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Harting Primary School Newsletter

Message from the Head

I hope that you and your families enjoyed being together over the half-term break in the sunshine. One thing I have come to realise is how precious time with family and friends is, especially during the pandemic.

The latter has made things so much more uncertain for us all. A sense of being in limbo when we cannot make plans. With this in mind, I ask that you are patient with us about arrangements for sports day and the events we would like to run. It seems that we cannot confirm these until much nearer to the time. I understand that this is particularly difficult to for working parents and those of you with other regular commitments. Apologies.

Take care.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Sports day

The format and arrangements for this are yet to be decided. Although we have arranged to use the cricket ground and Steve Walker is poised to mark lines for races, we are unsure whether regulations will allow us to run it.

We had planned to do something more traditional to avoid mixing class 'bubbles', as required by the DfE still, by simply running a range of races. We have therefore been preparing the children for this. At this stage, however, we may have to remain at school and do activities separately.

We apologise that it looks increasingly likely that we may have to do something just with the children, rather than have families joining us. Our preference would, of course, be to enjoy a time together. We will keep you posted as soon as decisions can be made.

Spotlight on safeguarding – getting to know what your child is doing online

Net Aware

The key to helping keep your child safe online is understanding more about what they are doing when using their devices. With so many games and apps your child will have some favourites and having regular, informed conversations about what they are doing when using them can help to manage risks they may face. The NSPCC have put together a great new activity to help you get to know your child's favourite sites, games and apps, what they like to use them for and key conversation tools.

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Parking

Reminder – please ensure that you park considerately at the end of the school day. We have had complaints, from our neighbours, that some parents are parking on the corner of the t-junction (opposite the school's front entrance) and they have shared images of vehicles on the corner of the pavement. This makes it difficult for cars to navigate and for local children to cross the road safely.

We appreciate that many of you are in a rush but ask that you consider the safety of others.

Beacon teacher

We are delighted to inform you that Kerrin Leeb has been offered the position of y5/6 class teacher, starting in September. She is moving to the area from London and has a significant amount of experience across the primary age range. She will be a welcome member of the Harting team.

Vacancies

Unfortunately, our recently appointed caretaker has decided that the role is not for him. We have therefore posted an advert for a replacement with a closing date of the beginning of next week. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know. The information is also on the website.

In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Rob Bray who has offered us a couple of hours each week so that regular health and safety checks continue to be completed.

An advertisement for Susan Broadhead's successor is also on our website. She will be with us until September but do point anyone who may have the right skills in our direction.

Equipment available

We have some Hitachi LCD Projectors (CP-AX2505), an A1 Integrated Amplifier (Model: A1 V3.0) and some audio speakers looking for new homes and are open to offers.

Should you be interested or would like further information, please contact Nicky Kemp (bursar@harting.w-sussex.sch.uk).

School attendance

Please avoid booking holidays in term time as we are unable to authorise such absences. The government expect all children to be back in school, when the school is open, so such absences risk penalty fines.

Key dates for your diary

Holiday dates for 2020/21	
25.6.21	Inset day
28.6.21	Inset day
26.7.21 – 2.9.21	Summer holiday
Holiday dates for 2021/22	
2.9.21	Inset day
3.9.21	Inset day
6.9.21	Start of term

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Events for summer term

We apologise if events are cancelled at any stage or differ to those in the past. We hope, however, that we can enjoy some time as a whole school community at some stage but ask that you strictly stick to our COVID rules, when we do!

There are other events being considered but we are cautiously dipping our toes into opening up! Many activities are yet to be confirmed. We hope you understand why!

TIMETABLE FOR SUMMER TERM EVENTS		
Week beginning 14.6.21		
14.6.21	Am	PTFA meeting (tbc)
16.6.21	8pm	New yR parents meeting via zoom
17.6.21	Pm	Beacon class – Rother Valley debate competition (via zoom)
Week beginning 21.6.21		
23.6.21	1.30pm (tbc)	Sports day – format to be decided!
24.6.21	Pm	New yR story time (zoom or Roundhouse – tbc)
25.6.21	All day	Inset day – no pupils in school
Week beginning 28.6.21		
28.6.21	All day	Inset day – no pupils in school
29.6.21	Pm	New YR story time (tbc)
30.6.21	Pm	Reserve sports day (if cancelled due to weather)
2.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops – Torberry/Downlands
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly (tbc – weather dependent): Torberry and Downlands classes
Week beginning 5.7.21		
5.7.21	All day	Bikeability y6
6.7.21	All day	Bikeability y6
7.7.21	All day	Bikeability y6
Week beginning 12.7.21		
12.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
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15.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
16.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops – Warren and Beacon classes
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly (tbc – weather dependent): Warren and Beacon
Week beginning 19.7.21		
19.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
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