

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

Happy new year!

Another term has begun and again there is plenty of exciting learning planned with several trips in the next few weeks. These include key stage two pupils going to an orchestral concert, led by the local conductor/composer Jonathan Willcocks. We are fortunate that he will be coming into school to teach the children the song that they will be singing, whilst attending.

Another musical trip will be later next week - a large group of older singers will be heading to O2 to be part of a huge children's choir. We are delighted that there is so much enthusiasm. The children have practised since early last term so it promises to be another amazing experience.

As well as our musical outings, Beacon class went off to the Ben Ainslie Centre where they looked at materials in the context of boat design – this was a really inspiring visit. Downlands class are due to visit Birdworld to link their topic of 'Frozen' with observations of penguins. It is anticipated that the trip to Marwell zoo next week, by Warren class, will enable the year one children to observe polar animals too. Torberry also hope to visit the zoo to look at African animals but later in the term.

There is plenty of other activity and learning planned. Do take time to look through the letter from the class teachers, informing you about the topics as we know that by building knowledge, children's learning progresses.

If you want further information about the school's curriculum do go to the school website where there are detailed plans.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Nativity

Although somewhat late to be writing about the time we enjoyed together with the key stage on children, I wanted to thank Ian Holloway for taking charming photos. See below:



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School photographs

We hear that some of the photos taken of the children, this time, were rather disappointing. For this, we apologise. We had been let down by the previous photographer so moved to the new provider in the hope that they would be really efficient. We have raised concerns with the company about some logistical issues so hope that things improve, especially as we are hopeful of a better photographer.

Whilst mentioning photos, we do not have permission to share photos of all children. For some there are significant safeguarding issues if this happens. Should you be on site or with a group we would therefore be grateful if you only take images of your own child and not forward to others.

School Council request

Please remember to collect used stamps to send to CLIC Sargent – one of our charities this year. Red tubes can be found in several classrooms and the school office to put them in.

Woodland Trust – tree planting

The school council review of how the children felt in school showed that the children don't like being seen from the footpath when under the roundhouse. The school council are happy to help plant a hedgerow. With this in mind, we approached the Woodland Trust and we are due to receive some free hedging. Are there any parents who would be able to help the children with planting? Please let the office know if you might be able to support us in this way.



Lunchtime staff

Do you know anyone who would love to work with our children during the lunch hour? An extra pair of hands each day would be most welcome! Should you know of someone, who might be suitable, please direct them to the school website for information. We would happily consider job-sharers – extra adults will enhance what we can do to make lunch times enjoyable for the children.

Spotlight on safeguarding

This site might prove useful to minimise your digital footprint and that of your child, which you may be inadvertently increasing:

www.getsafeonline.org/yourdigitalfootprint

The site, itself, may be of general use and has been recommended by the West Sussex Staying Safe Online team

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Key dates for your diary

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

Sharing assemblies are for all families to attend if they wish.

Events for Spring term

Spring term 2020	
Holiday dates for 2019/2020	
17.02.20 to 21.02.20	February Half Term
06.04.20 to 17.04.20	Easter Holidays
08.05.20	May Bank Holiday – FRIDAY
25.05.20 to 29.05.20	May Half Term
20.07.20	INSET DAY
21.07.20 to 02.09.20	Summer holidays

Week beginning 13.1.20		
13.1.20	9am	PTFA meeting
16.1.20	All day	Beacon trip
17.1.20	Eve	Open mic
Week Beginning 20.1.20		
20.1.20		Visiting student from Belgium joins school
21.1.20	pm	Children's orchestral concerts: Beacon/Torberry
23.1.20	All day	Warren trip
	All day	Young Voices
Week Beginning 27.1.20 (first week of most school-led clubs)		
31.1.20	2-3.45 pm	KS2 cross-country MRC
	pm	Y5 - Forest School starts (1)
	Eve	School disco (tbc)
Week Beginning 3.2.20 (Assessments) E-safety		
6.2.20		'Being an illustrator' - visitor
7.2.20	pm	Y5 - Forest School (2)
	2.30pm	Read to me (parents invited)
Week Beginning 10.2.20: Fairtrade week + Bikeability: y6		
11.2.20	pm	RV School Council at Harting
14.2.20	Pm	Y5 - Forest School (3)
Week beginning 17.2.20: half-term		
Week beginning 24.2.20		
24.2.20	Back to school	
25.2.20	Pm	Pupil conferences Beacon
28.2.20	2.30pm	Sharing assembly Beacon/Warren
	pm	Y5 - Forest school (4)
Week Beginning 2.3.20		
2.3.20	9am	PTFA meeting
3.3.20	pm	Late parents' eve + Pupil conferences Beacon
4.3.20	Pm	Early Parents' eve + Pupil conferences Beacon from 3pm
5.3.20		World book day: Minibeasts (children dress up as any character from a book about 'minibeasts')
6.3.20	2-3.45pm	Y5/6 Tag rugby MRC
	pm	Y5 - Forest School (5)
Week Beginning 9.3.20		
13.3.20	pm	Y5 - Forest school (6)
	Eve	Open mic

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Week beginning 16.3.20		
16.3.20	pm	RV debate tbc
	pm	Y5 - Forest school (7): curriculum linked
20.3.20	pm	Y5 - Last Forest school cook-out (8)
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly Rother/Downlands/Torberry
Week Beginning 23.3.20 (last week of school led clubs)		
27.3.20	10.00-2.00	RV Dance rehearsal
	Eve	RV arts festival
Week Beginning 30.3.20		
3.4.20	11am	Easter service (Congregational church)
		Last day of Spring term
6.4.20	Easter holiday	

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