



Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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“Developing the whole child”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of year what a term it has been!

If we think back to the anxieties of new leadership in September what a journey we have been on! We began with Roald Dahl Day, moved on through Harvest, Shoeboxes, Children in Need, Sporting Events, RE Day and the wonderful show, ‘The Landlord’s Cat’. What wonderful opportunities the children have had to develop all their skills and understanding, learn to share, reflect, consider others, work as a team, meet challenges and grow in confidence.



We can also report some very strong work happening in class and settled children making progress at their own good rates. All down to the wonderful staff here and the support we receive from you all. Thank you.

The Landlord’s Cat was a brilliant success and if you missed it you missed a treat. Our animal themed Christmas continued today with a visit from Gordon the donkey, a special treat for the children.

The Christmas Service at All Saint’s Church starts at **1.45pm on Tuesday** which is a change to the original time. Children can be collected after they return to school.

We had a wonderful Christmas lunch and were joined by several governors, all the staff and the pre-school. There were crackers and hats and lots of happy chatter. Our cooks served eighty roast dinners with puddings in less than an hour – they were amazing!

I have really enjoyed working with Mr Kearns this term. He has many years of experience and an excellent strategic mind and has certainly helped to set the school on the right path. Our little community owes him a debt of thanks. We and all staff have appreciated your Christmas cards and gifts, thank you. We look forward to welcoming Mr Coombs next term. He will be in school, Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. He will be guiding us through the academisation project from here on.

Please have a look at the attached dates for next term. We wish you all a relaxing, happy and thoughtful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Harman
Acting Headteacher

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January PD Day – no children in school
Thursday 5th January Term Starts
Friday 6th January Squirrels Forest Schools

Monday 23rd January Whole Governors Board Meeting

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half Term

Tuesday 28th February Shrove Tuesday lunch

Monday 13th March Class photos

Friday 24th March Yr 6 to Crucial Crew: Sudbury
Friday 24th March Mothers' Day Lunch

Wednesday 29th March Whole Governors Board Meeting
Friday 31st March End of Term

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April PD Day – no children in school
Wednesday 19th April Term Starts
Monday 24th April St Georges' Day Lunch

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday

Monday 15th May Whole Governors Board Meeting

Monday 29th May to Friday 02nd June – Half Term

Monday 03rd July Whole Governors Board Meeting

Friday 21st July End of Term