

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head



It has been lovely to see children bringing in food items with pride. Thank you for all the donations for StonePillow. I hear that my assembly, about giving up something that you love, really struck a chord with many of our pupils.

In my case, it was a bag of flour (rather than chocolate) as I love baking and had bought some extra bags. Surprisingly, it really was the most difficult item to take from my cupboard.

Last week, it was wonderful to see children showing me what they had chosen from home. One child mentioned that they had chosen pears, used at home to create a delicious pudding – clearly a favourite! Another pupil wafted a tube of Pringles, in front of me, showing that he had chosen something special to him. I am delighted to see the children's generosity – thank you for supporting them.

As well as harvesting goods, we have also talked about giving in terms of sharing kindness and love towards others. At every level, we hope that our children learn to do this.

Best wishes,

Fiona

IT resources at home

Please ensure that you let the office have your response to the letter sent earlier in the week. It will help us plan for a further lockdown, should this happen in our area.

Free shop Friday

This is a venture to recycle food so that it can be shared with others. There may be additional places that do this but it has been restarted in Petersfield so that people can pick up extra groceries:

<https://www.neighbourly.com/project/5c87d6fec7ac891434a13c7b/information>

There is also a facebook page, if you are interested.

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Spotlight on safeguarding



Information from West Sussex:

'Please be aware of the site named Omegle. Omegle is a free social networking website in which users are connected with strangers so that they can chat via audio, video or texts.

The headline for Omegle is "Talk to strangers". Some children find chatting to different people online to be exciting and fun, but with this comes a high risk of users

encountering sexual content and other dangers such as grooming and sexual exploitation.'

An information booklet has been created to explain how it works and how to help keep children safe: [information booklet](#)

Relationships education

Although this was referred to in the Summer term, in light of the focus on COVID at the time, we felt it important that parents have an additional opportunity to consider our curriculum and be able to comment.

With this in mind, please do look at the information on the school's website:

- Relationships and sex education policy
(https://hartingcofe.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/1977)
- PSHE curriculum
(https://hartingcofe.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/144129)

RSE is taught within the personal, social, **health** and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the science curriculum. Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe
- Reproduction

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances, along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them.

As a church school, all aspects of our curriculum reflect the desire to respect others, rather than ascribing a theological slant to learning.

The PSHE curriculum route map, is being further reviewed by teachers in the next few weeks as we have included elements which may be less relevant to our children. If you wish to add your views, please do so by sending an email to the school office (entitled RSE) before 20.10.20.

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Rucksacks – to stay at home, please

We are discouraging children from bringing large bags to school as we need to minimise the volume of items going between homes and school. Book bags, lunchboxes and coats, should be sufficient.

With this in mind, we would urge you not to buy the rucksacks, available from our uniform supplier, unless they are for out of school use. We were unaware that these were being produced!

'Lift the baby'

This very short clip (less than two minutes) gives really valuable advice for safe sleep for babies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtdLc6MtOxo> It is for dads but the message is important, very brief and entertaining.

'View through the window'

This year, for obvious reasons, we won't be having a formal open afternoon. We are, however, welcoming parents to 'View through the window'.

If you know of any local families, who might be interested in joining the school, please encourage them to visit. They will be able to see the school, at work, from the outside but will need to make an appointment by email or phone (office@harting.w-sussex.sch.uk or 01730 825388)

Our catchment area includes Harting and surrounding villages but we are often able to accommodate children from further afield, including Petersfield and other Hampshire locations.

Reception places for academic year 2021-22

Families are no longer sent reminders to apply for reception places for their children. The window for applications is now open and closes on Friday, 15th January, 2021 for children born between 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017. This can be done online via West Sussex Admissions:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Should you need internet access or help, do contact the school office for support.

West Sussex Admissions team are also happy to advise: 03330 142903

Year 6 applications for secondary school

Applications for secondary school can be made from Monday, 7th September until mid-October. The closing date is **31st October**. Information on how to apply, from the West Sussex Admissions Team, will have been sent from the office this week. Do check your email account and look out for secondary school open evenings to help with you and your child make a decision.

School attendance

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

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Key dates for your diary

Holiday dates for 2020/21	
26.10.20-30.10.20	Autumn half term break
21.12.20-1.1.21	Christmas holiday
15.2.21 – 19.2.21	Spring half term break
2.4.21	Good Friday – school closed
5.4.21-16.4.21	Easter holiday
4.5.21	Inset day
31.5.21-4.6.21	Summer half term break
25.6.21	Inset day
26.7.21 – 2.9.21	Summer holiday
Further inset day	To be arranged – staff training (this may be in the Autumn term)

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

Teachers invite you to 'meet them' for an informal briefing about the year ahead – see times and dates below. Sharing assemblies are currently suspended due to COVID-19.

Events for Autumn term

Autumn term 2020		
Week Beginning 5.10.20		
<i>('View through the window school visits' - prospective parents to call school to arrange)</i>		
5.10.20	7pm	PTFA AGM - by zoom
6.10.20	pm	Rother Parents' eve
8.10.20	pm	Rother Parents' eve
9.10.20	All day	Y3 Forest School - Torberry group
Week Beginning 12.10.20		
16.10.20		Flu vaccine - whole school (nasal spray)
Week Beginning 19.10.20 (poetry week - choral presentations)		
23.10.20	2.30pm	Poetry assembly - as possible (no visitors, sorry)
	All day	Y3 Forest School - Torberry group
Week beginning 26.10.20 HALF TERM BREAK		

Other planned events, for the term, cannot yet be confirmed at this stage.

We apologise for not being able to give you the usual notice.

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