers,
Crooked between waist and elbow,
Squawks our whereabouts into the dawn,
Scratches tales of panic into flesh.
All thoughts are on escape;
All golden dreams have flown!*

*Ahead, at last,
Green stalks emerge from cloud
Then cobwebs downwards,
Stitching earth to sky.
I leap, grasp branches urgently
With outstretched hand;
Half-slide, half fall
To blessed earth below,
To blessed land.*

Another poem below!

Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand;
Long time the manxome foe he sought—
So rested he by the Tumtum tree
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.