



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for Christmas, the school is looking very festive indeed, and the children are enjoying Christmas-related learning and getting ready for our forthcoming events; the performances of 'It's a Baby!' next week, our Singalong and Church Service, and end of term Christmas crafts and activities. Earlier this week, children in Owls and Kestrels had the chance to sing to parents and perform with their clarinets, led by Mr McGinity from Suffolk County Music Service. The whole school enjoyed this too, and they are making great progress in learning the clarinet.



Once again this week we were able to celebrate our many 'Star Readers' who have read consistently for 21 days or more, and we have started to present the first bronze certificates to children who have read consistently for 42 days – well done to them all! Well done also to Bea, Sabella, Daisy and Charlie, who each received a 'Pupil of the Week' certificate and special prize!

Dates Coming Up

Next week we have our Nativity performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is school all week as they will be wearing costumes over their kit. Also, for the 6.00pm performance on Thursday, please can your child arrive at 5.30pm. Thank you.

Next Thursday, 13th December, Owls and Kestrels will be visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their Ancient Greece topic. The coach will depart at 8.30am from school after the Felix buses arrive, so please ensure that your child is here ready to leave at 8.30. They will also need a packed lunch that day.

All children will also need a packed lunch on Friday 14th December, as we will be eating after the Pantomime before returning to Hartest. Just a reminder too that we are having a Christmas Jumper Day – please bring in your donations for this, in aid of JDRF (Junior Diabetes Research Foundation).

Finally, a reminder that Monday 17th is our school Christmas dinner day, followed by our Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong for parents in the afternoon at 2pm, and Tuesday 18th December there is our church service at 1.45pm. All are welcome!

The last day of school is Wednesday 19th December, and we return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Pre-School Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is becoming very popular, and I am delighted to announce that alongside this, Hartest Pre-School are running a Breakfast Club, open to pre-school children, starting January, at a cost of £4.00 per session. Please speak to Megan or another member of the Pre-School staff if you would like your child to attend.

Electronic Newsletters

As we only have two further weekly newsletters this term, we are saying goodbye to paper copies from next term. We communicate all of this information via ParentMail as well as on Twitter and the school website, and we feel that this is more efficient, and environmentally responsible. We will continue to send out hard copies of trip letters with any reply slips for the time being. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, then please see Mrs Prickett in the School Office.

Epiphany

On Friday 4th January we will be celebrating Epiphany, the time when Christians believe that the three Kings visited baby Jesus. It is the festival that marks the end of the Christmas season and moves us on to a fresh New Year. We are having a 'Kings Day' and this is a lovely way for the children to explore and learn more about this important Christian celebration. We are asking that each child makes their own crown over the holidays and brings it in to school on Thursday 3rd January ready for our celebrations.

The crown could be made by recycling the Christmas wrappings, cracker wrappings or sweet papers from the holidays.

The children will wear their crowns to a special service in the church on Friday 4th January at 2pm to which you are warmly welcome to join us.

Lastly, the eagle-eyed among you will notice the new vision statement on this letterhead;

Inspiring – nurturing – caring.

We have had much discussion with the children over what makes Hartest special, and school council members have worked together with governors on this. I will leave you with our vision statement:

'Hartest CE Primary is a warm and caring school, underpinned by a strong Christian ethos. All members of our school family are valued and respected. Each child is individually known, enabling us to ensure that every child achieves their very best.'

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend,



Mr M Coombs
Headteacher.