

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Head

As we move to the end of the year, we are delighted to have been able to share a few events with the wider school community. Parents have always been welcome here and, at last, we have been able to invite you (albeit under strict rules). It has been a great pleasure to see you at the school.

This week, our plans are for the children to meet their new teachers, even if it is a bit more superficial than our normal afternoon's lessons. We hope that the thought of their new classes is made exciting by doing this.

We are aware that the other changes ahead, with a new Head and Federation, may be daunting for the school community. I believe, however, that it is in safe hands and the governors and Nick Tidey can be trusted to steer it well and build on what is already good.

Take care.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Classes from September

As always, the teaching staff have spent much time considering the children's relationships, their maturity, age and personalities with the aim that they will have a happy year in their new class groupings. We are pleased to be able to keep more whole year groups together and it will be just y3 which will be split. If your child is in this year group, we will let you know which class we think is best for them.

These are the plans for the classes for the academic year 2021-22:

Class	Rother	Warren	Downlands	Torberry	Beacon
Year group	Reception	Y1	Y2/3	Y3/4	Y5/6
Teaching staff	Mrs Clarke Miss Tonkyn Mrs Upfold	Mrs Fielder Miss F	Mrs Kay Mrs Lockrose Mr Day	Miss O'Dea Mrs Truman	Miss Leeb Mrs Robertson (Mrs Truman)

On Friday afternoon, we are planning for the children to meet their teachers and classmates but this is likely to be outside. It will be a short session and we will endeavour to keep bubbles socially distanced.

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Relationships curriculum

Last year, the children missed learning so we intend in the next week to cover the sex and relationships curriculum of their previous year group as well as this year's. For further information about what is taught can be found on the school website: <https://www.harting.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/curriculum/144129>

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!



Information about the next workshop and potential performances:

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)

Summer learning

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 their skills rather than forgetting them.

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Summer reading challenge

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.

It starts on Saturday 10th 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

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)

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

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

Safety

Sorry to seem to have to nag but we are increasingly having messages from concerned parents, drivers and neighbours about how children are being dropped off at the **T-junction opposite school**. Please be mindful of others' and your own safety and **avoid using this space to park or pause**. We have had a range of photos sent to us illustrating the risks.

It would be good to ensure that we keep the children safe by allowing a little more time at the ends of the school day to park and walk, rather than pause in the road. Thank you for your help with this.

Spotlight on safeguarding – parent support

Information from WSCC staying safe online:

"With children spending more time online than ever before, it can be a huge challenge for parents & carers to keep up to date and know how to implement parental controls and privacy settings to help keep their children safe. On hand to offer friendly help and support, a team of Library Digital Volunteers are now offering a remote support for basic digital safety enquiries and can talk you through how to set up privacy settings and parental controls on a range of apps and devices.

To get in touch with this FREE service, please phone 0330 222 3455 or email your name, phone number and a brief description of the help needed to library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk. For regular information about how to stay safe online sign up to the staying safeonline e-newsletter, please visit the [WSCC Staying Safe Online webpage](#) to register."

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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 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 – first day for children

Events for summer term

We apologise if events are cancelled at any stage or differ to those in the past. We ask that you strictly stick to our COVID rules, when we are able to run activities!

Week beginning 12.7.21		
12.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (Torberry parents to drop off at pool 8.45am)
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Week beginning 19.7.21		
19.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (Torberry parents to drop off at pool 8.45am)
	All day +	Y6 Forest School + sleepover
20.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (Torberry parents to drop off at pool 8.45am)
21.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (Torberry parents to drop off at pool 8.45am)
22.7.21	am	Swimming y3/4 (Torberry parents to drop off at pool 8.45am)
23.7.21		No swimming Last day of term
	9am	Y6 parents coffee at church
	9.30am	Y6 Leavers' service in church

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