



Harting C. of E. Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am aware that it has been a little while since I last updated you all on the development of the school and the many exciting things that we are working on both with, and for our children. I hope that this letter gives you a clear picture of where we are on our exciting journey and some of what is still to come.

Our New Vision

At the end of the 2021/2022 academic year I sought your views on what you all hope for the school to be for your children. This survey was part of a much larger piece of work that I was carrying out with all stakeholders in renewing the school's vision.

A vision statement is what underpins every element of school life and all choices made in relation to developing and strengthening the school further. This sits at the heart of the school and at the heart of each and every one of our community.

From the feedback received from parents, pupils, staff, local community and governors we have now been able to write a vision, underpinned by Christian values, which we feel reflects the incredibly special place that Harting Primary School is.

Our Motto

Loving to Learn, Learning to Love
'Love others as self'
(Matthew 22:34-40)

Our Vision

Guided by our Christian values we motivate and inspire our community's love of learning through fostering a curiosity of the world around them, developing resilient and enthusiastic lifelong learners. In our ever changing world we aim to equip everyone with skills to continue on their individual journeys of discovery, enabling all to flourish and live life in all its fullness.

"I came that they might have life in all its fullness"
(John 10:10)

This vision is what will drive all future changes and developments at the school and what will guide us as we continue on our exciting journey as a wonderful community.

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School Council

During the autumn term school council worked closely with each class to conduct surveys of children's views about school and how they felt their experience of reading and lunchtime could be further improved. Following the gathering of this information, school council presented their findings to me. This then led to the purchase of a significant amount of new play equipment as well as the introduction of the Harting Reading Café in the library at lunchtime.

• Giant Trampoline	• 4 new tuft trays
• Giant Jenga	• A gymnastics set
• Frisbee challenge Net	• A playground ball and activity set
• Giant connect 4	• A balance beam
• Giant snakes and ladders	• New footballs

Year 6 Play Leaders

To support in the new equipment being used most effectively, we have also introduced a new 'Play Leader' system. This has seen a group of Year 6 children be trained as play leaders who now lead on specific activities each day during lunch time. (The trampoline is supervised by an adult!).

We have been so impressed with how they have all risen to the challenge of being leaders and the incredibly positive impact this had had on the children's lunch time experience

Collective Worship

Collective worship is the unique heartbeat of a Church of England School and is offered as part of the wider opportunity for pupils and adults to encounter faith by engaging in conversations about God and having time to reflect on their own lives.

This term we are having a focus on raising the children's awareness of this time to ensure that it is as impactful on their understanding and awareness of the world around them as possible. During these times, irrespective of background of belief, children are encouraged to be respectful and take time to reflect on their own lives and thoughts. Each of our acts of collective worship link to one of our Christian values and is led by either the class teacher, Rev Harriet, Linda Huggett or myself.

Next week we look forward to welcoming our advisor from the dioceses of Chichester who will be visiting to conduct a review of collective worship with me.

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West Sussex Visits

This half term we have also already had a monitoring visit from West Sussex. These visits are aimed at reviewing the progress the school has made against its yearly development plan and since our last inspection. This is done through holding discussions and professional conversations around actions taken and future plans for the school with leaders at all levels.

The first of these visits took place at the end of last week with West Sussex visiting the school on Friday morning. This was an extremely positive visit with the team impressed to see just how much has been developed, changed and introduced since summer 2022 and the impact this is having on the children's education.

Harting Coronation Water Garden

Over the past 6 weeks we have been working closely with the Harting Horticultural Society, Harting Climate Action Network and Parish Council on a project to redevelop our pond area into a Harting Coronation Water Garden to commemorate the King's coronation in May. This project is going through its final stages of approval with dates for the work to be set imminently.

To support with this incredible project, we are in need to a number of volunteers to help with building the garden and transforming it into a resources to be used by all. Please do look out for further correspondence around this in the coming weeks.

As you can see it really has been a very productive few months here at Harting with the school continuing to undergo a dramatic transformation in all aspects of school life.

In the next few days we will be sending out a parent survey to gather your views on the school. Please do be as detailed and honest in this feedback as possible as this will only help us in continuing to strengthen the school for our children and community.

If you have any questions as always please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher or myself.

With my very best wishes,
Mr Tidey

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