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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Hartest School as we move towards the end of term. Children have had a great time rehearsing for our whole school production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies! Thank you for your support in helping your children learn their lines and organise costumes.

Class Arrangements and the School Day

Next week is our school transition week, and as well as our Year Six pupils visiting their new high schools, we look forward to receiving our new Reception pupils on Tuesday and Wednesday. During these times, all our children will be moving to their new classes for transition sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to outline class arrangements for September:

Hedgehogs (Reception / Year 1) – Mrs Woozley (Mon, Tues) and Mrs Brown (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Squirrels (Years 2&3) – Mrs Atkins (Mon, Tues) and Mrs Burford (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Owls (Year 4) – during the morning sessions only, for reading, writing and maths, Year 4 pupils will be taught by Mrs Temple-Nidd (Mon, Tues) and Mr Coombs (Wed, Thurs, Fri). Please note that I will not be available those three mornings when I am teaching. Year 4 will join Kestrels in the afternoon for topic learning and other aspects of the curriculum.

Kestrels (Years 5&6 plus Year 4 afternoons only) – Miss Vaughan

I am also slightly adjusting timings so all our children get the very most from each school day. Learning time begins at 8.45am. From next week, the morning bell will be rung at 8.40am. Registration period will be followed by a short assembly each morning from 8.50-9.05am. This way, it will maximise core learning time in the mornings for reading, writing and maths, whilst still allowing ample time in the afternoons for other aspects of the curriculum. Children on buses arrive at 8.30am and there is a member of staff out on the playground from this time. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.40am at the latest, ready to start learning at 8.45am. Thank you.

Further details about September arrangements will be sent out with Annual Reports on Tuesday 17th July.

Swimming

Due to transition sessions next Tuesday and Wednesday, children will not be swimming either of those days. Instead, children will be swimming on Monday 9th July. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on Monday. It has been wonderful that we have been able to make extended use of our swimming pool throughout the summer term!

Earlier this week, children heard all about the Children's University, a nationally recognised organisation which promotes learning outside of school, and through which children can earn 'learning credits' on a special passport, and attend graduation ceremonies organised by the CU. Thank you to those parents who have already responded to this, but if you would like further details of how your child can be involved in this, we have information packs available from the school office and there is information for parents available on their website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk



We were very excited this week to see work begin on renovation to our pond area. We would very much like to see this used again by the children as part of their learning and a new gate and seating area is taking shape, prior to work on the pond itself. We are very grateful to Jo and Paul from Greener Growth for their hard work and would like to get a working party together before the end of term to help with this. Further details to follow!

Lastly, well done to all the children who have earned certificates and achievement awards this week. Well done in particular to our Pupils of the Week, Sabella, Daisy and Barnaby, who each received this week's certificates for their excellent learning behaviour.

Kind regards,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher