

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Final message from the Head!

It is hard for me to believe that I have been at this school for 20 years and Head for seven! It has been a very special part of my life and I am grateful to all those who have supported me.

I leave with very mixed feelings but know that it is right for me as well as the school. It is time for someone else to bring their ideas so that it remains a vibrant, happy place where children continue to do well and flourish.

I consider myself very blessed to have had such a wonderful time working with the lovely Harting families and their children. I believe that God sent me here to do a task and I have strived to do it as well as I possibly can – always remembering that I am just part of the community and that my role was to consider what is best for the children.

For everyone, there will be changes in September. I wish happiness and success to you all and hope that I will hear of many of them, especially the children's achievements in life.

In the meantime, I thank you all for the privilege of being part of the Harting school family and wish you a lovely summer.

Take care.

Best wishes,

Fiona

## Classes from September

As you know, the children have spent a short time with their new class teachers, albeit outside and in bubbles. Attached is a flier for each class with information for your child. This may just help them to be prepared and feel less anxious about the changes ahead. They are called 'social stories' and it's good to read them over the holidays so the children have ownership of what's happening.

## Batafon – African dance workshops

On Friday, we were delighted to have Batafon back at school teaching the children African dance. As always, they gave the children a small insight into differences in cultures. Equally, they demonstrated what lovely people they are and that dance is fun!

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Worship Themes: 'Moving on'

### Free School Meals – summer activities

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If your child is eligible for free school meals because of your financial situation, this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/summer-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/> takes you to the information page. It lets you know of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme on offer from West Sussex County Council.

### Summer learning

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The Oak academy have created resources for home learning over the summer, which may be helpful. Some of them look really good: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/summer-learning-support>  
Again, children who do some learning in the holidays often keep skills rather than forgetting them.

### Summer reading challenge

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This summer's challenge set by West Sussex libraries is: [Wild World Heroes](#)  
Children can join the heroes of Wilderville, and their trusted animal companions, in saving the natural world. Once again, children are invited to read library books of their choice over the summer holidays and will receive rewards and incentives (yes, the scratch & sniff stickers are back!) for taking part.

The fun starts on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, in all [36 West Sussex libraries](#) and runs until Saturday 11 September.

Children who read during holidays continue to make progress whilst those who don't often slip backwards. It is worth trying this as a way to encourage more reluctant readers.

### Music lessons

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Our team of peripatetic teachers are able to offer private or group lessons from September and have a few spaces. They give lessons during the school day so please contact them directly for further information:

Violin (contact Helen Dromey: [h.dromey@chi.ac.uk](mailto:h.dromey@chi.ac.uk) )

Piano (contact Sandra Fowler Bennett: [sandrafowlerbennett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandrafowlerbennett@yahoo.co.uk))

Guitar (contact Jamie West: [jwest123@btconnect.com](mailto:jwest123@btconnect.com) He is able to source/loan a guitar if needed)

### Leavers service – y6 families only

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We look forward to welcoming y6 families to the Leavers' service tomorrow:

9.00 am: coffee

9.30 am: service

Please sit in family groups.

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### Help in the holidays

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West Sussex are keen to ensure that families are coping in the holidays and have set up this message on their Facebook pages. If things are really tough at home over the holiday, do make contact:

'Are you finding the summer holidays difficult? Do you need someone to talk to? If so please call the Integrated Front Door on 01403 229900 or email us at

[WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk) and tell us you would like a face to face summer offer appointment".

The Summer Offer will run from Monday 26th July to Friday 3rd September.'

### Mini-bus transport from Petersfield in mornings

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There may be the opportunity in the Autumn term to use the Harting mini-bus to transport children from Peterfield (leaving Tesco at 8.20am), depending on restrictions and the bus timetables. If you are interested in taking up this option, please express your interest to this email address: [rosieholmesis@gmail.com](mailto:rosieholmesis@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### School attendance

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Please avoid booking holidays in term time as we are unable to authorise such absences. The government expect all children to be 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	<b>Inset day</b>
3.9.21	<b>Inset day</b>
6.9.21	Start of term

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