



Harting C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Value of the Month: Peace

I am writing today following the most wonderful afternoon had by all at our 2024 Sports Day. This saw an afternoon filled with the most fabulous atmosphere, with children and adults providing excellent support and encouragement to all. We were so impressed by the level of sportsmanship seen across the school from all children. It was an absolute joy to see children of all ages and from across all four houses working together in such a supportive way.

I would like to extend a huge well done to all of our houses, with a very special congratulations to Blue House who were our overall winners this year!

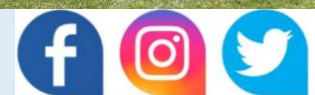
I would also like to take this time to extend our thanks to our wonderful Friends of Harting School who provided delicious refreshments for us all across the afternoon.

With us now approaching the final few weeks of this academic year, please do check the key dates of events outlined below. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers join us in these end of year celebrations.

With my very best wishes,
Mr Tidey



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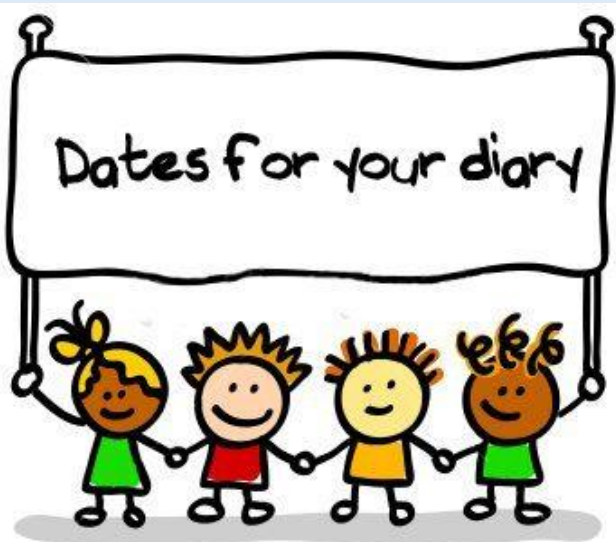




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Dates for Your Diary

- 19th June: House Rounders Competition
- 20th June: Year 6/5 Rother Valley Football Tournament
- 21st June: Bottle Mufti Day
- 24th June: Year 6 Leavers Service Chichester Cathedral
- 27th June: Engineers of the Future Day at Churchers College (Team from KS2)
- 29th June: Summer Family Fun Day
- 2nd July: Proms in the Playground
- 4th July: Acorn Trip to Lordington Lavender Farm
- 11th July: Willow Trip to Fort Nelson
- 11th July: Coronation Garden Open Afternoon
- 12th July: Year 6 School Council to Chichester Council Chambers
- 12th July: Rowan Class to Forest School (catch-up session)
- 18th July: Year 6 Sleepover
- 19th July: Year 6 Hawaiian BBQ
- 22nd July: Year 6 Leavers Service with whole school at Harting Parish Church

23rd July: End of Term



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.



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