

Harting C. of E. Primary School



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Dear Parents

I wanted to share with you some good news. This week, Suzanne Fielder was offered the role of Assistant Head teacher, having been put through her paces at interview. She will, however, continue to be mainly classroom based with a little more release time for leadership work.

On another subject, some parents have understandably been asking if the 1 metre distance will affect our ability to take more children. Sadly, it won't, unless the government changes the guidance on group sizes – they currently have to be less than 15.

This week, we have had two members of staff off – one for self-isolation, which has proved no longer necessary, thanks to testing. The absences have highlighted how difficult it is for teaching staff to have, even the shortest of meal breaks, when there is one person off-site. Unless the government gives us the 'green light' to extend our group numbers, we are a bit 'stuck' with what we can provide for the children. This is not where we want to be.

Teachers, of the year groups who are still at home, continue to be in the classrooms full-time but are keen to keep in touch with the children. They will therefore try to give you and your child brief outline ideas, reflecting the teaching in school (of key workers' children in the same age range). This information will be sent via the class email.

We are keen for those children at home, whose families are not shielding, to visit us before the end of term. There is absolutely no pressure for your children to come in but an invitation will be sent out, again by email.

Our suggestion is that children join us for a short outside assembly in the Roundhouse; a chat with their teacher; and to bring a snack and drink. We'd also love them to share a piece of work, which has been done at home and makes them proud. Parents will be invited to pick the children up after 40 minutes. This will be instead of that week's online zoom meeting.

We hope that this will lift the spirits of some children, forced to stay at home. I am so aware that many of them are desperate to be with us and think that it may give everyone a bit of a boost – including us! We really miss everyone in our Harting 'family'.

Please reply to the invitation (when you receive it), **via the class email address**, so that we know there is sufficient interest to run the sessions. All being well, we look forward to seeing some of our 'absent' children soon, even if briefly.

Best wishes

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