



# Harding Herald

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**Dates to note:**

23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Whole School Closure – EU Election
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Year 4 – Hampton Court - still going ahead
24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 - Camp-out
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	EY & KS1 – 2.45pm, KS2 – 3pm 'Come & Read'
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 1 & selected Year 2 Phonics Screening Check -
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Whole School – Class/Sports/Leavers Photographs
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Whole School – Father's Day Event
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 1 – Tring Zoological Museum
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Reception & KS1 – Sports Day 1.15pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 3 & 4 – Sports Day 1.15pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 5 & 6 – Sports Day 1.15pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 1 – Safari Stu visitor
1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Move Up Stay Up
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 - Residential – Woodrow
10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 – College Lake (details to follow)
Autumn Term	??? Year Groups – Bikeability Courses
4 <sup>th</sup> November – 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	(present Year 5) River Dart

Please pay all trips via the school gateway

Hampton Court	£16
Camp out	£30
Tring Zoological Museum/Safari Stu	Year 1 £12
Chiltern Open Air Museum	£9.50
Woodrow Year 4	£170
River Dart (present Year 5) November 2019	£390

Term	School opens on the morning of:	School closes on the afternoon of:
Summer	Wednesday 24 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
	Monday 3 June 2019	Wednesday 24 July 2019
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Friday 25 October 2019
	Tuesday 5 November 2019	Thursday 19 December 2019
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
	Tuesday 25 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020

Staff in-service days will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**REMINDER**

School will be closed Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – Polling Station – EU Election



**NEW SCHOOL OFFICE TIMES AS FROM 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**OFFICE OPENING 08.30am – (PHONE CALLS FROM 8am) OFFICE CLOSING 4pm**

May we remind parents when communicating with school whether by email, schoolcomms, letter etc we do need your child's full name and class please, thank you for your help with this.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL SCHOOL TRIPS/ ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE PAID THROUGH THE SCHOOL GATEWAY NOW



## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents,

An extra busy week with the Year 6 pupils taking part in the KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). I have been very impressed with the pupils' positive attitudes to the tests with everyone putting in 100% effort. Their resilience, commitment to hard work and maturity has been wonderful to see and I am pleased that these skills have been developed as they will be invaluable on the move up to secondary school. Thank you to all the staff who have been involved in ensuring our pupils have had the best approach to the SATs such as breakfast club and small group teaching/testing.

Great news from Mr Palmer, our KS1 Sports Lead, who reports that the new lunchtime clubs have started and the pupils have had a blast! They have had lots of very positive feedback from the coaches about our wonderful pupils and how much they are enjoying the sessions. Year 2 have also been reviewing their learning at the end of their PE lessons and most pupils felt that they met the Learning Objective and understood the success criteria as to become better at sport.

We are currently looking at options for extending and improving our playgrounds so that pupils have more space and better opportunities at play time. Year 6 are planning a mini fete to raise money for this project. Thank you to all of you who have responded about our requests for PTA – I am looking forward to raising money for our pupils.

As we move towards September as a growing school we will have a fourth Year 4 class – we are holding a competition for you to name this class – as with all our KS2 classes this should be a link to a 'Great House'. All ideas should be emailed or given in via the office - good luck!

Have a happy weekend.

Best wishes  
Miss Cotchin



To continue our drive on reading and to encourage children to love reading even more than they do already, we are setting the children the challenge of a Sponsored READATHON. Children can set their own challenges and ask family and friends to sponsor them; by the page, book or even series! All of the money raised will go towards our library and home readers - as some of them need replacing. The more the children read, the more books we can hopefully purchase. Sponsor forms will go home with the children on Monday and the reading can begin straight away! We hope you can use the half term holiday for some extra reading. **Where we are asking for Sponsorship money to be collected and returned to school no later than Friday 14th June please do not send your child with any money until after the half term break.** Happy reading and GOOD LUCK.



The year 6 team would like to congratulate our year 6 pupils on a successful SATs week. We are extremely proud of *their efforts and the perseverance they showed throughout the week. We would also like to thank their families* for supporting them and for their generous contributions to our SATs breakfast. We also gratefully received donations from Tesco, Tring Road and Budgens, Parton Road. In return for their kind donation, Budgens on Parton Road, have asked that we share the news that they now have a new Post Office in store.

**\*\*\*\*\*HEAD LICE\*\*\*\*\***

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL CASES OF HEAD LICE IN SCHOOL AT THE MOMENT, PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILDRENS HAIR REGULARY PLEASE.



