

Turners Hill C of E School News



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Welcome, from the Headteacher

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have experienced a very exciting start to the school year, the corridors and classrooms have been filled with all manner of exciting learning opportunities. I hope that by now you have seen the topic overviews for your child's learning this term and have engaged in some interesting conversations about what has been going on during lesson time.

Next Friday sees us visiting St Leonard's for our traditional Harvest celebrations. We do hope that you will be able to join us at 2pm for some songs, readings and prayers produced and performed by children from across the school. A key part of our Harvest celebrations is collecting donations on behalf of Crawley Open House. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful charity we ask that non-perishable foods are brought into school on the morning of the Harvest celebrations (Friday 6th October).

Another great tradition at Turners Hill during Harvest time involves the children making and eating soup. Each class will be using a selection of vegetables that were grown within their class gardens to make a batch of soup for their class to sample. We feel it is important that the children get a practical example of the planting, nurturing, harvesting and cooking cycle that goes on each day in order to ensure we have food on our plates. This also supports the school continuing work on stewardship and caring for the environment.

I am delighted to report that we have had a very positive response to our search for a new Parent Governor. We will be sending out further information about each applicant next week to support you in your decision making. You will also receive voting papers. I would like to thank all the applicants for expressing an interest in supporting the school in this way, it is wonderful to see the school community so keen to support the school and help nurture its further development.

I look forward to seeing many of you next Friday at St. Leonard's Church.

Best Wishes

Ben Turney

INSET DAYS – Friday 25th May, Friday 22nd June & Monday 25th June 2018

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STAR PUPIL AWARDS

Over the last two weeks the following Star Pupil Certificates have been awarded:

Jonjo O'Grady for his confidence and enthusiasm for learning. A great start!

Rose Oates for being a kind, sensible and independent member of the class.

Lewis Harvey for being a model Cherry Year 2. Well done!

Ryan Armstrong for persevering with his maths work this week and challenging himself!

David Edwards for having a fantastic time at Newhaven Fort and showing confidence!

Holly Class for representing our school confidently on our trip!

Finlay Carrick for being an incredible role model in Willow Class. Also, for being so kind and supportive at Newhaven Fort.

Nathaniel Kelly for perseverance with his handwriting skills. Well done!

Dylan Brackpool for going above and beyond with his home learning!

Connor Quin for making an amazing scarecrow as part of his home learning.

Abbie Emery for showing great confidence when trying something new and challenging herself in maths.

Thomas McMahon for a descriptive, emotive diary entry!

Shiraz Abdulai for settling into a new school and having the confidence to take on new challenges.



Six Weeks In

On Thursday 12th October at 9.00am, we have our 'Six Weeks In' meeting. This is for parents and carers of new reception children. It is an opportunity to meet new families, staff and representatives of local services provided within Mid Sussex. There will be an informal chat and presentation by Mr Turney.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

We would like to invite you to our open morning for prospective parents who will have the opportunity to apply for a place in our Reception Class for September 2018. This is taking place Thursday 9th November at 10.30am. You will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the children and staff, see the school working on a normal day and to ask any questions you may have. Please can you contact the school office on 01342 715412 if you are able to attend.

Reception 2018 Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31 August 2014, he or she is eligible to start school in September 2018. You can apply for your school place from 2nd October 2017. Apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2018. If you would like further advice or information, please contact 03330 142903.

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. It is a parents' responsibility to ensure that an application is made on time.

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Harvest

All parents are invited to attend the Harvest celebrations at St Leonard's Church on Friday 6th October at 2.00pm. We are collecting for 'Open House' in Crawley, so if you have any tins or packets that you would be happy to donate, please bring them in to school on the morning of Friday 6th October. If you are able to help with walking the children to and from the church, please let the office staff know, so we can compile a list of helpers for the day. Many thanks for your continued support.



WANTED.....

If anyone has any horticultural fleece to wrap up a plant over the winter, please could you let the office know. Many thanks.

SAFEGUARDING

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, families and volunteers to share this commitment.

We all share responsibility within the community to safeguard children. An excellent external resource for adults and children who require more information around the area of keeping and staying safe;

General safety NSPCC <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

The link below gives advice and guidance to parents and children on keeping safe: Internet Safety and reporting concerns Thinkuknow <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday

Netball (Year 4-6) – 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Football (Years 2-3) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday

Rocksteady (morning sessions)
Gymnastics (Mixed Ability) – 8.00am to 8.45am
Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Thursday

Gymnastics (Advanced) – 8.00am to 8.45am
Football (Years 4-6) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday

Tri-Golf (Years R-6) – 8.00am to 8.45am
Tennis (Years 2-6) – 3.15pm to 3.55pm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th October 2017 – 2.00pm – Harvest Festival at St. Leonard's Church

Sunday 8th October 2017 – Years 4-6 Cross Country at East Court, East Grinstead

Thursday 12th October 2017 – 9.00am – Six Weeks in for Parents/Carers of Reception children

Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October 2017 – Green Week

Monday 16th October 2017 – 3.30pm – 6.00pm – Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th October 2017 – Year 5 & 6 Bluebell Railway/Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 18th October 2017 – Year 3 & 4 Bluebell Railway/Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 18th October 2017 – Reception Visit Wakehurst Place (Green Fairy)

Wednesday 18th October 2017 – 5.00pm – 7.30pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October 2017 – Years 1 & 2 Visit Legoland

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2017 – HALF TERM

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November – Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 3rd November 2017 – 9.05am – Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 9th November 2017 – 10.30am – Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Friday 10th November 2017 – 10.40am – Remembrance Service at St. Leonard's Church

Friday 17th November 2017 – 9.05am – Holly Class Assembly

Friday 1st December 2017 – Christmas Decoration and Jumper Day

Sunday 3rd December – 6.00pm – Civic Service at St. Leonard's Church

Monday 4th December 2017 – 9.30am – Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 5th December 2017 – 9.30am – Nativity

Wednesday 6th December 2017 – 9.30am – Nativity

Monday 18th December 2017 – 3.30pm to 5.00pm – School Disco

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – 6.00pm – Christingle Service at St. Leonard's Church

Wednesday 20th December 2017 – 1.30pm – Final Assembly – **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM**

Thursday 21st December 2017 to Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2018



SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Please look at our school website (www.turnershillschool.org.uk) for up-to-date news and useful information as well as excellent websites to aid your child's learning.

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