

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Head

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We are excited at the thought of a whole term with the children in school and hope that we can share some events with you, albeit within the restrictions imposed by COVID.

The teachers have carefully planned topics to inspire rich learning and engage the children in all aspects of the curriculum. The website houses information about the curriculum but broadly speaking the topics for each class are:

Rother: 'Healthy Me'

Warren: 'Through the Keyhole and into the Woods'

Downlands: 'Down on the Farm'

Torberry: 'Water under the Bridge'

Beacon: 'Sustainability and Climate Change'

By building on children's knowledge, we know that this enables them to further their thinking, build a memory bank and progress their skills. We hope that it excites them too!

I wish everyone a very happy term and hope that we are able to complete it without a hiccup!

Best wishes,

*Fiona*

## Midhurst Rother College's Head boy

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Just before the Easter break we had the loveliest of phone calls to the school. Samuel Rump, a former pupil, has become the Head boy at Midhurst Rother College. His family believe that the foundations of his success lie, in part, with his early education at Harting. We are delighted for him and for his family. It is lovely to be able to share his news!

## Headteacher recruitment

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The governing body has been working hard to ensure that they find an excellent new headteacher for the school. They have therefore spent two days this week, alongside the Local Authority and Diocesan Education Senior Advisors interviewing. Several candidates were selected, from a strong pool of applicants, and have been put through their paces in school. When I saw the interview timetable last week, I remembered what an arduous process it is and was glad that it was not me!

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Next week, following final paperwork, the governors expect to be able to share who they have selected. At this stage, it is sufficient to say that they have successfully chosen the new headteacher and are looking forward to hearing the news.

### Federation information

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Over the past year or so, the governing body and the schools' head teachers have continued to work in the background to establish strong links with Stedham School, meeting regularly via zoom. We are now at a point when we will be consulting with the two communities about a more formal 'hard' federation.

You should have received a letter today and information about the federation has been posted on both school's websites. Parents are invited to consultation meetings so they are fully informed. There is a useful question and answer document which may address any concerns but the opportunity to discuss further queries will be possible via the meetings or email.

To access the documents, please go the school's website: <https://www.harting.w-sussex.sch.uk/website> . A tab entitled, 'Federation with Stedham Primary' is situated at the top of the home page, which houses the information.

Following the consultation meetings, the survey link will also be displayed on the school's website so that views can be shared.

### Welcome

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We are pleased to inform you that Torie Morley has joined the staff, working in Warren class with Suzanne Fielder. She has already worked in a school, as a teacher, and has plenty of other experience with children, having spent much time at Cobnor Activity Centre – the location of our Autumn residential, COVID permitting!

Charlie Blackwood is also joining us as a caretaker and has started work today. Again, we are delighted to have another valuable member of the Harting team to support the work of the school.

### Another staff departure

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Like me, Susan Broadhead is getting old! Although she doesn't look nearly my age, she is! On this basis, she and her husband have been planning to retire in the Autumn so she too will be leaving Harting School at the end of this term.

Sue works tirelessly in such a calm way and she has 'held my hand' since my early days as Head. She also works as clerk to our governors and is modesty itself working quietly to ensure that the admin runs smoothly within school. She will very much be missed.

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### Parents' evenings – signing up

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We will be offering parents' evenings, as promised, early this term. These will be via zoom the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Please use the sign-up sheets on the outside of class doors.

### Inset days

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Please check that you have noted this term's inset days in your diaries. We have one after the May bank holiday and, as this is via zoom with other schools, we are unlikely to be able to scoop up the odd waif should they mistakenly arrive at school when it is closed!

There are an additional two days around a weekend, which were set many months ago in the hope that it might allow families some time to do some things together. They fall after 21<sup>st</sup> June so there is hope that family days out might be possible!

### PTFA

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There is a PTFA meeting at 9am on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Depending on numbers it will be on zoom or in the Roundhouse. Please contact Michelle Carter ([thekeeperssister@yahoo.com](mailto:thekeeperssister@yahoo.com)) to let her know if you are able to attend by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

### 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 back in school, when the school is open, so such absences risk penalty fines.

Key dates for your diary

Holiday dates for 2020/21	
3.5.21	Bank holiday Monday
4.5.21	Inset day
31.5.21-4.6.21	Summer half term break
25.6.21	Inset day
28.6.21	Inset day
26.7.21 – 2.9.21	Summer holiday

### **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 26.4.21		
26.4.21	9am	PTFA (by zoom - tbc)
Week beginning 3.5.21 - parents evenings (sign-up sheets on class doors)		

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Week beginning 10.5.21		
11.5.21	Pm	Y6 health screening (NHS)
11.5.21	8 pm (zoom)	Federation consultation meeting for Harting community (same content as 13.5.21)
13.5.21	8pm (zoom)	Federation consultation meeting for Harting and Stedham communities (same content as 11.5.21)
14.5.21	All day	Y1 Forest School drop off at Elsted
Week beginning 17.5.21		
21.5.21	All day	Y1 Forest School drop off at Elsted
Week beginning 24.5.21		
28.5.21	Reserve day	Y1 Forest School (tbc) drop off at Elsted (reserve day if weather causes cancellation)
Week beginning 14.6.21		
14.6.21	Am	PTFA meeting (tbc)
16.6.21	8pm	New yR parents meeting via zoom (tbc)
17.6.21	Pm	Beacon class - Rother Valley debate competition (via zoom)
Week beginning 21.6.21		
23.6.21	1.30pm (tbc)	Sports day (tbc) - format to be decided!
24.6.21	Pm	New yR storytime (zoom or Roundhouse - tbc)
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 storytime (tbc)
30.6.21	Pm	Reserve sports day (if cancelled due to weather)
2.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops - Torberry/Downlands
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly (tbc - weather dependent): Torberry and Downlands classes
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)
16.7.21	All day	Batafon dance workshops - Warren and Beacon classes
	2.30pm	Sharing assembly (tbc - weather dependent): Warren and Beacon
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)

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21.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (parents to drop off at pool for some groups)
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