



Harting C of E Primary School Newsletter



Issue III – 15th December 2023
Value of the Month: Love

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly successful term here at Harting, I wanted to take this opportunity to give thanks to every member of our community. Across this term we have been humbled by the level of support and commitment that has been shown towards the school by children, staff, parents, families and both the local and wider community. When I am asked what makes Harting the very special school that it is, I firmly believe that it is the love and respect that is shown towards the school by all.

Feedback to the school is always very much welcomed. Recently the school received these words, which we want to share with you all:
'Harting School is inspiring, nurturing and full of love... exactly what every child needs to thrive'.

On behalf of the Harting Team, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.
We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Mr Tidey
Headteacher



Christingle

Yesterday saw the whole school attend St Mary and St Gabriel Church for our Christingle service. It was heart-warming to see so many parents and local residents attend our service. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that made this very special event possible this year.



Christmas Fair 2023

On the 8th December, we held our annual Christmas Fair, organised by The Friends of Harting School (FOHS) Christmas. This year, in addition to a fabulous selection of stalls, games food and drink, we were treated to an array of performances from our Nativity Singers, School Choir, KS1 Dance Club and Year 5 and 6 Brass Bands.

The FOHS are delighted to announce that we raised a huge £2,159.54 at the Christmas Fair. Thank you all so much for your support. A special thank you to those who made it such a success - Ruth Gibbons for managing the event, Jo Clough for organising the raffle and Jen Middlehurst and her boys for donating both their time and the delicious hotdogs! Thank you all and have a wonderful Christmas. The Friends of Harting School.



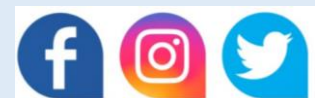
Support for Families from the Fetherstonehaugh Charity

The Trustees of the Fetherstonehaugh Charity, set up in 1935 to distribute funds within the Parish of Harting, can be contacted directly by families who might want to apply for support. Please be in touch with Linda Huggett for more information on

l_n_dhugs@btinternet or 01798 343299.



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Our School Library

There was much excitement when the West Sussex Mobile Library Service came to visit! The children chose 100 new books for our refurbished school library. We raised over £500 of book tokens from the Scholastic Book Fair on 21st November to spend in the Library too. A huge thank you to Tamsin Cormack for organising this very popular event.



Carols at the South Harting Village Christmas Lunch

Yesterday Year 6 were invited to sing at the South Harting Village Christmas Lunch. They were delighted to be invited, loved singing to such a wonderful audience and had the best of times.



Inter-house Football Tournament

In November, our four houses took part in our very own Inter House football competition. This saw each of our houses being expertly led by their elected house captains. We were so impressed with the teamwork demonstrated and the support that was provided to all of the teams.

However, we must say a huge congratulations to Yellow house who emerged victorious! We are now beginning to prepare for our next Inter House competition, which will see the children taking part in a quiz next half term.

Climbing Frame

We have very exciting news about our much loved climbing frame. Working closely with our school council we have designed a new trim trail to be installed on the playground in 2024. This will see our much-used monkey bars being built into a completely newly designed play area which is going to ensure that every child is able to access the equipment each day.

We cannot wait for the grand opening after Easter!



Children in Need

This year, through your generosity, Harting raised **£153** for Children in Need.

Poppy Appeal

The local Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal coordinator has asked us to say a huge thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal at school. We raised over **£160** this year. Well done to our Year 6 collectors too.



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Christmas Piano Recital

As part of our build up to Christmas, and celebration of the Autumn Term, this week saw our piano students providing the community with the most wonderful Christmas Piano Recital. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining us and celebrating such progress across the school.



Wriggly Nativity!

On Wednesday of this week our Acorn and Willow class (reception and Year 1) put on an amazing performance of the Wriggly Nativity. The School Hall was filled to bursting with parents, and not a dry eye in the house! A huge well done to all of our children for their fabulous performance.



Rother Valley Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament

Earlier this half term our two hockey teams competed in the Rother Valley Hockey Tournament. We were incredibly impressed by the level of skill and team work shown by all of our players. One of our teams played 5, won 3, drew 1 and lost 1 - narrowly missing out on the final. A huge well done to everyone involved!



Rocksteady Christmas Concert

This year the start to our festivities saw our Rocksteady pupils delivering a very festive rock concert for the school community. Children from Reception to Year 6, who have been rehearsing all term, wowed us with their performance, dynamism and musical rock skills and talent!



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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