



# Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of our first full week back and once again the children have had an exciting week! In Hedgehogs, as part of their 'Explorers' topic, children have been learning all about space exploration. Eli told me about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landings. They have also been looking at the story of the Good Samaritan, and Sabella was able to tell me how this was linked to our Christian value of 'courage'. In Squirrels, Oscar was telling me all about Stone Age wall carvings. Children in Kestrels have been working hard learning about fractions. They also have been learning more about World War II, and Bobby told me "We built an Anderson Shelter and listened to Winston Churchill on the wireless!"

All children in Key Stage 2 once again had the opportunity to take part in another Theatre Royal drama workshop, as a follow-up to our successful panto visit. Hayden and Hattie said "We got to meet the director and asked him questions!" A big thank you to the Theatre Royal for coming to school and running the drama sessions for our Key Stage 2 children.

You will find attached to this newsletter a letter from Suffolk County Council regarding the future of school transport. Yesterday I attended a consultation meeting with SCC representatives for Headteachers of schools impacted by proposed changes to the school travel policy. Essentially, this change could mean an end to free school travel for pupils living outside Hartest. I am aware that a significant number of our pupils come here by bus, but even if they do not, the proposed change to the existing travel policy has wider implications also for transport to and from high schools, including post-16 travel, as well as the financial implications for parents who continue to choose to send their children to their preferred primary or high school, rather than disrupt their education. Therefore, I would strongly encourage you to complete the online questionnaire as detailed in the attached letter, and attend the public consultation meeting, where you can ask questions and express your views. The public consultation closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, and I would urge you to make your views known.

A brief reminder about dropping and collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day. As you will appreciate, the road outside the school can become very congested with cars and the arrival of school buses; when entering or leaving the school premises, please can you make sure that the main gate is shut securely. This is in order to ensure the safety of children already on site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Well done to this term's first Pupils of the Week, Layden, Lyra and Charlie, who each received a certificate and a prize for their excellent learning behaviour and conduct this week.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Matthew Coombs  
Head Teacher.

