



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been another busy week at Hartest, and the children are looking forward to Christmas festivities! Just a reminder that next Thursday, our performances of 'A Wriggly Nativity' are taking place. The requests for extra tickets have been overwhelming but we have had to restrict numbers in order to comply with fire safety regulations. In the light of Grenfell Tower, all schools must be vigilant in meeting regulations, and we thank you for your understanding. However, in order to accommodate parents who did not receive any extra tickets, we are holding an additional dress rehearsal on Wednesday 6th December at 1.45pm. This is specifically for parents who requested additional tickets; please call Mrs Prickett or email the school office if you would like to attend this, as we will once again need to limit numbers.

Also, on Friday 8th December, we would like to invite parents to our 'Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong'. Children from Years 3-6 will be singing some Christmas songs, and parents will be able to join in with us singing festive hits! If your child is in Key Stage 2, they will need to bring in something 'Christmassy' to wear that day, like tinsel and Christmas hats; this is optional for parents, although you would be most welcome! The Singalong starts at 2.15pm in the hall, and parents are invited to stay for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

Regarding Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 14th December (on the day of the school Christmas lunch), just to clarify that it is non-uniform that day.

Once again we celebrate the excellent learning behaviour and conduct of our pupils, so well done to our Pupils of the Week, Curtis, Harry and Eva, who each received a certificate and a prize!



As we have seen our first flurries of snow yesterday, I would like to remind you of the procedures in the event of severe weather and school closure. We would try to make a decision early (between 6am – 7am) if possible. Information would be broadcast on Heart FM on 97.1 or 96.4FM and Radio Suffolk 95.5FM, 95.9FM, 103.9FM or 104.6FM. Information also appears on the following websites: www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk, www.heart.co.uk and a special Suffolk County Council website <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> (please note that our school is in the Western Area). In addition, we would update the school's Twitter account at the earliest opportunity. Please do not ring the school. Thank you.

Lastly, today we have been delighted to have The Theatre Royal in school to lead a drama workshop for our Key Stage 2 children. The children had great fun! Sam said "This is the maddest thing we have ever done!" The children were hugely engaged and encouraged to use their imaginations, recording their ideas using a variety of media. A big thank you to Jackie and Dominic from Rojo Art for coming in and providing this exciting opportunity for our pupils.

Wishing you all a happy and festive weekend,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

