

Harting Primary School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Having reached the end of the first week back at school, I wanted to extend my gratitude to all parents, carers, children and staff for having welcomed me into the Harting community with such wide open arms. I could not have imagined a better way to have begun my time here at Harting and am feeling very optimistic for the year ahead.

All of the staff have been so impressed by the children's level of enthusiasm for learning and being back in school. Each day has been filled with very happy and enthusiastic learners who cannot wait to get back into the classroom. Well done everyone!

As well as ensuring all children are settled back into the school routine, this week staff have been working hard at reviewing and preparing resources to begin the teaching of phonics with a new scheme called Bug Club. This is a government approved, systemic synthetic phonics scheme that will further enhance the quality of the teaching of early reading in the school. Further information will be sent out to specific classes in the coming weeks. However, if you have any questions regarding this please speak to your child's class teacher at pick up or drop off.

As I mentioned in my communication earlier this week, to enable me to gain a thorough understanding of Harting Primary, in the coming weeks I will be sending out questionnaires to all children, and parents. When completing these, please be as honest as possible as this will only further improve my understanding of Harting and the strategic direction in which the school needs to be led.

This weekend Beacon class will be packing their bags in preparation for their residential next week. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them an enjoyable time away and will look forward to hearing the many exciting tales they will have upon their return.

As always, if you have any questions or queries then please either speak to me on the playground or contact the school office.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Tidey

Welcome to new members of the Harting school community.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome a number of new children across the school to the Harting community. On Thursday this week the PTFA held a coffee morning for the parents of our new Rother class where it was lovely to get to meet so many new faces.

In addition to new children, I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome the following staff members to the team:

- Kerrin Leeb, our new teacher in Beacon Class
- Polly Woodford, our new office administrator and clerk to governors
- Richard Parr, our new caretaker

As we welcome the new members of the community to our school, we are also saying goodbye to one of our teaching assistants - Miss Chloe Fielder. Very excitingly, Miss Fielder is moving on to begin her teacher training. We thank her for all of her hard work here at Harting School and, although she will be greatly missed, wish her the very best of luck in her career.

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'Love others as yourself'**

Homework

This week the teachers met to discuss the provision for homework this term. Following our conversations all children will be receiving homework by the end of next week. This is with the exception of Beacon class, who due to being on residential, will begin to receive theirs the week beginning 20th September.

Clubs

As you will be aware, although we have been able to relax a number of COVID-19 restriction when the children are using the outdoor environment, the time children spend inside is still done so in bubbles. For this reason, the clubs that we are able to offer this half term will be run in class bubbles only. Further information of your child's class club will be shared next week with them commencing in the week beginning Monday 20th September 2021.

Free School Meals

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all families who are eligible for free school meals to sign up to this funding support by following this link and completing the form <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> If you are unsure if you are eligible, you can use the eligibility checking tool on this website..

Music lessons

As I am sure you will be aware our team of peripatetic music teachers are currently able to offer music lessons on piano, violin and guitar.

Violin: Please contact Helen Dromey: h.dromey@chi.ac.uk

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

Guitar: We have just been informed that our guitar teacher, Jamie West, has kindly offered to provide a free trial guitar lesson to any children who may be interested in taking lessons. Please contact Jamie directly on jwest123@btconnect.com

Open Mic Night at the Roundhouse

A significant time has passed since the open mic nights on the roundhouse have been able to take place. I am now pleased to be able to announce that these will recommence every other month beginning Friday 17th September. This will see an array of local musical talent coming together in a relaxed evening of music. This event is run by Jamie West our guitar teacher and I am sure he will hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Mini-bus transport from Petersfield in mornings

We are very fortunate that there is a volunteer run Harting minibus service that runs between Harting and Petersfield that may be able to recommence bringing Harting pupils from Petersfield to Harting in the mornings. The minibus would leave the large Tesco in Petersfield at 8.15 each morning and be a weekly cost of £5.

Please email any questions or expressions of interest to rosieholmes@gmail.com ASAP or by Friday 17th September at the latest.

Inset Days

I am currently in the process of finalising the remaining inset days for this year and will share this will you all once confirmed.

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