



Hartest Primary School

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

5th September 2014

We are delighted to be able to work with the Green Light Trust based at Lawshall to provide the school with a teacher to lead the Forest Schools project at Hartest. Mrs Bec Edgar will be leading sessions for the whole year, in all weathers!

Oak children: Every Friday Morning with Mrs Cook, Mrs Healy and Miss Critchley

Willow Children: Every Friday afternoon with Miss Vaughan, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Healy and another 2 parents

I would also like to thank in advance parent volunteers who will be joining these sessions. A requirement of the programme is that there is a minimum of 1 adult to 4 children.

Friends of Hartest School have agreed to provide outdoor wear for Oak children in the coming months. However whilst these are ordered etc. to take part in these sessions all children must have:-

- A pair of wellies (these can be kept in school for the whole year)
- Old trousers and top. They will get dirty! (to go home each Friday evening to be washed)
- Waterproof clothing

School will provide protective gardening gloves.

There will be a Forest Schools display in school and we plan to display photographs of their activities regularly on the new website.

The outside grounds will become the children's classroom where they will develop social, enquiry, listening and language skills. In addition a focus on social development, taking risks and responsibility together with developing a healthy lifestyle are also major elements of Forest Schools. The sessions will naturally complement and enhance the school curriculum, particularly Science, Literacy, PSHE. With the Trust we plan to improve our appreciation of our school outdoor environment, manage, improve and harness its resources for the benefit of our children. As the year progresses there may also be opportunities for some children to visit the Lawshall centre and other local outdoor environments.

I have attached information from the Greenlight Trust which provides more information about this initiative and a consent form that is to be returned to school by Thursday 11th September.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Hall
Headteacher