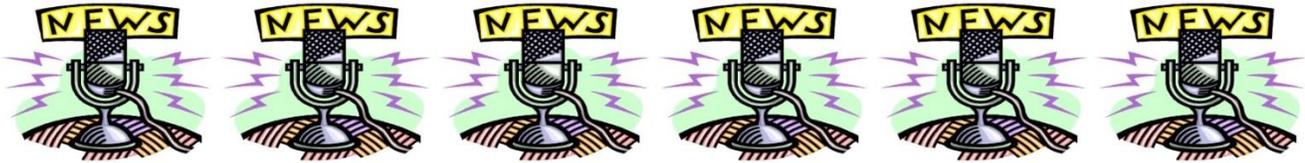
uniform

We would like to advise you that girls can wear Gingham playsuits as part of the Summer school

PLEASE NOTE BIKES AND SCOOTERS ARE NOT TO BE RIDDEN ON SCHOOL PREMISES



**Bikeability is today's cycle training for the 21st Century. It is based on the government-approved National Standards for cycle training. It is about gaining practical cycle skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads giving pupils the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. Watch this space as Bikeability will be coming to William Harding very soon!**



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**Year2** –Year 2 have had a great, fun packed Summer 1 half term so far – with lots still to come! At the end of Spring 2, Lime class won the DoJo reading scheme and will enjoy a celebration on the 24th May along with the winning Reception and Year 1 classes.

All Year 2 classes have been working extremely hard with the run up to this year’s SATs, which will begin on Friday 17th May and continue until Wednesday 22nd, and will no doubt be ready for their day off on Thursday 23rd. We are all looking forward to the Camp Out on the Friday too. We are pleased that so many children have decided to join us for this event as I know they will all have a great time. Please remember that all consent forms and choices need to be in by the end of this week.

Now that the weather has begun to improve, more of our lessons can take place outside of the classroom, which gives the children an opportunity to explore the surrounding school area as part of their science topic and get in lots of practice for Sports Day. With this in mind please ensure that your child comes to school with a named bottle of water to drink during the day and if the forecast is for a warm day, please apply some sun-cream in the morning.

Below are some pictures of Cherry class conducting an investigation for Science.

Dates for your diary:

Come and Read Thursday 6th June

Father’s day craft afternoon – Friday 14th June

Year 2 Parent assembly – Thursday 4th July @ 9.15



# IMPORTANT – HOT SCHOOL MEALS

Despite weekly reminders there are still meals that are not required, which are not being cancelled.

To avoid incurring unnecessary cost to the school and yourselves, please, please remember to cancel meals if your child is absent from school or has been provided with a packed lunch.

We really would appreciate your co-operation with this.

## DRINKS AT LUNCHTIME

**MAY WE REMIND PARENTS TO SEND IN A DRINK IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PACKED LUNCH AS DRINKS ARE ONLY PROVIDED IF YOUR CHILD HAS A HOT SCHOOL MEAL.**

**THANK YOU**



In November we sent out a letter regarding Mobile Phones in school. We discourage mobile phones from being brought into school, however, as a school we fully appreciate the part they play in keeping children 'safe whilst walking to and from school independently, mobile phones are not needed if a pupil is accompanied to school. We only allow mobile phones to be brought into school, no iPods, MP3 players etc. Only Year 5 and 6 pupils have the option to bring their mobile phones to school unless there are exceptional circumstances which you will need to inform the office of.

If your child is walking to and from school by themselves and they wish to bring their mobile phone. Parents and children will be expected to sign the code of conduct before bringing their phone to school, a copy of this can be requested from the school office.



KS1 Housepoints




KS2 Housepoints




**Further to the issues mentioned below regarding parking within the school grounds and use of the drive through**

Please use this facility only to drop off children, - THE YELLOW HATCHINGS - this is not an area to park and leave your car unattended whilst taking in or collecting your child, whilst using the drive through DO NOT DOUBLE PARK, BLOCK OTHER CARS IN OR BLOCK THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT.

