

# Harting Primary School Newsletter



## Message from the Headteacher

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This week has been yet another fabulous journey of learning for children across the school. It has been a real pleasure to be able to get to know so many more members of the community this week, and also to see just how much effort the children of Harting CofE Primary School put into everything they do. I have been extremely impressed!

In particular I have to mention the wonderful Beacon Class who have been on a Residential Trip this week. I had the pleasure of being able to join them for the day yesterday and I can honestly say they have had the most fabulous few days away together. This week they have been kayaking, canoeing, climbing, raft building, arching to name just a few activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for being such excellent ambassadors for the school. We have had praise from a number of staff at Cobnor who could not speak more highly of them.

As with the start of every school year, there is always a lot of information for everyone to take onboard. For this reason I wanted to publish an additional newsletter this week to ensure everyone is able to keep up-to-date with developments in school and new procedures that have been implemented. However, the newsletter will now return to being published every other week.

Please remember, if you have any questions or queries then please either speak to me in the playground or contact the school office.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

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## Safeguarding Procedures

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Safeguarding is a strength here at Harting, however as with everything there are always areas in which we can adapt and improve further. It is for this reason that you will begin to notice that in addition to visitors, staff will now also be wearing lanyards with their names and roles visible. Most staff will be wearing a blue lanyard which shows they are staff in the school. However, Mrs Fielder and I will be wearing orange lanyards which indicate that I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Fielder is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. In addition to this, all visitors will continue to wear a clearly labelled lanyard at all times.

## Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

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As many of you already know the school has now officially joined both Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram. We will be using these services as a platform to share news and updates with the community and beyond. To follow us please search for the following:

Facebook: @hartingprimary

Instagram: @hartingprimary

Twitter: @harting\_primary

The more followers we get, the more successful this method of communication will be. Please do spread the word so that we can make everyone aware of just how brilliant Harting really is!

**Key Harting values: love and respect  
'Love others as yourself'**

### Christian Values Project

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This week I introduced a new project to the children linked to Christian Values. This has seen the children exploring the meaning of the following values: endurance, forgiveness, compassion, hope, humility, love, peace, respect, thankfulness and trust. In the coming weeks, the school will be working with Reverend Harriet, from The Parish Church of Saint Mary and Saint Gabriel, to map these values across the year to ensure that the children develop a secure understanding of them including why they are important to our lives and how we can demonstrate them in all that we do. This will ensure that the children of Harting are ready to move onto the next stage of their learning journey when moving into the next steps of their lives.

### Celebration Assembly

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Linked to our values, today I have introduced a Friday celebration assembly. This is a special time where all children and staff come together and we reflect on the week and its highlights. As part of this, the staff teams in each class will be selecting two children each week who have stood out in demonstrating the value we have been focusing on. These children will receive a 'Star of the Week' certificate which will be awarded in this assembly. For the next few weeks our focus is going to be on respect.

### West Sussex Term Dates

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You can now find 2021-2022 school term dates on the school website. [www.harting.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.harting.w-sussex.sch.uk) In order to access them please scroll to the bottom of the page to 'Downloads and links' where you will have the option to open, or download them. In addition, the calendar on the website is now live and has up-to-date term dates available to view. We will be confirming the 3 remaining Inset Days for this year very shortly.

### School Website

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We are currently in the process of developing the school website and adding new, exciting content for you all to view. If you would like to know more about your child's curriculum for this term please click [here](#) to visit the class pages. Here you will find a welcome from the teacher and a copy of the curriculum map for you to view.

### Nut-free school

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Please remember that we are strictly a nut-free school. This rule applies to all staff, visitors and children at all times. We thank you in advance for supporting us with this and keeping all of the children safe here at Harting.

### Healthy School Lunches

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Over the past few weeks we have noticed a significant number of lunch boxes containing juice, sweets and chocolate. Whilst we fully appreciate that it is parental choice as to what food is provided as part of children lunches, we as a school have the responsibility to promote children's positive physical and mental health and wellbeing. For this reason we thank you all in advance for supporting us achieve this by no longer providing sweets and chocolate into lunch boxes. We also ask that the children only drink water throughout the day in both their lunches and water bottles.

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