



# Harting C of E Primary School Newsletter



**Bumper Spring Issue – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Value of the Month: Forgiveness**

This term has been as action-packed as ever, with clubs, events, trips, workshops and the constant hum and buzz of the daily life of this gem of a school in the South Downs. We hope you enjoy sharing this with your children and that their memories are as happy and warm as ours are.

The team would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and reflective Easter break. We all very much look forward to welcoming you back on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The Saint Francis Hedgehog Rescue centre enchanted us with their visit earlier this term. Each class met a hedgehog and learned all about their daily habits and lives. We were so thrilled to learn that one of the newly-rescued hedgehogs has been named after one of our pupils whose name begins with the letter 'H'. You'll have to guess who?!



Rowan Class have, finally, been able to enjoy Forest School! Camp building, whittling, learning about nature and, of course, hot chocolate, have been enjoyed by all. Thank you to Debs and Murray, our Forest School leaders, and to the wonderful Mrs Truman for being such a terrific Friday team.



With the expert support of Mrs Woodford, Oak Class performed a very impressive and moving World War 2 Assembly and Chestnut Class performed poems to a packed hall of parents and children doing a brilliant job of bringing poetry to life with laughter, clarity and skeletons!



Year 6 also took part in the annual Bikeability training in the last week of term, and learned more about staying safe on the road and cycling with increased proficiency

Wild Flower week was celebrated with an Assembly with human bees, butterflies, trees, ladybird and a flowerpot! There was a wild flower seed giveaway and crafting sessions led by the Harting CAN team, and parents led by Katherine Hewetson. We all learned a lot, and very much hope your wild flower seeds are planted and grow well! Thank you to Alitex for providing the seeds.



Years 3 & 5 enjoyed the Midhurst Rother College All Sing events where local schools come together to sing and celebrate music.



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David Njapit, a Kenyan Masai Guide, came to give the school an entertaining and fascinating talk about his life, his work and the place he grew up and lives. The children were captivated and thanked him with a Harting School card, gift and huge round of applause. Thank you to the parents who suggested that he may be able to visit.



We were very proud to fill up the Chichester District Foodbank basket, which has been in our Foyer this half term. Marie Wallace, of the Foodbank, has asked us to pass on a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the families who were able to donate



A huge thank you to Tamsin Cormack for making our Library the vibrant and organised place it is, and for raising the profile of reading and books across the school through the Scholastic Book Fairs and the KS2 Book Club. Each Class has been able to buy £200 worth of new books for their classes with the money raised from the Fairs. It has been a lovely activity for each Class Teacher to choose them!



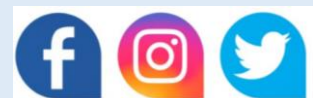
Oak Class had a wonderful windy day at Fort Nelson to enhance their curriculum topic about WW2. A very popular and exceptionally interesting trip for pupils. Mrs Robertson and Ms Leeb had a wonderful day with Year 6, and were proud as punch when the Fort Nelson team said what a brilliant visit it had been for them too.

The School Easter Service on Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, led by Reverend Linda Huggett at the Harting Congregational Church was filled with hymns and prayers ahead of the Easter Weekend. Thank you to Linda for her fortnightly prayerful Assemblies too.

We loved celebrating Red Nose Day with you all! That hilarious Mini-Marathon, the well-attended coffee morning, the jokes and wigs and laughter throughout the day, with a total of over **£2000** raised for Comic Relief. Thank you for joining in with all of it!



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The displays around the school are frequently commented on by all our visitors. Mrs Upfold is responsible for many of them and we are so lucky to have her artistic eye, energy and talent in producing so many creative, caring and child-centred displays.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome new families and children who have joined us at Harting School this term. We are delighted that you are now a part of this happy and inclusive community.

Our KS2 teams have taken part in Tag Rugby and Netball Tournaments this term. We are always so admiring and proud of their talent, skills and attitude of fair play. Well done to everyone who represents Harting School.

The FOHS are such a support to the school and we thank them for all they do for us with parent volunteers, cake sales, fundraising, and support with events every term.

The MRC Enrichment programme continues to provide our KS2 children with opportunities to spend a day furthering and extending their knowledge of curriculum subjects as well as trying out some new skills. The children enjoy this programme and we are glad to be such an active participant in the offers made to local Primary Schools.

Miss Gillbard and Jenny McLaughlan have combined forces to tend to our chickens every morning and evening. We thank them both for their all-weather care. The chickens are producing lots of eggs, so are clearly very happy!

Our Year 6 & 5 School Councillors were invited to join the Rother Valley School Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March to expand their experience of leadership. They both represented the school admirably.

The end of term Rocksteady Concert was, as ever, energetic, cool and very loud! Congratulations to all our budding Rock Stars, and to the Rocksteady leaders for their enthusiasm.

Mr Day has taken up the mantle of Brass Band Leader, and the Year 5&6s are producing the most wonderful, rhythmic and diverse music under his expert tuition and care

Piano and Guitar continue to be taught across the school. The smiles and progress from the students who learn piano and guitar are a joy to see. Thank you to Mrs Fowler-Bennett and Mr

We have continued to provide a wide and varied Teacher-led Club offer after school this whole term, and the Clubs get booked up very quickly. Mrs Fielder's Choir grows in strength and sound week by week; Ms Leeb's Photography Club have learned so much about cameras and taking photos; Mrs Perry is designing a beautiful Harting School Mural with her Art Club; Mr Day's table-top role play club have been pursuing adventures all term; Ms Horrex and Mrs Clarke have started teaching Netball skills; Miss Tonkyn's Cookery Club produced the most delicious treats; and Miss Lloyd's KS2 Dance Club put on a show with an excerpt from Grease!



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