WE ARE NOTICING MORE PARENTS USING THE CAR PARK WHICH IS A STAFF CAR PARK PREDOMINANTLY, THIS WEEK WE HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN PARENTS USING THE CAR PARK DUE TO THE BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NOW BEING OPERATED ON THE SCHOOL SITE, ONCE YOU HAVE DROPPED OFF/COLLECTED YOUR CHILD PLEASE THEN PARK OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS – THANK YOU

**THE GOVERNORS ARE NOW IN CONSULTATION AS TO WHETHER THIS FACILITY WILL BE OPEN FOR PARENTS IN THE FUTURE**

**SCHOOL DRIVEWAY TO MAIN ENTRANCE - PLEASE USE PEDESTRIAN GATE ONLY WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL AND NOT THE DRIVE THROUGH, THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, THANK YOU**

In recent months, we have highlighted the issues with parents/carers parking on the school premises and outside of school.

We have received multiple complaints from local residents over blocked driveways and parking on pavements, **please note parking area by bungalows near bike shed is private property and not to be used for parking, dropping off or for collection.** A recent incident, involved a parent driving on the pavement to avoid a queue of traffic. This is not acceptable and endangers the lives of the children, parents as well as other drivers and pedestrians

Unfortunately parents continue to park on the hatchings, double park, block cars that are parked in bays and are verbally abusive to other parents and staff.

Thank you to those who are respectful and continue to follow our policies and be considerate to pedestrians and other drivers.

Due to the behaviour of some, Governors and ourselves are in the process of reviewing our policy of allowing vehicles on site during drop off and collection. If changes to our procedures take place you will be kept informed.

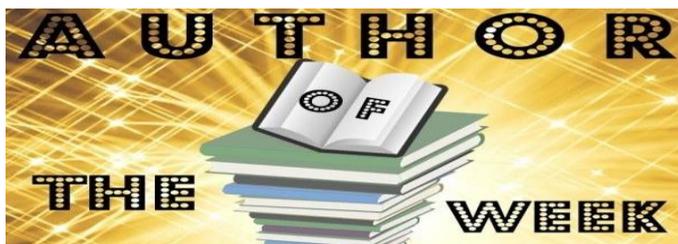
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Miss Cotchin



No use of the yellow hatchings, except for Bucks CC Contracted taxis only – NO PRIVATE TAXIS

Only use the disabled spaces if you are in possession of a **blue badge** which **must** be displayed.



## KS2

Michael Morpurgo is one of the UK's best-loved authors of many books for children aged 9+. He has written over 120 books (many of them award winning) with some having been adapted for the stage. Unlike many of today's authors for young children, Morpurgo rarely features contemporary family issues but instead writes his stories with historical and rural settings. He uses his gift for telling enchanting stories to explore timeless values. If your child is in Year 5 or 6, why not visit our local library over half term to check out the range of Morpurgo's books on their shelves.

## SCHOOL SHOP



School Shop raised £6.76 this week!



### Internet Safety

# School Shop

12.35-1.05pm in the library every Wednesday

Pencil	15p	Exercise book	25p
Blue biro	20p	Calculator	£2.70
Purple Pens	20p	180° protractor	40p
Highlighter pens	25p	360° protractor	£1
Barrel sharpener (blue)	60p	Whiteboard rubbers	50p
Metal sharpener	25p	Whiteboard pens	40p
Long ruler (30cm)	30p	Whiteboards	£1.20
Short ruler (15cm)	15p	Ring binders	£1
Long stripy rulers	£1	Clear pencil cases	70p
Coloured rubber	25p	Green pencil	20p
Large white rubber	20p	Orange pencil	20p
Small white rubber	10p	Red pencil	20p
Glue stick	40p	Envelope folders	20p

**Stationery packs** - blue biro, purple biro, pencil, red, amber & green pencils, short ruler, rubber, barrel sharpener and glue stick, all in a clear pencil case.

**£2.50**

Each week in the Harding Herald we will attach some useful information to help you keep your child safe online. If there is anything in particular you would like some more information on. Please let me know, Mrs Bone





**FORTNITE**  
**BATTLE ROYALE**

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and IOS.



## What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

**MICROTRANSACTIONS**

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the characters' appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are set aside for players to purchase and own exhibition are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

**HACKER ATTACKS**

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

**NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED**

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

**TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE**

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

**TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE**

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'Vbucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money. If these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS**

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap" making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

**IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE**

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

**'FREE' TO PLAY**

The game IS free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

**IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO**

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home games console. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

# Top Tips for Parents

**LIMIT GAME TIME**

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing a game on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on IOS and will soon be available on all mobile. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the game for. Even though the game lasts around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

**LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS**

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

**SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT**

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

**RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a pay safe card, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

**USE A STRONG PASSWORD**

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child select a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is also associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



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