

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

As the tinsel and lights are now shining in many houses, I would like to express the staff's thanks for all the support from you this year. I hope that everyone has a wonderful break and the children return, in January, ready for an exciting Spring term of learning.

Happy Christmas!

Best wishes,

Fiona

Dress the Head day

I got off really lightly with my costume, thanks to Flora and her family – Super Head patrolled the school for the day! Some of the children were also dressed in great head gear to raise money for the School Council's charities. Thank you to all who were involved. Do look out for the article in the Petersfield Post.



Request for milk bottles with tops

Downlands and Warren classes are planning to do exciting things with plastic milk bottles in the new year! Please send them into school (any size) - washed, labels removed but with lids.

Gift and Wrap

Thank you to the PTFA for running another successful event with children buying gifts for their friends and family. This year, the wrapping was environmentally friendly too. An afternoon in which children were busy in classes as well as many doing their shopping!

Luncheon club

After the school Christmas lunch, we managed to take a group of very excited reception children and year 2s to sing to the guests at the Luncheon club. The general election prevented the usual costumed parade, as the lunch was delayed by a week, but children in 'jolly jumpers' joined the Luncheon club guests to share some of their nativity songs.

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Nativity

It was a joy to hear young children sing with such gusto on Friday! Even though the hall was packed to the gunnels as we had to change venue, it was lovely to have so many of you sharing the time with your children and encouraging them to do their best. I loved watching your faces – the children bring such pleasure when they share their enthusiasm

Thank you to the staff who worked with the children, especially Ros Stamper who masterminded it and Cathy Day for her work with the music. Everyone seemed to have fun!

Carol singing with Salvation Army

Unfortunately, due to emergency operations of their two leaders, the Salvation Army were unable to join us – they promise to return next year. As a result, a band of merry carol singers, from school, did their best without accompaniment. Apologies that I too was unwell so could not come. I hear, however, that the treats at the end were most welcome as everyone gathered in the front hall and the carolling was fun for participants and the audiences alike. Many thanks to the PTFA for providing the refreshments and for those who joined in.

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch was expertly prepared by Davina Claydon for the final time, on Wednesday. Sadly, she is moving on to pastures new, having worked for us for more than seven years. We will miss her – she is so kind with the children. She has been a key member of our team.

School Council request

Please remember to collect used stamps to send to CLIC Sargent – one of our charities this year. Red tubes can be found in several classrooms and the school office to put them in.

In the new year we will also ask that you send in crisp packets and pens for recycling.

Spotlight on safeguarding

This link may help with ways to keep your children safe with new toys and devices over Christmas:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=85b71ed798-TUK_GLOBAL_DECEMBER_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-85b71ed798-55389333

Reception Places

Parents of children, who are eligible to join next year's reception class (2020), can still apply for school places. The window for applications is open and **closes on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020.**

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Lunchtime staff

Do you know anyone who would love to work with our children during the lunch hour? An extra pair of hands each day would be most welcome! Should you know of someone, who might be suitable, please direct them to the school website for information. We would happily consider job-sharers – extra adults will enhance what we can do to make lunches enjoyable for the children.

Key dates for your diary

Holiday dates for 2019/2020	
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
20.07.20	INSET DAY
21.07.20 to 02.09.20	Summer holidays