

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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This year we have decided to pilot a new way of reporting to parents (year 1-6 pupils) which will be of greater benefit to the children's learning. We propose to complete a booklet with the children, which will celebrate their successes as well as identifying their current challenges. These can then be shared at the usual parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms - the documents will replace the termly report cards. Additionally, we will be having 'Open classrooms' when parents will be invited to come into school to share their children's learning with them.

Year 6 pupils will be presenting some of their successes to parents instead of the Spring 'Open classroom'. This should be a really positive experience and give a better insight into the way they learn.

An end of year report will be sent home, in the Summer, with information about where children's core learning sits against national standards. It will also include the usual attendance data and next learning challenges.

The teachers are keen to trial this method as it will mean greater pupil involvement. Children will identify what they most need to do to move their thinking forward and can better share with the adults who support them. It means that the reporting will be less formal, more productive with everyone involved.

If you have any queries or suggestions you are welcome to discuss this with your child's class teacher, in the first instance, or me.

Best wishes

*Fiona*

Fiona Mullett

## PTFA

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We are grateful to Lyndsay Bhattacharjee who has so capably Chaired the PTFA for the last two years. Her team has been magnificent and we feel very fortunate to have had their support. We know that they are continuing to help the school in many ways - thank you.

We are delighted to announce that Michelle Harradine and Vicky Lamek have offered to Co-Chair the PTFA this year. They bring with them some fresh ideas whilst continuing with many old favourite events.

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Worship Theme: Thankfulness

### Reception class for 2018

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Do let anyone know, if their child is born between 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> October **and close on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

These are made via West Sussex admissions: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 could not 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.

### Poppies for remembrance

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We have a box of poppies at the front of school, ready for 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please send your child in with a donation or buy your own.

### Nits!

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Please can you ensure that your child is free of head lice over the half-term holiday? We gather that they have made appearances on several of the children's heads. If you comb regularly, this can stop them spreading.

### Parking outside the village hall

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We ask that you remember to reverse park and avoid preventing access to the path, please. The reason for the reverse parking is that a small child is more likely to be visible if you are driving out of a space, rather than reversing.

Thank you for your help.

### Shoebox appeal

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Please could you encourage your children to sort their things during the half-term holiday? 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-shoebox/>

### Poetry Competition

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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.

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## 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 16.10.17		
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		
	?6.30pm	Rotary Club Concert, MRC
10.11.17	11 am	Remembrance at memorial
Week Beginning 13.11.17		
14.11.17	Pm/eve	Parent evening
16.11.17	Pm/eve	Parents evening
17.11.17	Eve	Open Mic
Week Beginning 20.11.17 -		
24.11.17	pm	Operation Christmas Child
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly - Rother (+Operation Christmas Child)
Week Beginning 27.11.17 Last week for most clubs		
Week Beginning 11.12.17 (Creative Christmas)		
15.12.17	3.45pm	'Christmas Journeys'
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	
9.2.17	Last day of half term	
12.2.17	Half term holiday	
19.2.17	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		
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)	
25.7.18	Summer holiday starts	

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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!

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!

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**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.

**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.

*More poems below!*

*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.

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