

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

As you can imagine, it has been very difficult to make decisions about whether events can go ahead or not. Last week, we had advice from the local authority telling us not to run sports days or bigger events followed by a missive, 15 minutes later, from the DfE stating that sports days could go ahead under certain constraints. There have been times when it seems too tricky to get my head around the best way to proceed!

On that note, I have decided to take each event as it comes and make the best decisions I possibly can. Please bear with us as we feel our way!

Take care.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Sports afternoon

Thank you to all of you who supported us and the children yesterday. We are really grateful for your patience with all the additional rules that we were required to put in place to comply with DfE regulations. At this point in the academic year, the last thing we want is to risk the community being affected by Covid so we appreciated your help with this.

Although it is hateful having to restrict access to families to the school, the children did enjoy the opportunity to have an audience, even though we were smaller numbers than we would like. We are glad to see those of you who could join us and brought your encouraging smiles.

My thanks go to Nigel Gardner who ran the event so deftly and the preparation it required.

Rother Valley Debate

Last Thursday afternoon, a team of children in Beacon class debated (via zoom):

This House believes that Queen Elizabeth II should be the last British monarch.

The team were well-prepared, having worked on arguments together as a whole class and presented the motion convincingly. They won their debate but not the competition. Nevertheless, we are proud of their achievement.

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Batafon – African dance workshops

Batafon have been coming to the school on alternate years since I was a teacher in Downlands, when I first invited them. Their workshops have been one of my favourite events. You are certain to be able to hear the drum beat from around the village during the day on the next couple of Fridays!!

We had hoped to be able to invite parents of children, in the two classes, to watch the children dance after their day's workshop together but it flouts current rules. Instead we thought we could do things twice so there are two audiences:

Friday, 2.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops – Torberry/Downlands Children in PE kit
	2.15pm	Sharing assembly: one carer from <u>Downlands</u> class (if raining, please bring umbrellas and stand 2m away from other parents on school field)
	2.45pm	Sharing assembly: one carer from <u>Torberry</u> class (if raining, please bring umbrellas and stand 2m away from other parents on school field)

Friday, 16.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops – Warren/Beacon Children in PE kit
	2.15pm	Sharing assembly: one carer from <u>Warren</u> class (if raining, please bring umbrellas and stand 2m away from other parents on school field)
	2.45pm	Sharing assembly: one carer from <u>Beacon</u> class (if raining, please bring umbrellas and stand 2m away from other parents on school field)

Class Photographs

The deadline for on-line ordering is next Wednesday 30th June. A link was sent by email to all parents on Monday 21st June, which permits you to view the photographs and place your order online.

Transition days

Some of the secondary schools have swapped their transition days to the last week of term, in light of the Covid restrictions. This in turn, has an impact on what we are able to do with the year 6 children that week – we will still try to make it special for them so please bear with us.

We are planning a service for the year 6 pupils at 9.15am, in the parish church, on the last day of term. Parents will be invited to join us but will be expected to seat at 2m distances in church. You are, however, warmly invited to attend.

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).

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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	
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

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 21.6.21		
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 (Roundhouse)
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Week beginning 5.7.21		
5.7.21	Am	Bikeability y6
6.7.21	Am	Bikeability y6
7.7.21	Am	Bikeability y6
8.7.21	Am	Bikeability y6
9.7.21	Am	Bikeability y6
Week beginning 12.7.21		
12.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
13.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
14.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
15.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)

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Week beginning 19.7.21		
19.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
20.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
21.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
22.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)

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