



# Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

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I do hope that you have had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to all the Autumn term events which staff have planned for you and your children. On behalf of the Governors I would like to welcome you and your children to the new academic school year.

This term we are welcoming Mrs Brown in Oak Class and Miss Vaughan in Willow Class. I hope that you will join the Governors in wishing them all the best for their future career with us at Hartest Primary School. Whist Miss Fell will continue to teach Elder Class, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Burford will move to teach Hazel Class. We are delighted that Mrs Hall's teaching commitment has been reduced this year so she will have some extra time to devote to the strategic leadership of the school. To allow for this we are employing a Forest School's teacher through the Green Light Trust, who will use their skills to develop alternative approaches to learning for children in Oak and Willow classes, using our own 'outside classroom'....the school grounds. In addition to learning about ecology and the natural world, the children's health and well-being, personal and social development will also be developed.

Hartest School will continue to liaise and work with other local schools, both Primary and Secondary and of course with our village Pre-School which shares our site and some facilities. Through these close links we will continue to provide a wide range of activities and experiences for our pupils. This year Hartest will continue to expand the range of local links and partnerships to aid the children's learning (e.g. through sculptors, artists, village events and local visits) and provide wonderful additional resources for the children (e.g. Sports Kit, planting beds).

As many of you are aware we had various challenges last year, mainly due to staff absence, which put a strain on the some areas of provision within the school. However, it was really good to know that the teaching and learning resulted in positive outcomes for our children at the end of the year and that our Year 6's left us with some excellent SATs results which will stand them in good stead for their future education. Mrs Hall and all her staff are to be congratulated on this achievement. As governors this is the focus of all our efforts and therefore please be assured that your children are at the forefront of everything we do.

I enclose a leaflet which outlines the governor role within the school and hopefully gives you information that may be beneficial to you. Obviously your main point of contact with the school is through your class teacher or Mrs Hall. However, do feel free to contact your governors should you wish.

Kind regards

Mary Burr

Chair of Governors